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"....the great lesson is that the sacred is in the ordinary, that it is to be found in one's daily life, in one's neighbors, friends and family, in one's backyard." - **Abraham Maslow**

"Concern for the Community" is one of the seven principles that guide electric cooperative operations. Sierra Electric strives to support and strengthen our communities through participation and sponsorships. Along with the events pictured below, SEC also sponsors a Coloring Contest for local students, offers college scholarships to high school seniors, and actively participates in the Junior Livestock sale at the Sierra County Fair.



**Sierra Electric Participates in
"LUAU-2015 Elephant Butte Days" Celebration**



2015 GOVERNMENT IN ACTION YOUTH TOUR



The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington D.C. every June since the late 1950's. **Paige Parkes & Felix Apodaca** attended the July Board of Trustees Meeting to thank the Board of Trustees for the wonderful opportunity given to them to represent Sierra Electric at the Government Youth Tour last June. Paige and Felix both expressed that this was a trip of a lifetime, and that

pictures pale in comparison to personally experiencing our government "up close and personal".

Incoming Hot Springs High School senior **Felix Apodaca** was also chosen to represent New Mexico on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association 2014-2016 Youth Leadership Council. Felix received this honor in Washington, D.C. during the 2015 Youth Tour. A total of 29 New Mexico students participated in this year's Youth Tour, and 20 students applied for the Youth Leadership Council.

Winter Shut-Off Protection Notice

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2015. To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465, or the appropriate tribal or pueblo entity for eligibility information for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2015 through March 15, 2016, if you meet the qualifications of LIHEAP and have no past due amounts or you remain current on any settlement or installment agreement for amounts due as of November 15, 2015. Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at (888)427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Nota de La Protección de Desconexión del Invierno

La protección en contra de la suspensión de servicio de invierno inicia el 15 de Noviembre de 2015. Para evitar una posible suspensión de servicio, favor de llamar al Departamento de Servicios Humanos al 800-283-4465 o la entidad de la tribu o pueblo apropiado para recibir información acerca de su elegibilidad dentro del Programa de Asistencia para Energía en Temporada de Invierno para Personas de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP por sus siglas en Inglés). Su servicio no será suspendido del 15 de Noviembre de 2015 al 15 de Marzo de 2016, si llena los requisitos del programa LIHEAP y se encuentra al corriente en sus pagos acordados en un programa de pagos o si no tiene adeudos pendientes al 15 de Noviembre de 2015. Miembros de tribus o pueblos de Nuevo México que necesiten traducción o ayuda con otros asuntos pueden comunicarse con la comisión de la división de relaciones con el consumidor al (888) 427-5772. Ellos contractaran al oficial de la tribu o pueblo apropiado para asistencia.

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