



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER AND CEO
BRYAN STORY

We Love Lineworkers

LAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE lineworkers don't work alone on our power lines. Whether they're climbing poles, restoring power or clearing tree limbs to prevent outages, they're never far from the hearts of the people who love them.

At this time of year, stores are flooded with hearts, candy and cards professing true love. But to be honest, those sentiments pale in comparison to the love we see every time a storm sweeps through our area.

When the lights go out, our linemen are sent from their loved ones out into the elements. When other electric cooperatives are in trouble after devastating hurricanes, tornadoes, fires or floods, our lineworkers travel to get the lights back on for complete strangers.

Each time these brave men leave home to help those in need, their families are left behind, praying for a safe return.

Working with high-voltage electricity, linemen find themselves in life-or-death situations on a regular basis. That's why Lamar Electric focuses on safety first. Our safety program includes daily briefings, monthly meetings and ongoing training to ensure that our team performs its job safely.

We know the folks who love our linemen appreciate the time we take to make sure our employees get home safe every night.

Marrying into this profession isn't easy. Lineworkers are often on call and must be ready to respond at a moment's notice when our community needs them. This makes children's sporting events and family get-togethers hard to pull off sometimes.

But the crews who keep your power flowing do so because they know that without their commitment, many of the things we've come to expect—hot meals, lights, heat—wouldn't be possible. By devoting their lives to working on utility lines, they connect all of us to a better way of life.

This Valentine's Day, we'd like to take a moment to thank the families who support and love our crews who brave the elements and work long hours to keep power flowing to our homes each and every day.

Thank you for putting your love on the line. We're all committed to making sure the lineman you love returns home safely everyday. ■



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Flip'n Texas Chili

- 1½ pounds chili-grind beef**
- 1 pound chili-grind pork**
- 1 cup beef broth**
- 8 ounces tomato sauce**
- 2 beef bouillon cubes**
- 1 chicken bouillon cube**
- 4 tablespoons light chili powder, divided use**
- 2 tablespoons paprika**
- 1 tablespoon onion powder**
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper**
- 3 jalapeño peppers, chopped**
- 2 habanero peppers, chopped**
- ½ teaspoon salt**
- 4 tablespoons chili powder**
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper**
- 2 tablespoons cumin**
- 8 cloves garlic, minced**

1. In a large pot, brown all the chili meat and drain excess fat. Add the broth and tomato sauce and simmer 30 minutes.
2. Add the bouillon cubes, 1 tablespoon light chili powder, paprika, onion powder, cayenne, jalapeños, habaneros and salt, and cook, stirring until well blended.
3. Add the remaining chili powder, white pepper, cumin and garlic, and simmer 50 minutes.

SERVES 6-8

TCP Find this and more delicious recipes online at TexasCoopPower.com.

The Future of Reliable Electricity

AS OUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY continues to grow, so does the demand for reliable electricity. Data centers, new manufacturing facilities and our daily lives are requiring more and more power. In fact, U.S. power consumption is expected to rise to record highs this year and next, and the demand for electricity in the U.S. is expected to nearly double by 2050.

Meanwhile, our supply of electricity is decreasing as always-available power plants are being prematurely shut down. The North American Electric Reliability Corp. has warned that 19 states could see rolling outages during times of high electrical usage over the next five years. We all know what happens when supply can't meet demand—prices fluctuate, and the lights go off.

As we prepare for this rising demand, Lamar Electric Cooperative is planning ahead to ensure local families and businesses have access to an affordable, reliable supply of electricity.

Meeting the Challenge

To meet these challenges, Lamar Electric is using a balanced mix of always-available energy sources as a safeguard to maintain a reliable energy supply. We're also investing in innovative technologies to bolster grid resilience and enhance data management to improve operational efficiency, expedite outage response times and minimize service disruptions.

As electricity demand in the U.S. continues to rise, upgrading and building new infrastructure will be critical. That's why your cooperative is collaborating with other electric co-ops by pooling resources and expertise on projects that advance technology, security, infrastructure and innovative energy sources to meet the increasing needs of our communities.

As a co-op, this collaborative approach is a core part of our business model and enables us to deliver affordable energy to local families and businesses. Our priority is ensuring energy solutions tailored to the unique needs of our community to help it thrive now and into the future.

Lamar Electric was built by the community it serves, providing essential services that drive growth and pave the way for an energy future that prioritizes reliable electricity at a cost local people can afford. ■



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Lamar Electric provides *Texas Co-op Power* and TexasCoopPower.com to give you information about events, safety, special programs and other activities of your cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the co-op office.

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WHERE

WE FIND POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS

WE

WILL EMPOWER OUR MEMBERS TO

LIVE

THEIR PASSIONS



As your local cooperative, we are your energy community. The power we provide is much more than a way to keep the lights on, it plugs into the family, friends and neighbors who make up **Lamar Electric Cooperative.**

Annual Meeting Set for April 26

LAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at the cooperative headquarters, 5225 U.S. Highway 82 E. in Blossom. There will be additional information in *Texas Co-op Power* regarding the meeting over the next few months.

Three positions on the board of directors are up for election each year, and this year, districts 5, 6 and 7 will be voting for their directors at the annual meeting.

Members residing in districts 5, 6 and 7 who wish to be a candidate for the board must appear in person at the main office of the cooperative and fill out a nomination form by February 25, as outlined in the co-op's bylaws. If you're unsure of which district you live in, please refer to the district map below.

Lamar Electric Cooperative Bylaws Excerpt

ARTICLE III. SECTION 3. Qualifications. No person shall be eligible to become a board member of the cooperative who:

- Has not been a member of the cooperative for at least one year prior to nomination;
- Has not been a bona fide resident of the board district for which seeking election for at least one year prior to nomination;
- Is any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative;
- Is an employee of this cooperative or has been terminated from the cooperative less than five years;
- Is a close relative of an employee or an employee's spouse ("close" being defined as wife, husband, grandparent, grandchild, parent, child, brother, sister, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,

daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and/or sister-in-law);

f) Has been convicted, pleaded guilty or plead "no contest" to a felony; or

g) Is an incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective public office for which a salary is paid.

h) Current account credit with Lamar Electric must be in good standing.

No person shall be eligible to remain a board member who:

a) Is not a member of the cooperative;

b) Is not a bona fide resident of the district for which elected;

c) Is any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative;

d) Is an employee of this cooperative or has been terminated from the cooperative less than five years;

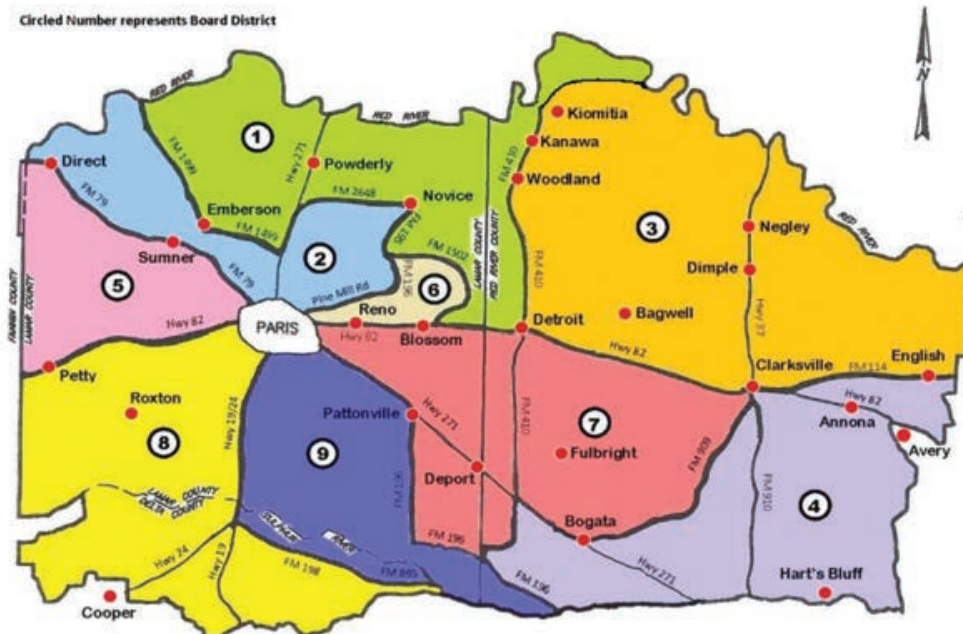
e) Is a close relative of an employee or an employee's spouse ("close" being defined as wife, husband, grandparent, grandchild, parent, child, brother, sister, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and/or sister-in-law);

f) Has been convicted, pleaded guilty or plead "no contest" to a felony; or

g) Is an incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective public office for which a salary is paid.

Upon establishment of the fact that a board member is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the board shall remove such board member.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board or at any special or annual meeting of the members. ■





LINES DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Car accidents and weather are the main causes of downed power lines.

But even on the ground, lines can carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or death.

PHOTO: LAMAR EC

Here are some rules to follow around downed lines:

If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything touching it.

The proper way to move away from the line is to shuffle away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times.

If someone is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, do not touch the person. Call 911 instead.

Don't try to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the line.

Don't drive over downed power lines.

If you're in your car and it is in contact with a downed line, stay in your car and call 911.

Lamar EC encourages you to always practice safety.

Lamar Electric Cooperative 2025 Scholarship Application

LAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE will award 10 \$1,500 scholarships to students who plan to pursue an academic degree or certification from an accredited university, college, junior college, technical school or other postsecondary educational institution.

Scholarship payment will be made directly to the institution in one lump sum and must be used within two years of the award date. Funds may be used for tuition, books, and room and board.

Eligibility

To be considered for a Lamar Electric scholarship, a student must:

- ▶ Live full time in a residence served by Lamar Electric.
- ▶ Be a graduating senior attending a high school or an accredited homeschool program within the counties served by the cooperative.
- ▶ Apply by April 4.

Winners will be chosen in a random drawing at the Lamar Electric Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 26. You do not need to be present to win.

Apply by April 4

Once the application is completed:

Email to: scholarship@lamarelectric.coop

Or mail to:

Lamar Electric Cooperative
Attn: Scholarships
P.O. Box 68
Blossom, TX 75416

Lamar Electric Cooperative 2025 Scholarship Application



Name _____

Address _____

Name of High School _____

College of Interest _____

College Major of Interest _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Lamar Electric Account Number _____

Phone _____