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MEMBER BENEFITS

- E-billing
- Co-op Connections card discounts
- Energy Efficiency Loans
- New Construction Rebates
- Free Conversion Water Heaters

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Co-op Connections' Card



Job Anniversaries

- Trish Fenton.....40yrs
- Sammy Villanueva.....20yrs
- Annette Salguero.....19yrs
- Darrin Stroik.....10yrs

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Potential Back-up Generator Service

RCEC’s Board of Trustees are requesting that we poll our members and see if there is interest in having RCEC provide back-up generators. Our mission statement reads, “To provide safe, reliable and affordable electrical service to the members we serve.” In an effort to always provide reliable power, a back-up generator would guarantee that when storms roll-in, accidents involving powerlines occur, or other reasons beyond our control that result in the loss of utility power, our members could still have electricity. Because this is still in the “brainstorming stages” we don’t know for certain all of the details involving this potential new service but initial discussions included allowing our members to purchase or lease a back-up generator from RCEC. Once we receive feedback from our members, the Board will decide if we’re going to pursue this endeavor or not. Please call us at 575-356-4491 or email us at members@rcec.coop with your opinion of this and any ideas that you may have regarding this potential service.

*Mark your calendars for the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members
April 13th....Doors Open at 5:00 pm...ENMU’s Campus Union Ballroom*

Recipe Corner **Pumpkin Cookies with Cream Cheese Frosting**

3/4 c shortening
1 c sugar
1 c pumpkin
1 egg
2 c all purpose flour

1 tsp soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp salt

Frosting:

1 tsp vanilla
2 c powdered sugar
1/4 c butter
1—2 Tbs cream (or milk)
3 Tbs grated orange rind

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Cream shortening, sugar and pumpkin. Add egg and vanilla, mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients. Drop by spoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12—15 minutes. Remove cookies to cooling rack and let cool completely. Combine frosting ingredients and beat until smooth. Frost cookies after they have cooled. Makes 48 cookies.

Products & Services

Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
Surge protection programs
Water Purification systems
New Construction Rebates
3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
0% Ground Loop Loans
Energy Star appliance loans
Scholarships
Youth Tour
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.

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.

Calendar of Events

New Year's Day-office closed..... 1st
Scholarship applications due.....10th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....20th
Regular Board meeting.....28th

**2020 calendars
are in.....Get yours while
supplies last!**



RCEC Employees Recognized

Recently 8 employees received awards in recognition of their years of service at the co-op. From left to right: Ro Orrantia-5 years, Janice Castillo-15 years, Jamie King-5 years, Eric Segovia-5 years, Clint Walker-20 years, Felicia Powell-10 years, Barrett Williamson-5 years and Antonio Sanchez Jr.-20 years *Congratulations to all!*

3 Ways to Waste Energy This Winter

What are the biggest mistakes homeowners make when it comes to winter energy use? According to Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories they are:

1. **Overlooking leaks.** When you replace your heating and air-conditioning system, get your ducts checked for leaks. Even the most efficient, most expensive system won't perform at peak if heated or air-conditioned air is escaping through the ducts.
2. **Under-insulating.** Heat rises, so it makes sense to insulate your home's attic. It's equally important to insulate floors over a basement or crawl space, and walls and windows. Conditioned air can leak out of your home from almost any uninsulated space.
3. **Skipping fans.** Ceiling fans and portable fans can help circulate heated or air-conditioned air, which gives your home's HVAC system a break—and allows you to turn the thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer. Fans use little electricity but can make a big difference in how comfortable you feel in the room where one is running.