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The Voice of New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives

Cimarron's Gardens Blooming Again

April 2016

Annual Meeting 2016 Reminder

Sierra Electric's 2016 Annual Meeting is approaching and this year we invite our members to join in the celebration of the cooperative's 75 years of service to Sierra County and areas of Catron, Luna and Socorro Counties. The annual meeting is the opportunity for you, the members, to attend a meeting of your cooperative and be updated on the past year's achievements. While you will be receiving the official notice in the mail, here is a snapshot of the events at the meeting:

75th Annual Meeting of the Members of Sierra Electric Cooperative

When: Monday, April 4, 2016

Where: Truth or Consequences Civic Center
425 W. 4th St.

Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

BBQ meal served by:

Hot Springs High School JROTC & Hot Springs High School National Honor Society

Registration begins: 11:00 a.m.

Meal serving starting: 11:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order: 12:30 p.m.

Spring Landscaping Safety: Call 811 Before You Dig

As the season of spring arrives in Sierra County, the warmer weather beckons us out of doors to push the dirt and sand around and plant trees, flowers and cactus in an effort to bring a fresh look to our homes and businesses. Before getting caught up in Spring Fever landscaping, remember to keep these safety tips in mind:

- If purchasing power tools and equipment at a hardware store, ask the salesperson for the proper operation of the tool and the proper precautions to take when using the tools and equipment. Read the operating manual before using power tools and equipment.
- Keep power tools and equipment in good working condition with regular maintenance.
- Wear protective gear, such as goggles, gloves, fitted clothes and sturdy shoes.
- When working outdoors, stay hydrated by drinking water and stay in the shade as much as possible.
- Do not use electrical equipment near water or in wet areas.
- When using extension cords, make sure they are of the right power and intended for outdoor use.
- Keep chemicals, insecticides and gas stored in a safe area. Follow proper handling precautions when using these products.
- Do not put gas into equipment that is hot.

Two days before digging, call 811 to have utility lines located or visit www.nm811.org for more information. Keep in mind the utilities only check the lines they are responsible for, so if you have installed your own underground lines, such as gas, propane or electric, then you are responsible for knowing their locations in order to dig safely. Remember, damage prevention is a shared responsibility!

April 11, 2016, is National Lineman Appreciation Day

A Tribute to the Lineman

This poem was taken from the January 1948 issue of *The Exciter* (an Arkansas Power and Light publication for their employees).

Up on the storm-swept cross arm,
There the wind blows wild and free,
A cowhide belt and a chip of steel
'Twixt him and eternity.
When the thunder peals o'er the tree tops
And lightning gleams on the hills,
It's then his work is awaiting him
And he gets plenty of thrills.
When folks in houses cringe and shake
Before the storm has passed,
He handles death at his fingertips
To make the hot wires fast.

One slip of the hand and he's gone
To at least long days of pain,
But let him get out and sure as sin
He'll be up on the poles again.
There's times he holds in his very hands
The life of a pal he loves,
And prays that he fails not in his trust
By a flaw in his rubber gloves.
But for all of that he's a common guy,
And very much carefree,
And he'll stick to you through everything
The best pal you ever did see.
So sometimes in a thunder storm,
When everything goes black,
Just think of the poor guy working hard
To get those hot wires back.

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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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