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"Owned by Those We Serve"

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CEO'S MESSAGE



TAOS AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE FAIR

Many members of KCEC have been affected by the recent loss of agriculture land tax status. An Agricultural Resource Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at the Juan I. Gonzales Memorial Agricultural Center, 202 Chamisa Road, Taos. Various government agencies and agricultural organizations will be present to provide information to individuals. Also, Taos County assessor's office representatives will be at the fair to answer questions pertaining to the Agricultural Special Methods of Valuation Statute.

This free educational event is sponsored by KCEC, Taos Soil & Water Conservation District, and NMSU's Taos County Cooperative Extension Service. For more information, contact Tony Valdez at 575-758-3982.

KCEC ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE

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2015 ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 13, 2015

SAFE, RELIABLE & CONSISTANT ELECTRIC SERVICES THRU EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

When we're faced with extreme weather conditions; freezing temperatures, excessive snow fall, along with ice freezes; your lights stayed on! Your Cooperative continues to work hard for members to minimize power outage time. Our goal is to provide safe, reliable and consistent electric services to all members in our service area.

2015 has brought some cold weather. Northern New Mexico experienced winter storms that brought over 12 inches of snow to town, Angel Fire and Amalia areas received 15- 20 inches of snow. This has not been the norm for our area in quite some time. Due to our dedication to safety and maintenance scheduling KCEC was prepared to deal with these conditions. KCEC members can be confident that your Cooperative is working hard for you.

Sincerely,
Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO

2015 KCEC COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
OVERALL WINNER FROM PENASCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SIERRA ATENCIO – 3RD GRADE



Each year KCEC visits participating elementary schools to ensure our students are educated on electrical safety! These students then have the opportunity to participate in a coloring contest sponsored by KCEC and the New Mexico Member Services Association. Second, third, and fourth grade students compete in this contest. Judges select an overall winner and one winner from each school and each grade level. The overall winner receives a \$100 check, a T-shirt, a Certificate of Achievement and a Prize Pack full of art supplies to continue with their artistic talents. All other winners receive a \$25 check, a T-shirt, and a Certificate of Achievement. The following students were winners selected from the elementary schools in the Kit Carson service area for 2015:

Enos Garcia Elementary

- 2nd grade- Tatyana Quintanilla
- 3rd grade- Shahd Khweis
- 4th grade- Kaitlynn Taylor

Ranchos Elementary

- 2nd grade – Sierra Hunter Casias
- 3rd grade – Mercedes Maestas
- 4th grade – Evangeline Martinez

Taos Integrated School of Arts

- 2nd grade- Violet
- 3rd grade- Amalea Thatcher
- 4th grade- Tyler Smith

Anansi Charter School

- 2nd grade – Maddie Rowlisn-Elliott
- 3rd grade – Johnathan Allalenis
- 4th grade – Ellie Donovan

Alta Vista Elementary School

- 2nd grade – Amadea Gallegos
- 3rd grade – Dakota Contu

Red River Valley Charter School

- 2nd grade – Faith Lewis
- 3rd grade – Marcus Mascarenas
- 4th grade – Courtney Henderson

Penasco Elementary School

- 2nd grade – Madison Racl
- 3rd grade – Sierra Atencio
- 4th grade – Jennifer Romero

Eagle Nest Elementary School

- 2nd grade – Lauren Bertges
- 3rd grade – Nicole Grine
- 4th grade – Kamryn McDowell

Arroyos Del Norte Elementary

- 4th grade - Martika Jaramillo

Rio Costilla Southwest Learning Academy

- 2nd grade – Melissa Andrianos



About 811

Building a deck? Planting a tree? Installing a mailbox? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A new, federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" number, 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, and costs. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Every digging project requires a call – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt electric service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

Don't assume you know what's below. Protect yourself and those around you – Call 811 every time.

MEET YOUR KIT CARSON EMPLOYEES



Thank
You!

Paul Martinez

KCEC members meet Paul Martinez. Paul's position with the cooperative is Warehouse Supervisor. Paul is in charge of warehouse inventory. Paul ensures that our Co-op has all the supplies and equipment necessary for our operations department.

Paul has been with KCEC for 30 years! Thank Paul for all of his hard work and dedication. We are proud to have him on our team. Please congratulate Paul on his loyalty to KCEC.

We appreciate you Paul!

National Lineman Appreciation Day is a time to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of electrical line workers.

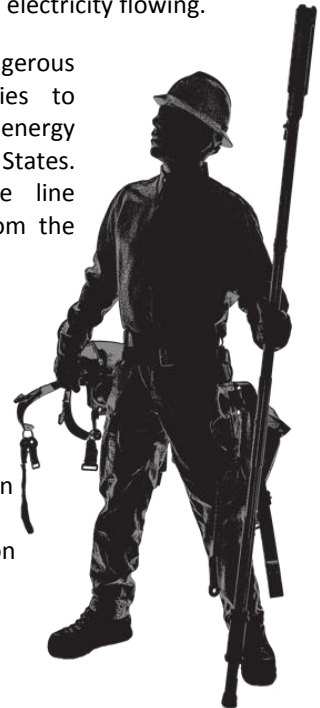
On April 10, 2013 a resolution was passed by U.S. Congress that recognizes linemen, and the profession of linemen; the efforts of these brave men and women in keeping the power on and protecting public safety.

The profession of linemen is steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition. Linemen are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. They work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing.

Linemen must often work under dangerous conditions far from their families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the United States. Linemen put their lives on the line everyday with little recognition from the community regarding the danger of their work.

KCEC asks you to thank the linemen you see, whether they're working near your home, or you see them at a local restaurant, church or school event. Let's give them the recognition they deserve for their hard work and commitment to keeping the power on in our community.

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POWER OUTAGE/SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS # (575) 758-6100

EMERGENCY LINE-LOCATES # 1-800-321-2537

QUESTA OFFICE: (575) 586-2113 (M-W-F 8:00am – 4:30pm)

PENASCO OFFICE: (575) 587-1900 (T-TH 9:00am – 3:00pm)

KIT CARSON TELECOM – (575) 758-4838 & 1-800-758-4820

KIT CARSON ENERGY – (575) 758-7757

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATORY COMMISSION (PERA Building): 1-800-947-4722

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees meet the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am in the cooperative boardroom.