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The Voice of New Mexico's Rural Electric Cooperatives

*The Pretender of
Pecos Pueblo*

November 2017



Attention High School Students

You Could Win an All-Expense-Paid Trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2018, as part of the

YOUTH TOUR 2018

Sierra Electric Cooperative will sponsor two students from the area to attend the Youth Tour in June 2018 as part of an essay contest.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a junior or senior in high school, ages 17-19.
- Have a 3.0 GPA.
- Must be a dependent of a Sierra Electric Cooperative member(s).
- Entrants must complete an application and answer two cooperative essay questions on the application.

Each entry will be judged on the student's knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness, and grammar of the essay.

Applications and resource materials are available at Hot Springs High School, Manzano Christian School and at the Sierra Electric office in Elephant Butte.

Time Frames

- The essay contest begins Wednesday, November 1, 2017.
- Application and written essay deadline is Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

For more information, call 575-744-5231.

Winter Moratorium Reminder

In the September *enchantment*, we published the Winter Moratorium statement. This is a reminder that protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2017.

To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the Human Services Department for eligibility information for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 800-283-4465. Your service will not be discon-

nected from November 15, 2017 through March 15, 2018, if you qualify for LIHEAP and you remain current on any payments you owe under a payment plan, or you have no past due amounts as of November 15, 2017.

For more information, call the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465. Para información en español llame al Departamento de Servicios Humanos, 800-283-4465.



Trim the Turkey and Your Electric Bill Too

The aromas of roasting turkey, pumpkin pie and red chile lingering in your kitchen mean only one thing: the oven is on, the blender is whirring and the dishwasher is working overtime for Thanksgiving preparations. As you trim your turkey why not trim your holiday electric bill too. Here are some energy saving tips:

- No need to preheat the oven. The turkey will cook for hours anyway.
- Do not open the oven door to peek too often because you will lose valuable heat.
- Scoot the turkey over and make room for pies and casseroles so they bake at the same time saving you time and energy.

Don't Shoot at Utility Equipment

Many utilities including electric cooperatives, have a number of outages each year which are caused by people shooting at power equipment like line insulators, utility poles, transmission towers, and transformers. Shooting at power facilities is vandalism—a crime punishable by fines and/or jail sentences.

Shooting at power equipment is also very dangerous. Not only can someone be injured by the gunshot, but the resulting power outages present risks to electric co-op personnel who must repair the damage and to customers who may depend on the power for life support equipment.

Please, don't shoot at the power equipment. It's illegal, it's senseless and it's risky.

- Turn your electric oven and burners off near the end of the cooking process. The residual heat will finish cooking the meal.

On the Calendar

November 5: Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, November 5. Set your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday, November 4.

November 10-11: Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Sierra Electric sends gratitude to all our country's veterans. In observance of Veterans Day, our office is closed Friday, November 10.

November 23-24: Our office is closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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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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