

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Member Newsletter

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75 Years of Providing High Quality, Reliable Electric Service to Members in Sierra County, and areas of Luna, Socorro, and Catron Counties

"It ain't the heat, it's the humility." ~ Yogi Berra

2016 SIERRA ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In May, Sierra Electric awarded fourteen prospective and current college students scholarship awards towards their college expenses this fall. The Sierra Electric Cooperative Education Foundation was formed in 1990 to benefit our community. The Foundation is funded by our Operation Roundup® program, unclaimed patronage capital credits and private donations. The first scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$250 in 1991. Sierra Electric is proud to

announce the 2016 Sierra Electric Education Foundation Scholarship Program recipients are as follows:

\$1,500 Scholarship Award - Felix Tait Apodaca, Dakota Cano-Linson, Jared Garay, Wesley G. Smith, Robert Aragon and Christian Hopkins

\$1,000 Scholarship Award - Michaela Barille-Brooks, Teryn Roberts, Hayley Rose, Daniel Sulzer and David Gurule

Tri-State G & T, Sierra Electric's distributor, also supports our members with a scholarship program and the 2016 recipients of a \$500 Scholarship Award are Miriam Brown and Paige Parkes.

Sierra Electric is also a member of the **Basin Electric Power Cooperative** and they provide a scholarship; the 2016 recipient of a \$1,000 Scholarship Award is Madison Smith.

Sierra Electric Cooperative is proud to be able to help support the higher education goals of their members and members' dependents and wish all of the recipients, graduates and college students the best of luck in their future careers!

For more information on how you can participate in Operation Roundup®, call our office at 575-744-5231.



Manzano Christian School graduate Wesley Smith with Sarah and Lena from Sierra Electric



Hatch Valley graduate Jared Garay



Hot Springs High School graduates with Sarah and Ofelia from Sierra Electric

CUCHILLO SUBSTATION OUTAGE IN MAY

On the evening of Wednesday, May 18, 2016, the members in the Northern and Eastern portions of our service territory (Elephant Butte, Mims, Monticello, Winston, Cuchillo, Engle, Cutter) experienced a 65 minute power outage. This outage was the result of a dove deciding to build its nest among the energized conductors in the Cuchillo Substation located close to the Rodeo Arena. This substation, a delivery point of power from our wholesale power provider Tri-State, did not experience any equipment failure or damage but did require a thorough investigation before the substation—and our members—could have their power restored. While Sierra and Tri-State do our best to “keep the lights on”, sometimes Mother Nature (the weather) or her creatures (birds, squirrels, raccoons, and even snakes), make this job difficult. We hope the outage didn't cause great hardship to anyone, but we did want to communicate the cause of such a large outage.

NEW IT/GIS EMPLOYEE

Sierra Electric would like to announce the addition of a new employee—Juan Loera. Juan has been hired as the IT/GIS Manager for the cooperative. Juan resides in Truth or Consequences with his wife, Laura, and daughter. Juan enjoys watching football in his spare time and is passionate about teaching and helping others.



Juan Loera

We here at Sierra Electric would like to welcome Juan to the team and we look forward to the contributions he will make to help us continue to provide reliable, safe electric service to our members. If you happen to stop in our office, we invite you to meet Juan in person.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE



Walter Armijo

On May 20, 2016, the Board appointed Mr. Walter Armijo to fulfill the District #1 vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Ms. Patty Bason in March.

Mr. Armijo will be officially seated at the June 2016 Board Meeting and will serve out the remaining term of this seat which will expire in April 2017.

SUMMER DESSERT: ICE CREAM TACOS

Serves: 3

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 2 c. chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 3 Small flour tortillas
- 1/4 c. rainbow sprinkles
- vanilla ice cream
- caramel sauce

Directions

1. Make cinnamon sugar: On a small plate, combine sugar and cinnamon and mix until fully combined.
2. Melt chocolate chips over a double boiler until smooth. Set aside.
3. In a small skillet over medium heat, heat butter. Add tortillas and sauté, 1 at a time, until golden and crisp, 2 minutes per side. Dredge both sides of the tortilla in cinnamon sugar.
4. Shape the tortillas: Fold tortillas in half and dip the outer edges in melted chocolate, then dip in sprinkles. Flip over a muffin tin and stand the tortillas upright. Let sit until chocolate is hardened, about 10 minutes.
5. Fill each taco with 3 scoops of vanilla ice cream. Top with caramel sauce. Freeze until hard, at least 30 minutes.



Recipe courtesy of www.delish.com

POLE RESCUE TRAINING

All Sierra Electric employees receive safety training on a regular basis relative to their job assignments. Safety training is very important to Sierra Electric, both for the safety of our employees and our members.

According to the ESFI (Electrical Safety Foundation International), “five occupations in the construction trades - electricians, construction laborers, roofers, painters, and carpenters - experienced more than 32% of all electrical fatalities, electrical power line installers and repairers about 8%, and tree trimmers about 5%”.

In May, the line crew received their annual refresher training on pole top rescues. During the training, the crew received instruction on proper climbing techniques and the proper use of equipment to safely and effectively rescue an injured worker.



SIERRA ELECTRIC OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY JULY 4TH FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
~Thomas Jefferson

TIP OF THE MONTH

Use small electric pans, toaster ovens or convection ovens for small meals rather than your stove or oven. A toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Source: energy.gov

