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Operating in portions of Chaves, Curry, De Baca and all of Roosevelt Counties

"Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

Job Anniversaries

Robert Montoya Jr	19yrs
Tanner Rawdon	5yrs
Dathen Culpepper	5yrs
Isidro Duran	3yrs



National Co-op Month

Electric cooperatives were formed when rural communities were struggling because investor-owned utilities weren't willing to invest in rural America. So neighbors banded together and lit up the countryside when no one else would. Co-ops are owned and governed by their members...the same people who use the co-op's goods or services. Profits are distributed to members (not stakeholders) or reinvested in the co-op or the community. Cooperatives provide a viable alternative to the traditional for-profit business model for more than 130 million members across the U.S. RCEC is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives serving 42+ million people in 47 states.

RCEC's basic responsibility is to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take it a step further by supporting our members, area schools and enhancing our rural communities in our service territory. We do this by offering several youth oriented programs such as the Government in Action Youth Tour contest where RCEC sponsors two or three qualifying high school students on an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. each year, offers scholarships to qualifying graduating high school students and Returning College Students, and provide electrical safety demonstrations to area schools. RCEC has applied for and been granted low interest loans and grants through USDA's Rural Development programs for Roosevelt General Hospital and Clinic, Mid-Am, Portales Select and Sunland. RCEC provides low interest energy conservation and renewable energy loans to qualifying members for energy efficient heat pumps, storm windows and doors and insulation. For more information on RCEC's programs....contact Janice Castillo at 575-356-4491.

"There's No Place Like ENMU"

Join us for the ENMU Homecoming Parade Saturday, October 1st Parade line up 3rd and S Abilene @ 11 a.m....parade finish ENMU Parking Lot

Safe Trick or Treat 2022....Friday, October 28, 2022 4—5:30 PM Downtown Portales & Participating Businesses.

Make sure to stop by for a treat and show off your costume!



2023 Youth Tour Contest

RCEC conducts an essay contest that encourages 10th & 11th graders to write a 500 word essay on various cooperative topics. To be eligible students must be dependents of members of the co-op.

Essays are judged in December each year and 2 students are chosen to represent the co-op on an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students visit famous landmarks and historical shrines that testify to the greatness of those who helped build this country into what we find today.

Essay deadline is Friday,

December 2, 2022. Detailed instructions can be found on the co-op's website at

www.rcec.coop.

2023 Scholarship Program



2023 high school and returning college student scholarship applications are now available online at www.rcec.coop and area high schools. Deadline is Friday, 01/6/ 2022 by 5 p.m.

RCEC Recipe Contest

Calling all cooks! We've run out of recipes, and need your favorite recipe to print in our monthly newsletter and magazine. Submit your recipes by email to members@rcec.coop, mail to P.O. Box 389, Portales, Attn: Janice, or at our office at 121 N. Main St., Portales.

Winners will have their recipe featured in our monthly newsletter and enchantment magazine, plus receive a \$20 credit on their electric bill. RCEC will draw a name on the 15th of each month from August through December 2022.

Liz's Green Chile Stew

Elizabeth Lawrence, Roosevelt County Homesteaders 2022

- 1-2 lb.'s pork, cut into 2" cubes
- 2 onions diced
- 4-5 potatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 -28 oz can of Las Palmas Green Enchilada Sauce
- 1 -15 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 2 7oz cans of diced green chile

In a large pot brown pork. Add the rest of the ingredients. Cover ingredients with broth or water and boil on the stove until done and tender. The October winner is Elizabeth Lawrence and her recipe for *Liz's Green Chile Stew.* Congratulations Elizabeth, you will have a \$20 credit on your October bill.

Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon Conventional Water Heaters on Conversion from Gas
- Water Purification systems
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- Scholarships
- Youth Tour contest
- Electrical safety demonstrations
- Electric heating/water heater rates

Non-Residential Deposits

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

Meet our New Engineering Manager, Jeremy Neal



Jeremy began his career with RCEC in May of 2005 as a Groundsman and advanced to Lineman in 2010. Jeremy was then promoted to Metering Supervisor in 2017 and has worked in that capacity until his promotion to Engineering Manager beginning September 1, 2022.

Jeremy was awarded the Long Rope Safety Award twice here at RCEC and has also received this award at the NMRECA Statewide level. Jeremy has helped instruct at many engineering training sessions for all of the electric co-ops across the state. He brings years of experience to the engineering department. Jeremy and his wife Melanie, have two sons, Roderic who is currently a sophomore and Timothy, who is in 8th grade. Both attend Dora School. Congratulations Jeremy!

Residential Deposits

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month's bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.

49th Annual Peanut Valley Festival
October 15 & 16
Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
Saturday, Oct. 15
9 am—6 pm
Sunday Oct. 16
11 am—5 pm
Arts & Crafts, food, live music, and dance performances of every kind, and kids games!

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2022		
Columbus Day	10th	
Peanut Valley Festival	15th & 16th	
Nat'l Boss's Day	16th	
Roard Meeting	25th	