## APRIL 2025 URECC NEWSLETTER

## **Lineworker Appreciation Month**

In the stillness of the early morning, when most of us remain tucked safely in bed, lineworkers are already up and at it, donning flame-resistant gear, safety goggles, rubber gloves, and sturdy boots. These dedicated individuals embody service in its purest form. As we observe Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 18, it's the perfect time to recognize the crucial role they play in our daily lives.

Amidst towering utility poles and a web of intricate power lines, lineworkers demonstrate a strength that goes beyond the physical. Whether braving harsh weather, solving complex technical challenges, or scaling dizzying heights, they embody resilience and unwavering determination to keep the lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected.

The teams from Upshur Rural Electric Co-Op serve our 10-county area with remarkable skill and dedication, constructing, maintaining, and repairing vital sections of our local infrastructure. Their expertise ensures our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses continue to operate, and emergency services stay within reach—a lifeline we all depend on.

In times of crisis, when the power goes out and darkness threatens to overwhelm us, lineworkers stand as symbols of hope. Their rapid response restores normalcy, bringing comfort when uncertainty reigns. Whether repairing storm-damaged lines or ensuring power during emergencies, their unyielding commitment lights up our lives when we need it most.

But their service doesn't end at our local boundaries. URECC lineworkers extend their support far and wide, traveling to assist other co-ops in times of widespread outages, offering help whenever it's needed. The principle of "cooperation among cooperatives," one of our seven core values, is embodied by lineworkers who are always ready to lend a hand.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure our power stays reliable, let's take a moment to honor their unwavering dedication. The next time you flip a switch, remember those who make it all possible—the lineworkers, who are truly wired for service and committed to brightening our world.







### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle. Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.

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#### **Cake Box Cookies**

- 115.25 oz box white cake mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter, cooled
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
   2 large eggs
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- 3/4 cup colorful jimmy sprinkles, plus more to top



- Preheat oven to 350° and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl, mix cake mix, butter, cinnamon, and eggs. Stir in sprinkles.
- Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls, 2 inches apart, on baking sheets. Add more sprinkles if desired.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes until edges are lightly brown. Cool on sheets for 2 minutes, then transfer to a rack.

#### ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

We're excited to announce that the Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025. Registration opens at 11:30 AM, and the meeting will kick off at 1:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

