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Roosevelt counties

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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 “

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Co-op Connections® Card



Job Anniversaries

- Robert Montoya Jr.....16yrs
- David Sweat.....14yrs
- Tanner Rawdon.....2yrs
- Dathan Culpepper.....2yrs

National Co-op Month...Celebrating the Co-op Connection

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 qualifying high



school students on an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. each year, RCEC offers scholarships to qualifying graduating high school students and also returning college students. We 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.

RCEC's Mission Statement:

“To provide safe, reliable and affordable electrical service to the members we serve.”

Safe Trick or Treat 2019....Oct 31st 3—5:30 Downtown Portales & Participating Businesses. Make sure to stop by for a treat and show off your costume!



Peanut Valley Festival Saturday and Sunday, October 19 & 20....at Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. Visit www.portales.com for more info.

2020 Youth Tour Contest

2020 Youth Tour applications are available online at www.rcec.coop or at area high schools. Deadline is 11/01/2019 by 5 p.m.

2020 Scholarship Program

2020 high school and returning college student scholarship applications are available online at www.rcec.coop and area high schools. Deadline is 01/10/ 2020 by 5 p.m.

RCEC will have contractors working in the Elida area for the next few months. These contractors will be performing testing of our electric utility poles. They will have RCEC logos on their vehicles, but will also be working on 4-Wheeler ATVs. Please contact the cooperative with any questions.



Farmers Urged To Look Up During Harvest Season

HARVEST BRINGS LONG, GRUELING HOURS IN THE FIELD, WHICH can make workers weary and prone to neglect safety precautions that can prevent serious or fatal electrical injuries. Every year an average of 62 farmworkers are electrocuted in the U.S., and many more are injured by shocks, according to Department of Labor statistics.

RCEC urges farm operators, their family members and farm employees to beware of overhead power lines, to keep farm equipment safely away and to know what to do if accidental contact is made with power lines.

The increasing size of farm equipment, particularly grain tanks on combines that have become higher with extensions, allows operators to come perilously close to overhead power lines over entrances to fields. It is vital to keep equipment safely away from these lines. Maintain a minimum of 10-foot radius around electric lines.

Harvest is the most likely period for farm-related injury accidents and fatalities. Combines and other equipment loaded onto trailer can contact power lines and cause electrocutions, as can raising the bed of a truck to unload.

Farm operators, their family members and farm employees are urged to take these safety measures:

- **Use a spotter when moving tall loads near power lines.**
- **Inspect farm equipment for transport height and determine clearance** with any power lines under which the equipment must pass.
- **Make sure everyone knows what to do if accidental contact is made with power lines.** These accidents are survivable if the right actions are taken.

It's almost always best to stay in the cab, call for help and wait until electric utility workers arrive to make sure power to the line is cut off. If the power line is energized and you step out of the cab, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the result. Even if a power line is on the ground, there is still the potential for the area nearby to be energized. Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire.

In that case, the proper action is to jump-not step-with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Jump clear, without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time and continue to shuffle or hop to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area. Be sure that at no time you or anyone touches the equipment and the ground at the same time. Never should an operator simply step out of the vehicle-the person must jump clear.

Products & Services

Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
 Discounted light bulbs
 Surge protection programs
 Water Purification systems
 New Construction Rebates
 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
 0% Ground Loop Loans
 Thermal Energy Service for Ground Loops
 Low Interest Irrigation System loans
 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

Columbus Day.....14th
 National Bosses Day.....16th
 Peanut Valley Festival.....19th & 20th
 Regular Board meeting.....29th
 Halloween.....31st

