



# Live Wire

Roosevelt County Electric

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
The power of human connections®

July 2019 Vol. 20 No. 7

121 North Main • PO Box 389  
Portales, New Mexico 88130  
Operating in portions of  
Chaves, Curry, De Baca and all  
of  
Roosevelt counties

**.EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT &  
GENERAL MANAGER •**

ANTONIO R. SANCHEZ, JR.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Pos 2-Wesley Brown, Pres

Pos 5-Kenneth Cox, VP

Pos 6-Chris Duncan, Sec (At-large)

Pos 1-Janet Collins

Pos 3-Gene Creighton

Pos 4-Charles Bennett Jr.

Pos 7-Darrell Caviness (At-large)

**.MEMBER BENEFITS**

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

*“Roosevelt County Electric  
Cooperative, Inc. is an equal  
opportunity provider  
and employer”*

CONTACT US:

**rcec.coop**

575-356-4491

After Hours 575-356-4492

Fax 575-359-1651

Co-op Connections' Card



Roosevelt County  
Electric Cooperative

The Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



## Job Anniversaries

Dearil Looney Jr.....7 yrs  
Cesar Gonzales.....4 yrs  
Sammy Tapia.....3 yrs

## REMEMBER: ITEMS ATTACHED TO UTILITY POLES ARE A SAFETY HAZARD AND ILLEGAL

As a reminder, RCEC wants to make you aware that although it may seem harmless to attach signs, satellite dishes, deer stands, or other items on utility poles, they are in fact a serious safety hazard and illegal.

Staples, nails, and tracks used to hang things...as well as the items themselves....pose dangers to RCEC line workers who must climb poles to restore service or to perform routine maintenance.

Satellite Dishes, deer stand fences, security lights, or other objects (birdhouses, balloons, flags, a basketball goal, etc.) can create dangerous obstacles. The nails, tacks and screws left behind can snag utility workers' boots or puncture safety clothing, making line workers vulnerable to slipping or even electrocution.

Any lighting that is placed on the co-op's poles other than by co-op personnel will be subject to removal. If you would like to have a yard light installed on a co-op power pole, please contact us at 575-356-4491 or come by the office at 121 N. Main St., Portales, and we will be happy to assist you.



Join us for the county-wide firework display Thursday, July 4th about 9 p.m. or at dark...whichever happens first...at the Portales Softball Complex on Industrial. Admission is free....for more info contact the Chamber of Commerce at 575-356-8541 or visit their website at <http://portales.com>. RCEC wishes you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July celebration!

## Shrimp Cobb Salad

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 4 slices center cut bacon                    | 2 1/2 Tb. fresh Lemon juice              |
| 1 pound large shrimp, peeled<br>And deveined | 1 1/2 Tb. extra-virgin olive oil         |
| 1/2 tsp paprika                              | 1/2 tsp whole-grain Dijon mustard        |
| 1/4 tsp black pepper                         | 1 10 oz package romaine salad            |
| Cooking spray                                | 2 cups cherry tomatoes, quartered        |
| 1/4 tsp salt, divided                        | 1 cup shredded carrots (about 2 carrots) |
|  | 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed   |
|  | 1 ripe peeled avocado, cut into 8 wedges |

1. Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from pan; cut in half crosswise. Wipe pan clean with paper towels. Increase heat to medium-high. Sprinkle shrimp with paprika and pepper. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add shrimp; cook 2 minutes on each side or until done. Sprinkle with 1/8 tsp salt; toss to coat.
2. While the shrimp cooks, combine remaining 1/8 tsp salt, lemon juice, olive oil, and Dijon mustard in a large bowl, stirring with a whisk. Add lettuce; toss to coat.
3. Arrange about 1 1/2 cups lettuce mixture on each of 4 plates. Top each serving with about 6 shrimp, 1/2 cup tomatoes, 1/4 cup carrot, 1/4 cup corn, 2 avocado wedges, and 2 bacon pieces. Yield: 4 servings.

## Common Energy Myths

Eating carrots will greatly improve your eyesight, cracking your knuckles leads to arthritis, watching too much TV will harm your vision....We've all heard the old wives' tales, but did you know there are also many misconceptions about home energy use? Don't be fooled by these energy myths.

**Myth: The higher the thermostat setting, the faster the home will heat or cool.**

Many people think that walking into a chilly room and raising the thermostat to 85 degrees will heat the room more quickly. This is not true.

Thermostats direct a home's HVAC system to heat or cool to a certain temperature. Drastically adjusting the thermostat setting will not make a difference in how quickly you feel warmer. The same is true for cooling. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat to 78 degrees during summer months, and 68 degrees during winter months.

**Myth: Ceiling fans keep your home cool while you're away.**

Believe it or not, many people think this is true. Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Ceiling fans circulate room air but do not change the temperature. A running ceiling fan in an empty room is only adding to your electricity use. Remember to turn fans off when you're away and reduce your energy use.

**Roosevelt County Fair Week.....August 27—31**

## Shocking Facts About Lightning

- There are 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes annually in the U.S.
- Every year, 300 Americans are struck by lightning.
- Of those struck, 30 are killed and others suffer lifelong disabilities.

## Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
- Surge protection programs
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- 0% Ground Loop Loans
- Thermal Energy Service for Ground Loops
- Energy Star appliance 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.

## 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

Independence Day.....4th  
Board Meeting.....23rd

