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Job Anniversaries

- Norma Ramos..... 15yrs
- Alicia Goodson..... 9yrs
- Barrett Williamson..... 6yrs
- Jamie King..... 6yrs

Scholarships

2021 Scholarship applications are
available online at www.rcec.coop or
at area high schools.

Deadline is 1/08/2021.

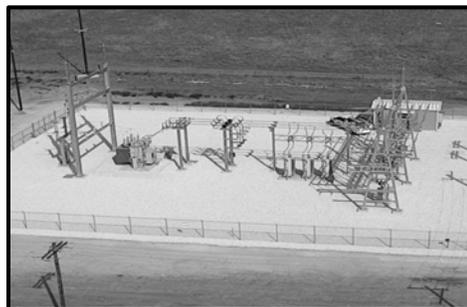
Substation 11 Energized

In early 2019, RCEC received a request for a line extension to a new industrial size facility that was planned to be constructed in the far reaches of our existing Floyd Substation service area. This new facility would be in close proximity to two other large entities that would make it extremely difficult to provide uninterrupted and reliable electrical service; something we pride ourselves in. Once the new facility was to be completed, the combined load of all three entities would surpass the available capacity of the Floyd Substation. Another concern was the number of miles of powerline it takes to reach these three entities and the increase in potential exposure for power quality issues for every member of the cooperative who is serviced from the Floyd Substation. Something would have to be done.

The decision to construct a new substation was the most logical solution. This new substation could be located much closer to the three, large entities it would primarily serve. It could be engineered such that exposure to potential power quality issues for all members served out of this new substation would be decreased. It could provide alternative back-feeding capability in the event of storms or maintenance, thus reducing outages and providing an alternative for redundancy to our members.

Ten miles of new transmission line, including a stretch of distribution under-build, had to be constructed in order to reach the location of the new Sundale Valley Substation. Many, new easements had to be acquired in order to obtain right-of-way for overhead powerlines and land had to be purchased in order to construct the new substation. The entire process took more than a year to complete. Changes in technology and construction, since the last time RCEC constructed a new substation, have allowed for better system protection and coordination. Advancements in communication for the use of detecting power disturbances or acquiring data from intelligent electronic devices have been deployed which should lower response times and decrease outages associated with the weather or other acts of God that the cooperative has no control over.

The Sundale Valley Substation was energized on September 9, 2020. It has three, energized bays along with the ability to energize a fourth if ever needed. It has one circuit primarily dedicated to Cannon Air Force Base’s Melrose Bombing Range; the only Air Force Special Operations Command’s only training range used to train special operations teams. The other two energized circuits provide electrical service to two industrial members and various residential and agricultural members.



Pineapple Crunch Cake

1 package yellow cake mix
1 8 oz can crushed pineapple drained
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup pecans, chopped

2 tsp nutmeg
3 Tbsp. margarine, melted
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup coconut

Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Pour half the batter into a greased 8x8x2 inch baking pan; spoon pineapple over batter and top with remaining batter. Combine remaining ingredients and spread over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Serve warm. Serves 9

Clayton Barber Receives Long Rope Safety Attitude Award

Clayton Barber is the 2020 recipient of RCEC's Long Rope Safety Attitude Award. This award is dedicated to all linemen in New Mexico that have been killed or injured on the job. The objective of the award is to give recognition to an employee at each co-op that excels in safety and "walks the walk". Clayton, lineman for the cooperative, has been with RCEC for 17 years. He is professional and a definite asset to the cooperative. He is always willing to teach as well as learn from fellow co-workers. Clayton values his safety as well as those that he works with and is never willing to take risks. He is smart and can think through tough situations. Clayton is active in safety meetings and is a humble and respected leader. He is always in a good mood and puts a smile on everyone's face! Clayton was nominated for this award by his co-workers. Congratulations Clayton!



General Manager, Antonio R. Sanchez Jr., (left), presents Clayton Barber with his 2020 Long Rope Safety Attitude Award

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.

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

Daylight Savings time ends.....1st
Veterans' Day.....11th
Thanksgiving.....26th
Office Closed - Holiday.....26th & 27th

On the Calendar: Our office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you need to report an outage during this time, please call our After Hours/emergency Phone number: 575-356-4492