



Member Newsletter

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“Owned by Those We Serve”

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The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cooperative boardroom.



Oscar Lee Wood, a member of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s board of trustees since 2004, passed away on Tuesday, May 26th. A lifetime resident of New Mexico, Mr. Wood, 90, represented members of the cooperative in District Two, which includes his home in Elephant Butte. He also held the office of Secretary on the board from April 2014 to April 2018.

Mr. Lee Wood will be remembered by the cooperative for his dedication to the members. Staff recalled that Mr. Wood always had a gentle, respectful and humble way of speaking. His

friendly presence will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Online obituary: <https://www.harris-hanlonmortuary.com/obituary/oscar-wood>



I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

- Abraham Lincoln

Our Office is closed Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day

SMART USAGE

Saving money just got easier. Track your usage and take the guesswork out of your bill. Through detailed graphs, you'll be able monitor usage 24/7 and track your consumption, finding ways to reduce and save.



The July Board meeting has been set for July 24th.



June 18, 2020: The Mims fire as seen from Casa Rio Village mobile home park

Sierra Electric line crew assists during fires

Coordination between firefighters and utility workers is very important during fire season. If a power pole is on fire and wires are down, the lines could still be energized, increasing risk for firefighting crews on the ground. Sierra Electric receives notices from fire fighting agencies when wildfires are nearing electrical equipment. Our line crew can de-energize equipment to keep the area safe for firefighters and, if available, switch feeder lines to continue services for connected members.

On June 18th, a few members in Elephant Butte experienced a short power outage when the line crew had to isolate a power line that the Mims fire was burning toward; crews were able to restore power within a short period of time.

As always, our mission is to deliver **safe**, affordable and reliable electricity to our members.



COVID-19

If you are having difficulty paying your bill due to the COVID-19 situation, please contact our office.

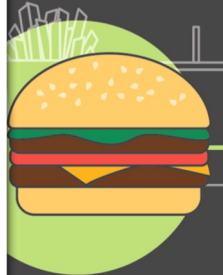
Disconnect suspensions are not bill waivers. We encourage members to pay at least a portion of their past due bill if possible to avoid a large balance due when the disconnect suspension is over.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. Visit www.energystar.gov, then enter "home energy yardstick" in the search box to get started!



THE VALUE OF ELECTRICITY



\$5.30

average cost of a Big Mac® value meal

\$3.87

average daily cost of power



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Sources: Economist.com and EIA, 2018 data.