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## **New 30 MW Solar Array Celebrated**

WFEC and NextEra Energy commission New Mexico's newest solar project

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Farmers' Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, recently added 30 megawatts of solar capacity, bringing its solar resources to 83 MW.

This addition was celebrated with the June 2, 2023, ribbon-cutting ceremony of New Mexico's newest solar energy project—the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center in Roswell, New Mexico. State, county and local community leaders attended. Additionally, executives from NextEra Energy Resources, WFEC and several local member cooperatives—including FEC—attended the event celebrating this common-sense next step that uses alternative energy as part of a more diverse fuel portfolio.

FEC will receive a load-ratio share of energy produced from this solar project. Chaves II, near Roswell, will generate up to 30 MW of renewable solar energy. The solar energy center features more than 86,000 photovoltaic panels that convert the sun's energy into electricity.

A subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources will own and operate the project. Together, with its affiliated entities, NextEra Energy Resources is the world's largest generator of wind and solar-based renewable energy.



From left, New Mexico Rep. Greg Nibert, District 59; Ashley Sgaliardich, senior project manager for NextEra Energy Resources; Donnie Bidegain, president of the WFEC board of trustees and FEC board secretary treasurer; and JD Rulien, director of development for NextEra Energy Resources attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Chaves II Solar.

WFEC will buy the solar energy output from Chaves II through a purchase power agreement signed in October 2021. In addition to the 83 MW of solar, WFEC has 956 MW of wind energy through various other PPAs from 14 wind farm sites across Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We, over the past 20 years, have focused on strengthening advancements towards renewable energy or zero-carbon energy, with development and growth playing essential roles in providing a diversified portfolio," WFEC CEO Gary Roulet says. "The Chaves County Solar II Energy Center will not only provide affordable

energy to our member cooperatives, but it will also help us continue to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions associated with supplying power. It's the type of project where everyone wins."

FEC CEO Antonio Sanchez, in attendance at the ribbon-cutting, says the project is one more renewable source of capacity that WFEC added to their portfolio.

"It is an example of WFEC's commitment to meet FEC's and our sister cooperative members' requirements here in New Mexico regarding the Energy Transition Act," he says.



The enchanted CEO

By Charise Swanson

New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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## Seal in Savings

Energy-efficient doors can save you money

By Miranda Boutelle





ABOVE: Consider a storm door that's easy to switch between glass and screen so you can maximize the benefits. TOP: Replacing or improving your front door can help you save without compromising the aesthetics of your home.

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**Q:** I like the style of my front door, but it is drafty. What's the best way to fix it?

**A:** The front door of your home has a lot of meaning. It sets the stage for the home and is the first impression for your guests. Beyond curb appeal, the front door is a good place to look for energy savings.

Efficient exterior doors seal tightly and don't allow air to pass through. Limiting this airflow can result in lower heating and cooling costs. Throughout the years, the construction of exterior doors has improved to increase efficiency. If your door is older, it likely is not insulated.

Two strategies address an inefficient front door: Buy new or work with what you have.

If you want to replace your front door for aesthetic purposes, make it more functional or improve its efficiency, consider upgrading to an Energy Star-certified model. Energy Star certification ensures the door you buy meets efficiency criteria for your climate. It also means the National Fenestration Rating Council independently tested and verified the door.

Certification requires any windows in the door to be double or triple pane to reduce heat flow, which results in a more efficient home. While windows in doors offer aesthetics, more glass means less efficiency. Energy Star provides different criteria based on the door's amount of glass. The bigger the windows in a door, the lower the efficiency. The most efficient doors have no

glass or windows in them.

U-factor is the primary rating for efficiency on doors and windows. U-factor is the inverse of R-value—the rating used for insulation. Unlike R-value where higher is better, the lower the U-factor, the more efficient the door. Check the U-factor on Energy Star doors at your local hardware store or online to help choose the most efficient door in your preferred style.

Energy Star-certified doors are made of the most efficient materials, such as fiberglass, wood cladding, and steel with polyurethane foam core. They are built to fit snugly into their frames, reducing drafts and airflow.

When it comes to doors, you don't have to sacrifice style for efficiency. Many designs are available to match the architecture, whether your home is historical or modern.

When completely replacing a door and the frame, use expanding foam or caulk to fill the space between the door jamb and structural framing. Energy Star doors have specific installation instructions to ensure the desired efficiency.

If a new door isn't in the budget, less expensive options can still reduce air leakage and improve your home's efficiency.

All of that coming and going throughout the years can wear out weatherstripping. If you can see daylight around the edges of the door or underneath it, it's time to stop those leaks.

Weatherstripping around the door jamb can be adjusted to make a snug seal or replaced if it's too far gone. Apply one continuous strip along each side, and make sure it meets tightly at the corners.

There are many different types of weatherstripping on the market, so shop around for what's right for you. Don't forget the door sweep at the bottom of the door.

Adding a storm door can also help and is less expensive than replacing the door. Most storm doors have options for using a screen or glass. Swapping the screen for the glass insert can help save energy in both the winter and summer if you use air conditioning. Consider a storm door that's easy to switch between glass and screen to maximize the benefits.

Replacing or improving your front door will help you save without compromising the aesthetics of your home.



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## Planets and Supernovas in the Night Sky

fter dominating the western evening skies since almost the beginning of the year, Venus bids us farewell during July. It still sets after the end of dusk at the beginning of the month, it sinks rapidly toward the horizon over the next few weeks, and by month's end disappears into twilight. After passing between Earth and the sun in mid-August, Venus emerges into the morning sky toward the end of that month and subsequently dominates the pre-dawn skies for the rest of this year.

Mars also begins to leave our evening sky this month, although it does so much more gradually—it doesn't disappear into twilight until about the middle of August.

Mercury makes an appearance in our evening sky during the latter part of July, although it remains rather close to the horizon during dusk and won't be easy to see.

Our solar system's two largest worlds are both well placed for viewing this month. Saturn rises during the mid-evening and is high in our southern sky during the hours before dawn, while Jupiter rises around midnight and shines brightly in our eastern sky throughout the morning hours. An intriguing morning-sky

sight takes place Thursday, July 13, when the crescent moon passes close to the Pleiades star cluster in Taurus.

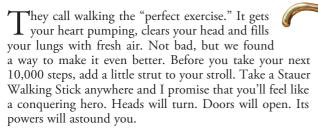
From time to time throughout the universe, a massive star will explode in an event known as a "supernova." For a while may shine as brightly as all the rest of the stars in its galaxy combined. The most recent supernova we've seen in our galaxy occurred more than four centuries ago, but hundreds are seen in other galaxies every year. Most of these are very dim objects, but every so often one will appear that can be seen with backyard telescopes.

Such a supernova recently appeared in a galaxy known as M101, which is located north of the handle of the Big Dipper some 21 million light-years away from us—practically next door, in cosmic terms. A Japanese amateur astronomer, Koichi Itagaki, discovered this supernova on May 19, and in the weeks since then, it has been easily visible in fairly small telescopes. This is, in fact, the brightest supernova that has appeared in our skies in more than a decade. It just so happens that the last bright supernova also appeared in M101.

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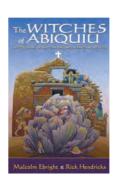
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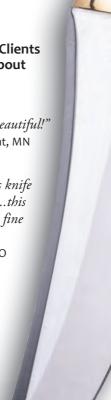


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## Mining The Past

White Oaks Miners' Day celebrates the town's golden past

#### Story by Ariana Kramer

White Oaks has a reputation for being a ghost town. Susan Gerke says she and other White Oaks residents have a common response.

"We are not ghosts," she says. Fewer than 15 people now live in the town's historic corridor, with another few dozen scattered throughout the surrounding area. Located in Lincoln County, the tiny New Mexico township has only one intersection.

However, the town bursts to life when it celebrates its mining history.

White Oaks Miners' Day is Saturday, August 19, and includes a parade, children's events, food and live music.

Though its residents are now few and far between, the township was once one of the largest communities in New Mexico. Originally a hunting ground of the Piros and Apache tribes, the area was called malpais—Spanish for bad country—by members of Don Juan de Onate's expedition when they traveled through in the late 1500s.

Fast forward three hundred years to 1879 and the discovery of gold in the rock outcroppings of what would become known as Baxter Mountain, after miner Charles Baxter. As word spread, a mining camp was developed, and a post office was established. Soon it was a bustling town with dozens of businesses, including four newspapers, two hotels, three churches and plenty of saloons.





For those hoping to spend more time in town, RV parking, a small cabin and space for dry camping are available. Call Karen at the No Scum Allowed Saloon at 575-648-5583 for details. Nearby Carrizozo also offers lodging in one of its three hotels.

White Oaks once was a bustling town after the discovery of gold in the rock outcroppings of Baxter Mountain.

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Eventually, the mountain's ores were depleted. When the railroad bypassed the town, the depopulation of White Oaks became inevitable. By 1910, the town's population had dwindled from around 2,500 to 200.

The yearly White Oaks celebration has a long history and has waxed and waned in cycles. In recent years, a committee was organized to resurrect the event. Susan Gerke, one of the committee members, is president of the House of Memories Echoes and secretary of the White Oaks Historical Association. She enjoys seeing volunteers come together and grow ideas for Miners' Day.

"It's fun," Susan says. "This event brings the community together. People love seeing each other and having fun together. The icing on the cake is seeing the look of enjoyment on the faces of both children and adults as they participate in the day."

The annual White Oaks celebration began in honor of one of its citizens.

David Jackson came to White

Matt Midgett rides a horse in the White Oaks Miners' Day parade. Residents say the parade brings the community together. Oaks in the late 1800s from Texas and became a miner and financial partner in the town's mining operations. His Texas sweetheart joined him in White Oaks, where they married and lived out their lives. Jackson was one of the few African Americans in the town, and he was known for his lively and fascinating stories of the past and for tending to the sick in the community.

"People of that era loved Jackson and his wife so much that on his birthday, they would have Dave Jackson Day," says Karen Haughness, who owns the town's only saloon and serves on the annual celebration committee. "It was those birthday celebrations that initiated the White Oaks community event. Jackson also initiated the first electric co-op in New Mexico in 1912."

This year's White Oaks Miners' Day starts with a parade, stick horse races, children's calf roping contest (with dummy calves) and a high noon gunfight at the No Scum Allowed Saloon. From there, head to the east end of town for the Dutch oven cookoff to grab some tasty grub.

The outhouse race is next, followed by a play at the historic schoolhouse and a horseshoe tournament on the east side of the saloon.

White Oaks historic school-house, built in 1895, hosts the afternoon play. The play introduces the lively characters who made the town of White Oaks—people like Madame Varnish, who ran a gambling joint; Susan McSween Barber, also known as the "Cattle Queen of the West;" and Williams C. McDonald, who was New Mexico's first governor.

Buckboard rides, gold panning and trader's post will be set up throughout the day. A buckboard ride is a rough ride in a horse- or mule-drawn cart, and an outhouse race is just what it sounds like: a structure resembling an outhouse is placed on wheels and raced by a team of two—one person sits on the pot, and the other person pulls the outhouse along.

If you prefer to stay put for the afternoon, sit tight at the No Scum Allowed Saloon to grab a bite to eat after the high noon showdown and enjoy music from New Mexico bands. Aces and Eights will play country and rock 'n' roll music from noon until 4 p.m. At 7 p.m., the popular Graham Brothers Band takes the stage to perform from its repertoire of classic country dance tunes. The concert is on the outdoor patio, perfect for

stargazing after night falls.

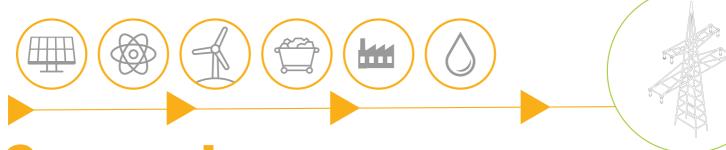
"We don't like artificial lighting out here," Karen says. "You can just reach out and touch the stars. The Milky Way goes right over the dance floor."



The Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center presented a rescued raven at last year's Miners' Day.

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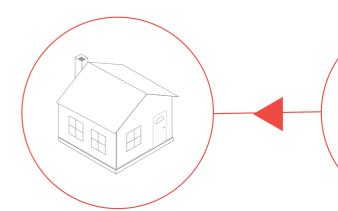
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Farmers' Electric Cooperative Inc.

#### **Notice of Proposed Change In Rates**

Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Farmers" or "Cooperative") will file with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") its Advice Notice No. 55 on August 1, 2023, proposing revised rates for several rate classes identified below. The revised rates will be effective on September 1, 2023. In addition, the Cooperative is filing Fourth Revised Rule No. 13 a revision to its Line Extension Policy, to provide that advance payments made for extensions to subdivision developments shall be refundable based upon 50% of the total revenue collected from meters within the subdivision, less applicable tax adjustment provisions, within a fifteen year period.

The proposed rate revisions are based upon a detailed cost-of-service study conducted by a consultant to the Cooperative and will result in an average rate increase of 4.55%. This is the first proposed rate increase that Farmers' has filed in 8 years. The rate revisions are necessary because the costs of providing electric service to Farmers' members have increased significantly since the last rate revisions in 2015. Because Farmers' is a not-for-profit utility, the proposed rate revisions are designed only to recover the increased operating costs of business since the last rate revisions. The specific rate revisions and affected customer classes are as follows:

1. The proposed rate changes will result in \$2,099,203 in additional revenue to the Cooperative when applied to the annualized Test Year ending December 2022. Changes include an increase in the base Customer Charge, the addition of a new Rate Rider for residential consumers with an EV charger, and two new rate options for the Commercial EV Charger Service and Power Service EV Charger Service. Changes also include combining subclasses in residential service into one class with seasonal tiers.

2. The Customer Classifications Affected and Rate Class Revenue Increase Are:

a) Rate No. 1, Schedule "RS", Residential Service	\$817,219
b) Rate No. 4, Schedule "IS", Irrigation Service	\$603,570
c) Rate No. 5, Schedule "CS", Commercial Service	\$168,679
d) Rate No. 6, Schedule "PS", Power Service	\$273,248
e) Rate No. 7, Schedule "LS", Lighting Service	\$25,399
f) Rate No. 15, Schedule "IPS", Industrial Power Service	\$211,088
g) Rate No. 21, Schedule "C-EVCS", Commercial EV Charger Service	New Rate
h) Rate No. 22, Schedule "PS-EVCS", Power Service EV Charger Service	New Rate

3. The present and proposed rates and number of customers to which these proposed changes apply are as follows:

#### A) Rate No. 1, Residential Service – 9,949 Customers

		Present Rates:			Proposed Rate:				
			Water	Electric	Water Heater	Heat	Water Heater	Increase	
		Residential	Heater	Heat	& Elec. Heat	Pump	& Heat Pump	(Decrease)	Everyone
Customer Charge:		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$7.50	\$27.50
All Customers/Month:									
October - April	First 500 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483		\$0.100475
	Next 500 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.097270	\$0.097270	\$0.092270	\$0.097270	\$0.092270		\$0.099475
	Over 1,000 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.084770	\$0.084770	\$0.084770	\$0.084770		\$0.084795
May - September	First 500 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483		\$0.110475
	Next 500 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.097270	\$0.102483	\$0.097270	\$0.102483	\$0.097270		\$0.109475
	Over 1,000 kWh/Mo.	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483	\$0.102483		\$0.094975

The proposed rate revisions are based upon a detailed cost-of-service study conducted by a consultant to the Cooperative and will involve both increases to the monthly customer charge for residential customers and a decrease in monthly energy charge for these customers. The net result of the proposed revisions is an average rate increase of 6.0%.

#### (a) Residential EV Rate Rider (NEW)

When a customer installs an EV charger under this Rate Schedule the customer shall receive a discount on the first 300 kWh per month either metered or programmed for off-peak:

Proposed Rate:

Energy Charge/kWh/Month

First 300 kWh/Month (\$0.019483)

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B)	Rate No. 4, Irrigation Service – 1,530 customers			
,		Present Rate:	Increase ( <u>Decrease</u> )	Proposed Rate:
	Customer Charge - All Customers/Month	\$20.00	\$7.50	\$27.50
	May-September First Step 110 kWh/HP	\$0.173829	\$0.013551	\$0.187380
	All other kWh October-April All kWh	\$0.065480	\$0.004759	\$0.070239
	October-April All kWh	\$0.085480	\$0.002259	\$0.087739
C)	Rate No. 5, Commercial Service - 1,713 customers			
	Customer Charge - All Customers/Month	\$25.00	\$7.50	\$32.50
	Energy Charge/KWH/Month	\$0.103543	\$0.001462	\$0.105005
D)	Rate No. 6, Power Service - 279 Customers			
	Customer Charge - All Customers/Month	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$45.00
	Demand Charge -	\$9.35/kW	\$0/kW	\$9.35/kW
	Energy Charge - All kWh	\$0.076407	\$0.003079	\$0.079486
E)	Rate No. 7, Lighting Service – 3,482 Customers			
		Present	Increase	Proposed
		Rate:	( <u>Decrease</u> )	Rate:
	Charge/Month:			
	Lamp Size/Type:	<b></b>	<b></b>	40.00
	175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$9.49	\$0.50	\$9.99
	400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$14.89	\$0.79	\$15.68
	100 Watt Sodium	\$9.49	\$0.50	\$ 9.99
	250 Watt Sodium	\$14.89	\$0.79	\$15.68
	400 Watt Metal Halide	\$17.76	\$0.94	\$18.70
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	70 Watt LED	\$14.89	\$0.79	\$15.68
	200 Watt LED	\$17.76	\$0.94	\$18.70
	300 Watt LED	\$25.50	\$1.35	\$26.85
F)	Rate No. 15, Industrial Power Service – 0 Customers			
		Present	Increase	Proposed
		Rate:	(Decrease)	Rate:
	Customer Charge - All Customers/Month	\$5,125.00	\$545.83	\$5,670.83
	Demand Charge -	\$17.21	\$2.04/KW	\$19.25
	Energy Charge - First 400 kWh/kW Demand	\$0.046921	\$0.009993	\$0.056914
	Remaining kWh	\$0.046921	\$0.009993	\$0.056914
G)	Rate No. 17, Industrial Power Service Special Contract – 1 C	<u>ustomer</u>		
		Present	Increase	Proposed
		Rate:	(Decrease)	Rate:
	Customer Charge - All Customers/Month	\$5,125.00	\$545.83	\$5,670.83
	NCP Demand Charge	\$9.86/kW	(\$0.04/kW)	\$9.82/kW
	Energy Charge - All kWh	\$0.00	\$0.002072	\$0.002072

Direct Pass Through of Wholesale Power Costs specific to the Customer, no Retail Rate FPPCA, with wholesale rates subject to change as determined by Wholesale Supplier.

#### H) Rate No. 21, Commercial EV Charger Service (NEW)

Available to commercial electric vehicle charging stations, selling electric vehicle charging service to the general public. To be considered for service under this tariff, only electric vehicle charging can be metered. All remaining services including but not limited to lighting and any buildings, must be separately metered and served under the tariff that would apply to their facilities.

Proposed
Rate:

Customer Charge - All Customers/Month \$15.47

Energy Charge/kWh/Month
On-Peak: June 15 – September 15, \$0.187489

2PM - 6PM (MST)

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Off-Peak: All other times \$0.101470

#### I) Rate No. 22, Power Service EV Charger Service (**NEW**)

Off-Peak: All other times

Available to commercial electric vehicle charging stations requiring 50 kVA or more of transformer capacity, selling electric vehicle charging service to the general public. To be considered for service under this tariff, only electric vehicle charging can be metered. All remaining services, including but not limited to lighting and any buildings, must be separately metered and served under the tariff that would apply to their facilities.

Proposed
Rate:

Customer Charge - All Customers/Month \$15.47

Demand Charge - \$5.46/kW

Energy Charge/kWh/Month

On-Peak: June 15 – September 15, \$0.374231

2PM – 6PM (MST) \$0.374231

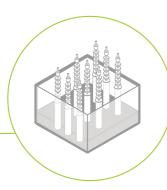
4. The Cooperative intends to file with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission the schedule proposing these rate changes on August 1, 2023.

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- 5. The Cooperative will promptly notify a member of the date on which it actually files a schedule proposing the new rate or rates if a member so requests.
- 6. The proposed rates will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the Commission unless the lesser of one-percent of or twenty-five members of a customer class of the Cooperative shall file a protest with the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after the Cooperative has filed the schedule with the Commission proposing the new rates and the Commission determines that there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates on one or more grounds of protest. IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.
- 7. The procedure for protesting rates is set forth in NMPRC Rule No. 540 (17.9.540 NMAC), a copy of which may be obtained upon request from or inspected at the main office of the Cooperative located in Clovis, New Mexico, or the offices of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Forms for protest are available from either the Cooperative or the Commission and may be obtained by contacting either Farmers', 3701 Thornton St. Clovis, NM 88101, or P.O. Box 550, Clovis, New Mexico 88102, telephone: (575) 762-4466 or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, 142 W Palace Ave # 300 Santa Fe, NM 87501 (telephone: (888) 427-5772 or by accessing the Commission's Rule 540 Electric Coop Protest Form at: https://www.nm-prc.org/rate-increase-protest-forms/.
- 8. The Cooperative member should, before filing a protest, attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting objections to the Cooperative in writing. The Cooperative shall attempt to resolve or otherwise respond to the grievance with the customer within seven (7) days of the presentation of the grievance.
- 9. Any interested person may examine the rate filings, together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed, at any time at the main office of the Cooperative, 3701 Thornton St. Clovis, NM 88101, telephone: (575) 762-4466, on or after the date of filing or at the offices of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, 142 W Palace Ave # 300 Santa Fe, NM 87501(telephone: (888) 427-5772).
- 10. Further information pertaining to this notice or any related matters may be obtained by contacting either Farmers', 3701 Thornton St. Clovis, NM 88101, P.O. Box 550, Clovis, New Mexico 88102, telephone: (575)-762-4466 or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269, or 142 W Palace Ave # 300 Santa Fe, NM 87501(telephone: (888) 427-5772).

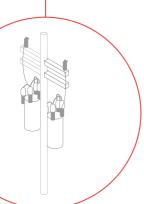
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Easy-to-make Mexican sweet potatoes are a unique way to include a root vegetable that is not often prepared during the summer. Adding to any Fourth of July celebration are Uncle Sam's pancake rollups, most recently taste-tested and approved by New Mexico legislators. Bring a little red, white and blue to any Independence Day observance and be the star of the show. Enjoy summer celebrations and the great Land of Enchantment!



Sue Hutchison was born and raised a block from the freeway in Southern California. She had an early start with industrial, largescale cooking before age 20. She's always been both a beach bum and at home in the kitchen, where she enjoys making new creations.

#### **Bacon-Woven Pork Tenderloin**

2-3 lb. pork tenderloin 1 lb. thinly sliced bacon 6 tablespoons barbecueflavored rub of choice 2 teaspoons pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 F.

Spray a roasting rack with cooking spray. If a rack is not available, spray a foil-lined, rimmed baking pan.

On a clean counter, weave uncooked bacon strips to a size that will cover the tenderloin.

Apply tenderloin rub on each side. Wrap tenderloin diagonally with bacon and place in roasting pan on rack.

Sprinkle the tenderloin with pepper. Roast in the oven approximately 1.5 to 2 hours or until pork measures 150 F when inserting a meat thermometer into the center.

Remove from the oven and cover with foil. Allow tenderloin to rest 10 minutes before serving.

If desired, warm up barbecue sauce to serve with the sliced tenderloin.



#### **Mexican Sweet Potatoes**

- 4 sweet potatoes, washed and diced
- 2 tablespoons cumin
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes, slightly ground
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice (if desired)

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Prepare a rimmed baking sheet with foil and cooking spray. Prepare sweet potatoes and set aside.

In a sealable bag, mix cumin, paprika and red pepper flakes until blended.

In a mixing bowl, coat sweet potatoes with olive oil and sprinkle seasoning mix on potatoes, mixing well to coat.

Spread evenly on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 20 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until potatoes are soft. Serve hot. Drizzle lime juice over the potatoes if desired.



## Uncle Sam's Pancake Rollups

#### **Pancake Batter:**

- 1 stick butter
- 3 cups complete pancake
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 egg
- 2½ cups milk (more or less as needed)

#### Filling:

- 6 tablespoons cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1½ cups powdered sugar (more or less as needed)

- 1 cup whipped topping
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, rinsed and thawed

#### **Topping:**

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon red food coloring
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup fresh raspberries, rinsed
- Whipped topping to dollop

Heat butter in a medium skillet on medium-high heat until bottom and sides are coated. Mix batter ingredients. Add milk as needed to make batter easily pourable. Tip: Try cooking one pancake. If it's not thin enough, add more milk to thin the batter.

Cook 8 thin pancakes the size of the skillet, turning when bubbles appear. Continue to coat skillet with butter between each pancake. Separate pancakes with parchment paper, stack and set aside to cool.

To make the filling, mix cream cheese until creamy. Mix in powdered sugar until well blended and filling is semi-stiff. Stir in whipped topping and blueberries.

For the topping, place powdered sugar in a small bowl, drip in food coloring, and whisk in milk until topping is slightly pourable.

To assemble, spread ¼ filling in the center of each pancake and roll, placing two filled pancakes seam-down on serving plates. Drizzle topping over filled pancakes, add dollop of whipped topping and sprinkle with raspberries. Serve immediately. Makes four servings.





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## Doing More With Less Surprising Facts About Energy Efficiency

#### By Paul Wesslund

We are more energy efficient than you might think. However, we can do even better with a little innovative thinking and by controlling hidden power users.

Electricity impacts our lives nearly every minute of the day, and the electricity industry makes up about 5% of the nation's gross domestic product. It makes sense to use it wisely—whether you are concerned about how it affects the environment or if you want to save money.

Here are a few tips about energy efficiency that can help you make the best use of your electricity:

#### **Proof of Efficiency**

America is getting more efficient. Across industries and fuel sources, the country is getting more out of the power it uses. A little-known way of measuring efficiency is with a statistic called the energy intensity index. The energy intensity index measures roughly what percentage all energy

industries make up of an area's total economic activity.

The EII shows we are getting better at creating more economic activity with less energy—energy intensity is down, and productivity is up.

The numbers show energy intensity is nearly half of what it was 30 years ago because we are making strides in a range of ways-from building codes to light bulbs to motor vehicle mileage.

These improvements are expected to continue. The Department of Energy



projects energy intensity will decline by 30% over the next 30 years.

#### Out With the Old, In With the New

Sometimes, you have to spend money to make money.

An example of spending money to make it is upgrading your thermostat.

"By installing a smart thermostat, which costs \$140 to \$250, you can save 8% to 12% on your heating and cooling annually," says Thomas Elzinga, Energy Services manager at Central Electric Cooperative in Redmond, Oregon.

When it comes to appliances that consume a lot of energy, it can save dollars and make sense.

From dishwashers to computers, energy efficiency is improving every year as technology, federal rules and competition give you a better bang for your buck. In fact, if your refrigerator or dishwasher is more than 10 years old, the money you can save on energy use for a new appliance could pay for itself in just a few years.

The yellow Energy Guide labels found on products at your appliance store will tell you how much you can save before you buy.

Another way to compare the old to the new is to Google "flip your fridge," which will take you to an Energy Star calculator to compare the energy use of your current appliances to what is available in stores.

#### Slaying Vampires

Did you know you could be spending \$100 to \$400 a year on unnecessary energy? This power drain comes with scary names: phantom power or vampire electronics. It's the TV and video games that draw power so they are ready to turn on instantly. It's the computers and phones plugged in even though they are fully charged.

Getting rid of phantom power can be tricky.

You probably do not want to regularly shut off a wireless router or constantly reboot a smart TV. However, you can plug several devices into a power strip and turn it off when you are not using them. Smart power strips are available to do that for you.

When you are shopping for new electronics and appliances, look for the latest Energy Star-rated models that take vampire loads into account. To start exorcising the phantoms, take a notepad through each room of your home to list anything plugged in, so you can figure out which energy users you might be able to control without causing too much inconvenience.

Phantom power costs do add up, but it's also true your home has bigger energy users. If you are concerned about energy costs, you will likely see far greater returns making sure your heating and cooling system is up to date and working efficiently, and your





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#### Reach Out

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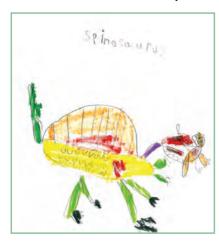
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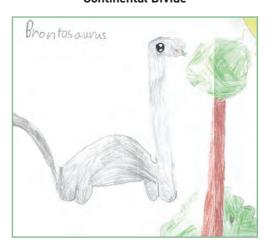
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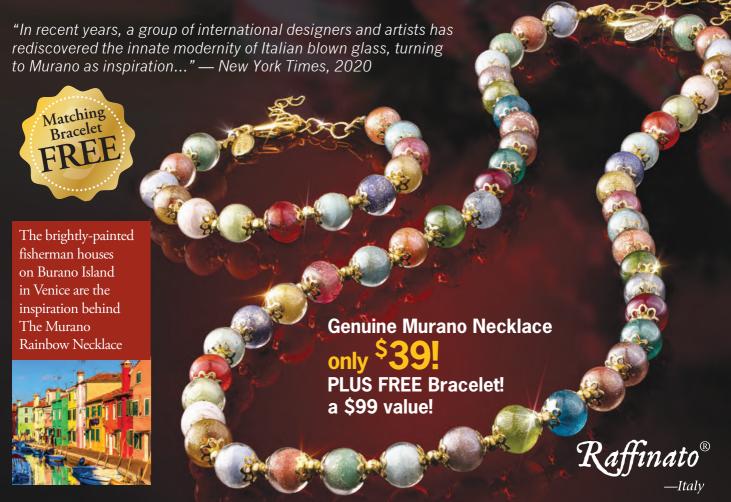


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