

GETTING CONNECTED

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Kit Carson Electric Cooperative

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'Tis the Season to Think Community

The board of trustees, management and staff of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative wish all our members a very Happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful and joyous Christmas season to come.

As we approach the Christmas Holiday Season, we want to remind you this is the time to show your support for our community. There are many gifts you can give to your friends and neighbors. We urge you to please consider the following:

- **Taos Feeds Taos** is always in need of volunteers and donations. Last year Taos Feeds Taos distributed over 1,000 boxes of food to those in need during the holiday season. Year after year this all volunteer organization demonstrates community spirit through their efforts. As can be imagined this is a huge undertaking. KCEC has been and continues to be proud of the assistance we give with many aspects of the program. Please consider giving your support to this worthwhile effort. For a schedule of volunteer opportunities go to www.kitcarson.com and look under News & Events.
- Consider contributing to the **Members Helping Members** program. KCEC is proud to be a part of a community that takes care of its own. Our Members Helping Members program is a great example of that community spirit. The program is a one-time assistance program started in 2008 as a means help low income members pay their electric bill. So far the program has assisted over 1,000 local residents. The Program is funded by voluntary contributions from our members. You can contribute to this fund by either "rounding up" your monthly bill (by rounding up you agree to contribute the difference between whatever odd cents are on your bill and the nearest dollar above. Example: Your bill is \$34.75, so for that month

you would contribute 25 cents to the program) or giving a one-time contribution. Look on your KCEC bill for the box to check to assist those struggling to keep the lights on. If you have questions about how to contribute or are in need of assistance and have not previously qualified, please call our customer service department at 758-2258 or 800-688-6780.

- Our local merchants contribute to local non-profits, coach the Little League teams and support their community in many other ways. The least we can do is shop locally first during the holiday season. You might be surprised by the great values you will find. When your hard earned dollars are spent locally they circulate again and again through the community through wages, taxes that fund local projects, and purchases made by the store owners and their employees with their profits and wages. When you spend your money in Santa Fe or Albuquerque the buck stops there. Stop your bucks here by doing your Christmas shopping at the great merchants around the Enchanted Circle.
- To make it easier and save you money on those local purchases we are introducing the **KCEC Coop Connections Card**. Local merchants are offering great discounts on everything you need for the holidays and beyond. All you need to do is show your KCEC Coop Connections Card at participating merchants to take advantage of the savings. To get a list of local businesses offering discounts and specials go to www.kitcarson.com and click on KCEC Coop Connection Card under the Quick Links at the top right corner of the home page. If you have a business and want to offer a discount to locals contact Steve Fuhendorf at 575-758-2258 ext. 143 or sfuhendorf@kitcarson.com for more details.

To get a card, stop by the KCEC office on Cruz Alta Road....HAPPY THANKSGIVING!