

Power Line

YOUR CO-OP NEWS | APRIL 2026

Report from
the manager

Andy Chaff
GM/CEO



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your co-op's first
responders**

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On April 13, the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association and Clay Electric recognize Lineworker Appreciation Day. It's a chance to recognize the skilled professionals whose work keeps our communities running.

When a storm rolls in, our crews are loading up. They leave ball games and family dinners without hesitation. They work in the rain, the cold and the dark. They climb poles most people wouldn't climb in broad daylight. And they do it knowing the job demands discipline and respect for the danger that comes with it.

What makes it even more personal is this: our crews aren't fixing power somewhere else. They're restoring power to their own communities. To their neighbors. To their kids' schools. To the same grocery stores and churches their families depend on. That matters.

We're a cooperative, built on neighbors helping neighbors, and that shows up every time our crews answer the call — whether it's here at home or through mutual aid.

Outages are frustrating. We know. But I can promise you this: no one wants your power restored more than the linemen out there working to bring it back on.

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