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The Voice of New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives

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RIGGS
TO THE TABLE

November 2016

Free Washington, D.C. Trip for Local Contest Winners

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2017 will be awarded to two young people from our service area if they are selected as winners of an essay contest held by Sierra Electric Cooperative. Sophomore, junior and senior level students ages 16-19 with at least a 3.0 GPA who are children of a Sierra Electric Cooperative member(s) are eligible to apply for the contest. Entrants will be required to complete the application and



answer two cooperative related essay questions on the application. Entrant's responses will be judged on the basis of the students' knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness, and grammar of the essay. The essay contest started October 17, 2016.

The deadline for submitting contest applications and essay responses will be January 18, 2017. Applications and resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available at Hot Springs High School, Manzano Christian School and at the Sierra Electric office

in Elephant Butte.

Don't miss your chance for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! For more information, call 575-744-5231.

Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce stand by heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.

SEC Holiday Office Closings

November 11..... Veterans Day
November 24..... Thanksgiving Day
November 25..... Day after Thanksgiving

We Do a Whole Lot More with a Whole Lot Less!

This cooperative works hard to make sure our rural customers get the service they deserve. Nationally, compared with other electric utilities:

- Co-ops serve an average of 7.4 consumers per mile of line and collect annual revenue of approximately \$15,000 per mile of line.
- Investor-owned utilities average 34 customers per mile of line and collect \$75,500 per mile.
- Publicly owned utilities, or municipalities, average 48 consumers and collect \$113,000 per mile.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 6, 2016

As a reminder for our members taking advantage of our Time-of-Use (TOU) rates, Daylight Savings time will end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. After the change, On-Peak hours will be 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Off-Peak hours will be 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sierra Electric Cooperative wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.



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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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