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Celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day

Monday, April 18, 2022 will be recognized as National Lineman Appreciation Day. New Mexico cooperatives, along with more than 900 electric cooperatives throughout the nation, will have the honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation and dedication of electrical line workers.

Our line workers are the first responders during storms. When most are sheltered at home, they have the willingness to leave the comforts of their home to tackle a challenging task and



most often, in very difficult conditions. We want to assure our Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative line workers that their hard work and dedication is recognized.

National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our utmost appreciation to all our great men and women that work so hard for us. They deserve all the appreciation that comes their way, so please, remember to thank them for the exceptional service to our communities.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees, Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. Dennis Trujillo, Board President

Deadline is soon to submit a JMEC scholarship application

Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., are pleased to announce that their 2022 scholarship cycle is open for application. There are several requirements for the JMEC scholarship including: Applicants are a first-year college/vocation or trade school student or will have graduated from a high school in our service area by this summer, the student enrolls full-time in one of the aforementioned schools, parents/guardians are JMEC members and have lived in our service area for at least a year and the student submits an essay. The two-page JMEC application can be found at https://www.jemezcoop.org/scholarship-program and also may be requested by parents, guardians and students via email or telephone. There are other scholarships on the web

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page and eligible students may apply for any of those listed. For more information, please contact Tina Trujillo-Archuleta at ttrujillo@ jemezcoop.org or call 505-367-1151. Deadline for JMEC scholarship applications is Thursday, April 14,

2022.

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Jemez Employee of the Month, Jason Gachupin

Jason Gachupin is a journeyman lineman in the Jemez Springs district on his second stint with JMEC. He started with us in 2003, went to help when Jicarilla Apache Nation Power Authority was getting underway and has been back with JMEC since 2018. He is always willing to complete the job at hand, with attention to safety, through any weather and environment.

"I grew up in this community and it feels good to provide this service to people," said Gachupin. "That is especially true when restoring power. While it is a sacrifice when I have to leave my family at any hour to take care of an outage they understand and respect my job and our members make me feel like a hero."

He said he and his team pay particular attention to members who have special medical needs that are power dependent. "They are a priority for us," he added. "They and all our members are appreciative for what we do."

Gachupin said the lineman work keeps him on his toes, always having to adjust to the terrain, road conditions, new technology and whatever arises when he receives a problem call. "Every day is different," he said. "We train on equipment, change out structures, do repairs and upgrades. You have to have a strong back but it is never boring!"

A resident of Zia Pueblo, Gachupin has a seven-year-old son and four teenage daughters he keeps busy with farming, ranching, hauling wood as well as plenty of hunting, fishing and camping. "When the lights go out somewhere, my family knows what is next," he said. "We sometimes



don't get home until the next day but they are always checking on us, making sure we are safe." Thank you for all you do, Jason!

JMEC kids - submit your artwork to enchantment!

Each month kids through age 13 can submit artwork that may be printed in the magazine with winners receiving \$15! Each month has a theme and the artwork is due by the 9th



one month prior to publication. For example, the topic for March was your favorite cereal, due by February 9, and for this April issue, the theme is your family pet and was due March 9. Check out the last page of enchantment for the winners and the coming months' themes. You can mail your drawing to Youth Editor, 614 Don Gaspar Ave. Santa Fe, NM 87505 or by email, enchantment@nmelectric.coop. **Be sure to put** your name, age, mailing address, phone and Jemez Mountains **Electric Cooperative, Inc., on the back of your drawing – this is** a must do to avoid being disqualified. We can't wait to see the artwork of JMEC kids in *enchantment*!

