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### MANAGER'S MESSAGE: CELEBRATING OUR LINEWORKERS



When picturing our electric cooperative, the image of a dedicated lineworker typically springs to mind. These individuals embody our commitment to serving our members, working tirelessly day and night to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power. However, their role goes beyond maintenance. They are the unsung heroes who exemplify dedication, bravery and a profound sense of service.

On April 8, let's take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our lineworkers for their exceptional service, as we celebrate National Lineworker Appreciation Day. When you see lineworkers in action, I encourage you to join me in thanking them for their dedication and bravery.

A lineworker's job: Ranked among the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States, a lineworker's responsibilities are far from easy. Working in close proximity to high-voltage power lines, they must perform intricate tasks in all weather conditions, often scaling heights of 40 feet while carrying heavy equipment. Despite the inherent risks and discomfort, they stay unwavering in their commitment to their duty and the members.

And behind every dedicated lineworker is a supportive family who plays an integral role in enabling their loved ones to serve the community. While lineworkers are in the field, sometimes working all night to restore power, their families take care of the home front, providing support and understanding during challenging times.

The heart of service and dedication: Becoming a lineworker is not merely a profession. It's a calling that requires years of specialized training, ongoing education and a deep sense of service. It's about leaving the comfort of home to tackle challenging tasks when most are sheltering indoors. This dedication and sense of service to the community define the essence of our lineworkers and their indispensable role in our cooperative.

Recognizing the team behind the scenes: While lineworkers are the most visible faces of our cooperative, it's essential to acknowledge the team of highly skilled professionals working tirelessly behind the scenes. From engineers providing invaluable expertise, to member service representatives fielding inquiries and information technology experts safeguarding sensitive data, each member of our cooperative family plays a vital role in ensuring the reliability of our services.

**Expressing gratitude:** To our lineworkers and the entire cooperative family, we extend our deepest appreciation for your tireless dedication and invaluable contributions. Your unwavering commitment to keeping our local service area powered and your willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty do not go unnoticed. We are grateful for your service and sacrifice.

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, let's honor our lineworkers for their unwavering commitment to service and sacrifice. Let's express our gratitude not only to them, but also to the entire cooperative family for their efforts in ensuring service reliability.

Jason Bentz, Co-General Manager/ CEO



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## YOU'RE INVITED: MOR-GRAN-SOU ELECTRIC HOSTS **MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENTS**



Join us for an unforgettable evening dedicated to celebrating the heart of our service area – our valued members. At our upcoming Fry Bread Taco Frenzy & Bingo event, we hope to express our heartfelt gratitude for your membership. Delight your taste buds with mouthwatering fry bread tacos and enjoy friendly competition with rounds of bingo. There will also be opportunity to visit with our dedicated board of directors, CEOs and staff.

Your presence at this event is not only appreciated but essential in highlighting the integral role members play at our rural cooperative. As stewards of our cooperative principles, your active participation and support fuel our mission to provide reliable energy services while fostering a strong sense of community.

We kindly ask you to RSVP by April 11. To RSVP scan the QR code with vour smartphone, visit our website at www.morgransou.com or call the office at 701-597-3301, 800-750-8212 or 701-663-0297. We eagerly anticipate your presence at our Fry Bread Taco Frenzy & Bingo event.

## **PLANNING TO BUILD OR UPGRADE?** GIVE US A CALL

Whether you are looking to build a new structure or make changes to an existing structure, it is important to contact Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative in the early planning

By doing so, you will be able to confirm the viability of your project. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric's engineering department can verify whether we can serve additional load in your area and the availability and cost of equipment and materials.

Information you will need to share with the cooperative includes the type of upgrade or new build, location, timeline and power requirements.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric wants to ensure your building project or upgrade goes as smoothly as possible, and that is why it is important to call in the early stages of planning.



## OPERATION ROUND UP DEADLINE APPROACHING: MAY 3



In 2023 Flasher Science Research received funds to help them make upgrades to their lab equipment.

Operation Round Up stands as a beacon of goodwill in the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative service area. This voluntary program is where members can make a significant impact by simply rounding up their utility bills. Through this program, the Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Charitable Foundation Inc. receives vital support to enhance and uplift our local communities.

The Foundation directors, meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to nonprofit corporations, organizations or agencies. All the money raised by members stays in our local area. The next Operation Round Up application deadline is

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