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## Lineworkers are Ready When it Matters Most

*By Tony Tucker, President & CEO*

As President and CEO of Mitchell EMC, I have the unique privilege of seeing firsthand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. In April, we take time to pause and recognize the brave men and women who make that possible every single day—our lineworkers.

When storms impact our communities and outages occur, many people experience the inconvenience, but our lineworkers see a call to action. Our crews are always ready when it matters most—leaving family dinners, working through the night and heading into challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible. That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

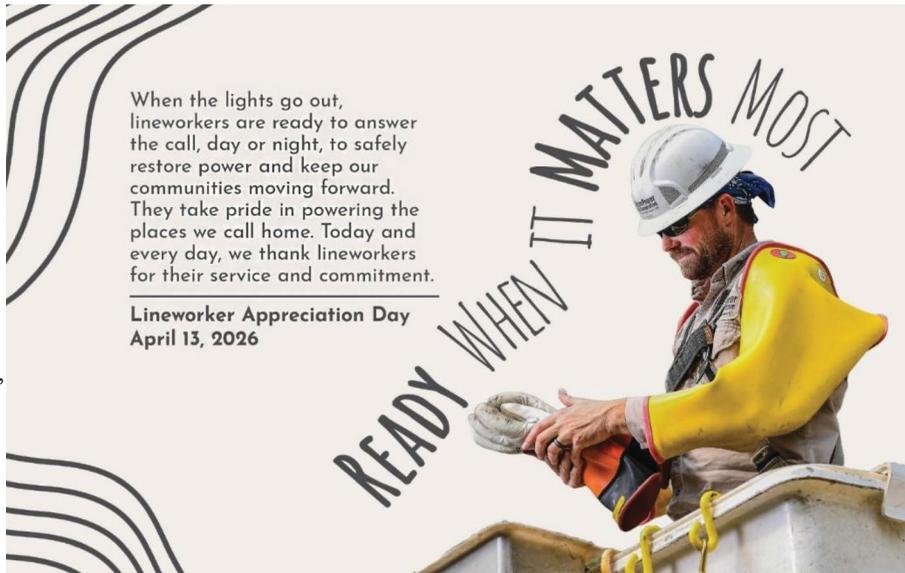
What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they aren't just restoring power to a system—they're restoring power to their own communities. They live here. They raise their families here. They understand that electricity is more than a convenience; it's essential to daily life, to local businesses, to schools, farms and emergency services. Powering the places we call home is personal to lineworkers.

Electric cooperatives like Mitchell EMC were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours behind the scenes. At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events, Mitchell EMC crews stand ready to assist neighboring co-ops—sometimes close to home, and sometimes across state lines—to help restore power. This spirit of mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.

We understand any time the lights go out can be frustrating, bringing everyday life to a halt. We are incredibly grateful to our members for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical, and at times, it can be dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust our members place in them.

On April 13, 2026, we will celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day, but one day is hardly enough. Every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and dedication, which are the backbone of our cooperative.

*To our lineworkers: thank you for your hard work, your readiness and your unwavering commitment to the communities we serve. We are proud to stand behind you and grateful for all that you do.*



When the lights go out, lineworkers are ready to answer the call, day or night, to safely restore power and keep our communities moving forward. They take pride in powering the places we call home. Today and every day, we thank lineworkers for their service and commitment.

**Lineworker Appreciation Day**  
April 13, 2026

## Spring Into Energy Savings

Spring is a season of renewal—and a great time to refresh your energy habits, too! As temperatures begin to warm and daily routines shift, a few small changes around your home can add up to meaningful energy savings.

Mitchell EMC is committed to helping our members use energy wisely while keeping homes comfortable year-round.

Spring is the perfect time to schedule maintenance for your heating and cooling system. Spring and fall checkups conducted by a licensed professional can help ensure your system is running efficiently, safely and reliably before the peak seasons begin. A well-maintained unit uses less energy, lasts longer and helps prevent costly breakdowns when you need it most.

If you're looking for a simple place to start saving, look no further than ceiling fans. Fans don't actually cool or heat the air, but they help you feel more comfortable by moving it. During warmer months, make sure your ceiling fan blades are set to rotate counterclockwise. This creates a downward breeze that makes you feel cooler, allowing you to raise your thermostat a few degrees without sacrificing comfort. In cooler

months, reverse the direction of fan blades clockwise to help push warm air down from the ceiling, improving efficiency when your heating system is running.

Speaking of thermostats, adjusting the temperature just a few degrees can make a noticeable difference on your energy bill. As spring arrives, try setting your thermostat slightly higher when cooling or slightly lower when heating. Even a two- or three-degree adjustment can reduce energy use while still keeping your home comfortable—especially when combined with ceiling fans or open windows on mild, pleasant days.

Hot water use is another area where simple habits matter. Taking

shorter showers can help reduce the amount of energy used to heat water, which makes up a significant portion of most energy bills. Cutting just a few minutes off each shower not only saves energy but also conserves water.

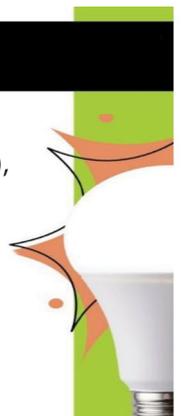
Mitchell EMC is here to help every season, every step of the way. We offer energy-saving programs and resources designed to help you lower energy use for your home or business and manage costs. If you have questions or want to learn more about energy efficiency offerings and programs, visit [mitchellemc.com/energy-efficiency](http://mitchellemc.com/energy-efficiency).

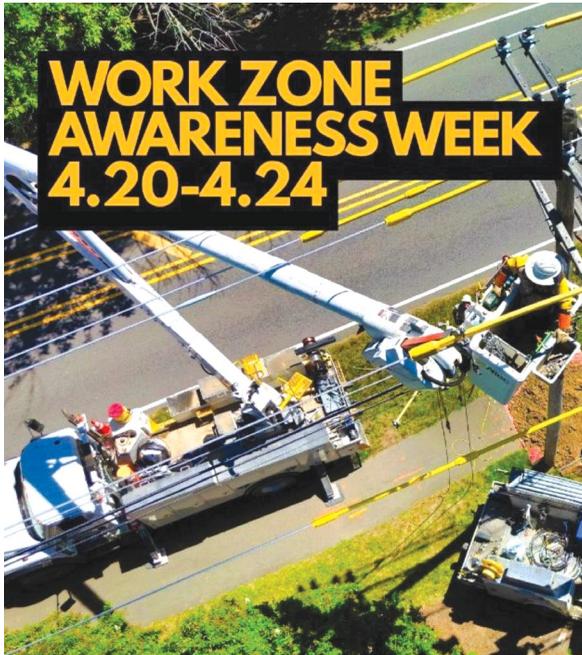
*NRECA is the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives. From growing suburbs to remote farming communities, electric co-ops serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56% of the nation's landscape.*

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As we prepare for the seasonal shift, remember to set your ceiling fan rotation accordingly. In winter months (or whenever your home heating system is running), fan blades should rotate clockwise, which produces an updraft that pushes warm air down. In summer months (or whenever your home cooling system is running), blades should rotate counterclockwise, which produces a downdraft or windchill effect that makes you feel cooler. When used correctly, ceiling fans can boost comfort and allow you to adjust the thermostat a few degrees for energy savings.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)





**April 20-24 is Work Zone Awareness Week!** As we observe Work Zone Awareness Week, let's work together to prioritize safety on the roads, especially for roadside utility and construction crews.

1. Pay attention to signs signaling roadside work.
2. Respect posted speed limits and lane closures for everyone's safety.
3. Delays may be possible, so plan ahead to avoid rushing through work zones.

Let's work together to ensure the safety of roadside workers and travelers alike.



**APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH!**  
Whether you're planting a garden or installing new fence posts, remember to dial 811 before you dig. Let's work together to keep our communities safe and prevent damage to underground utilities.  
#SafeDiggingMonth #Dial811

## 89th Annual Meeting of the Members of Mitchell EMC

The 89th Annual Meeting of the Members of Mitchell EMC on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the EMC headquarters in Camilla. This will be conducted as a drive-in meeting. Registration will take place in your automobile as you drive in. The meeting will be broadcast over your radio. A brief report of the business operations for the Cooperative will be made to the members, and we will draw for door prizes later that day and winners will be contacted. Registration begins at 7:00 am and will close promptly at 10:00 a.m. To be eligible for the drawing of prizes, you must register before 10:00 a.m. and you will not have to be present to win.

April 22 is Earth Day! 🌍💚

Let's celebrate our beautiful planet by taking steps to conserve energy:

- 🌱 **Unplug Devices:** Save energy by unplugging chargers and electronics when not in use.
- 🌱 **Adjust Your Thermostat:** A small change in temperature can make a big difference.
- 🌱 **Seal Leaks:** Weatherproof doors and windows to keep the heat or cool air in.



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## SPRING SAVINGS WORD SEARCH



Are you ready to *spring* into energy savings? When we actively try to reduce our energy use at home, we save on bills and help our community. Read the efficiency tips below, then search for (and circle) the **bolded** words in the puzzle.

### Spring Energy Tips:

**Unplug** chargers, gaming systems and other devices. Electronics can consume **energy** when they're plugged in, even if you're not using them.

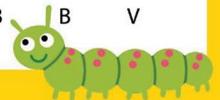
Open curtains and blinds during the day to use **natural light** instead of lamps and other home lighting.

Dress for the weather. When it's chilly, grab a **jacket** instead of turning up the **thermostat**. When it's warm, instead of turning on the A/C, open **windows** or turn on fans to circulate air.

Turn off **lights** when you're leaving the room for more than five minutes.



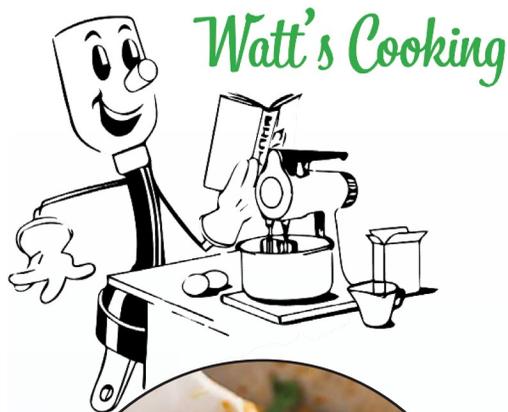
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**Note:** If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

## Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applications for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D



*Photo: EatingOnADime.com*

### **Taco Spaghetti**

#### **Ingredients**

2 pounds ground beef  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 can Rotel  
3 cups water  
8 ounces spaghetti noodles  
8 ounces shredded cheese  
(I like the Mexican blend)

#### **Directions**

Brown ground beef with chopped onion, drain well. Put it back in pan. Add Rotel, water and spaghetti. Bring to boil. When it starts boiling, reduce to simmer and cover. Cook for about 20 minutes, when liquid is absorbed and noodles are done, stir in cheese and serve. Serves about 4 people.

*Submitted By:*

*Evelyn Castleberry, Worth County*

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