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An early fort on the New Mexico frontier

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Manzano—nowadays known for its fishing hole at Manzano Lake—started its history as a fort on the New Mexico frontier two centuries ago. PHOTO COURTESY OF DIXIE BOYLE

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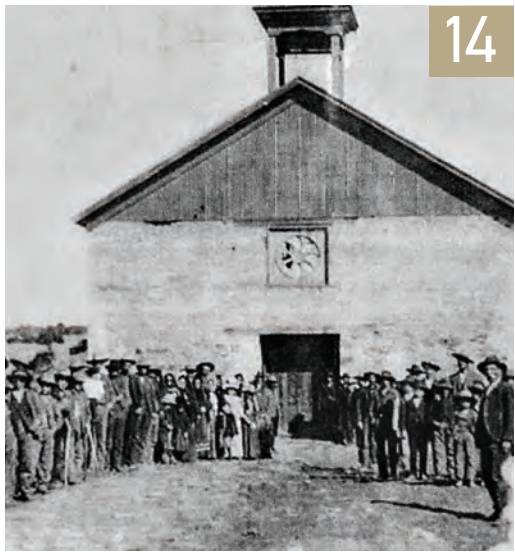
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- **Air dry:** Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.

- **Turn it off:** Use timers and motion detectors to turn off lights. Be sure to unplug TV entertainment systems when traveling (use power surge protection strips for easy on/off switching) and don't leave your computer and monitor on needlessly.

- **Don't get burned with hot water:** Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees and add a water heater blanket. Water heaters are the second highest source of energy consumption in the home.

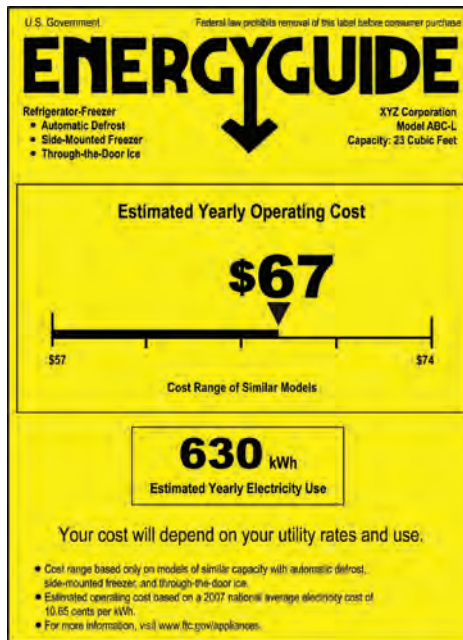
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- **Keep 'em clean:** Check furnace, heat pump and air conditioning filters once a month, and replace them regularly. A dirty air filter can increase your energy costs and over time cause problems with your equipment.

- **Get a checkup:** Have a licensed professional heating and air conditioning technician do a thorough checkup on your heating and air conditioning system at least once a year. These checkups can identify a problem early and save you a lot of heartache and discomfort.

- **Stop the breeze:** Caulk and weatherstrip around drafty doors and windows. Like we've always said: When in doubt, caulk. We suggest using clear silicone caulk.

- **Take a walk:** Circle your home with



an easy-to-use spray foam insulation and look for openings and gaps around pipes, chimneys, lights, windows, basement brick and cement work. Additionally, inside your home you will want to look under kitchen sinks and bathroom sinks to make sure those areas where the pipes enter from the floor or wall are sealed.

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- **Be a star:**

Look for products and appliances that have earned the Energy Star label. They meet strict new energy efficiency criteria that will reduce your utility bills. Energy Star clothes washers, for example, use approximately 40% less water and 25% less electricity for washing than standard models.



Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting

We look forward to seeing you Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Farmers' Electric Cooperative's 85th annual meeting of the members.

This meeting will be at the San Jon High School gym in San Jon, New Mexico. Prizes will be awarded and lunch will be served following the business meeting.

Great music will also be performed by New Mexico's very own Chek Rippee and Allie Brooks.

Because Farmers' Electric is locally owned and operated, your involvement in meetings and elections is crucial.

Mark your calendars today and plan to attend the annual meeting on May 13.



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Roughly **3,300 home fires** originate in extension cords each year, **killing 50 people and injuring 270 more**. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to **protect your home and workplace**.

- DON'T** attempt to **plug extension cords into one another**.
- Make sure extension cords are **properly rated** for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and **meet or exceed the power needs** of the appliance or device being used.
- Do **NOT** overload extension cords.
- Inspect cords for **DAMAGE** before use. Check for **cracked or frayed sockets**, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.
- Do **NOT** run through **walls, doorways, ceilings or floors**. If cord is covered, heat cannot escape, which may result in a **FIRE HAZARD**.
- Buy only cords that have been **approved by an independent testing laboratory**.
- Keep all **outdoor extension cords** clear of snow and standing water.
- A heavy reliance on **extension cords** is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have **additional outlets installed** where you need them.
- Do **NOT** **nail or staple electrical cords** to walls or baseboards.
- NEVER** use **three-prong plugs** with outlets that only have two slots. **Never cut off the ground pin to force a fit**, which could lead to electric shock.
- Do **NOT** substitute **extension cords** for permanent wiring.

DO NOT use an **extension cord or a power strip** with heaters or fans, which could cause cords to **overheat and result in a fire**.

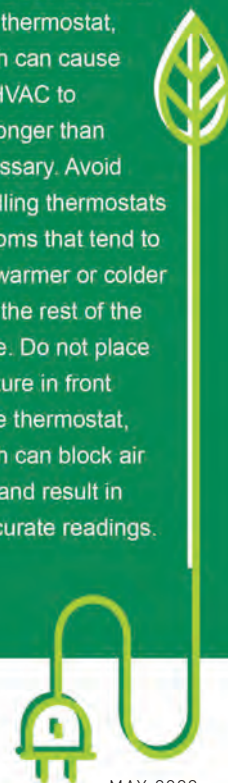
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.



A 2001 aurora was visible from Cloudcroft, New Mexico. PHOTO BY ALAN HALE

A Burst of Solar Energy

All five of our solar system's bright planets are visible in our nighttime skies during May, although not all at the same time, and not all of them for the entire month.

The main attraction is Venus, which has been dominating the evening sky for the past couple of months and will continue to do so for another couple of months. Throughout May it shines brilliantly in the west and sets up to two hours after the end of dusk.

The red planet, Mars, is also visible throughout the evening hours, although it continues to fade as it falls farther and farther behind Earth in their respective orbits around the sun. Saturn, meanwhile, rises during the mid-morning hours and is up in our southeastern sky by the beginning of dawn.

Jupiter, after passing on the far side of the sun from Earth last month, begins emerging into the dawn sky during May. On the morning of Wednesday, May 17, the thin crescent moon is very close to Jupiter, and occults—or passes directly over—the giant planet shortly before sunrise. During the latter days of May, Mercury also makes an appearance in our morning sky, although it remains low in twilight.

The number of sunspots—relatively cool regions of the sun's surface (although still very hot by our standards)—waxes and wanes over an approximate 11-year cycle. We are now approaching another sunspot maximum, which should take place within the next one to two years. During such times, active events such as solar flares and coronal mass ejections—eruptions of electrically charged particles off the sun's surface—are more frequent and stronger than at other times along the cycle.

When these charged particles interact with Earth's atmosphere, they excite the various gases and cause them to shine, in much the same manner as the gases in a neon sign. We call this an aurora. This is what causes the northern lights in the northern hemisphere, with a similar phenomenon occurring in the southern hemisphere.

As the number of sunspots increase the number and strength of aurora displays increase. These generally occur at higher latitudes—like a very strong display that many parts of the northern U.S. and northern Europe witnessed back in mid-March. However, on rare occasions they can be seen from closer to the equator, including from New Mexico. 📍

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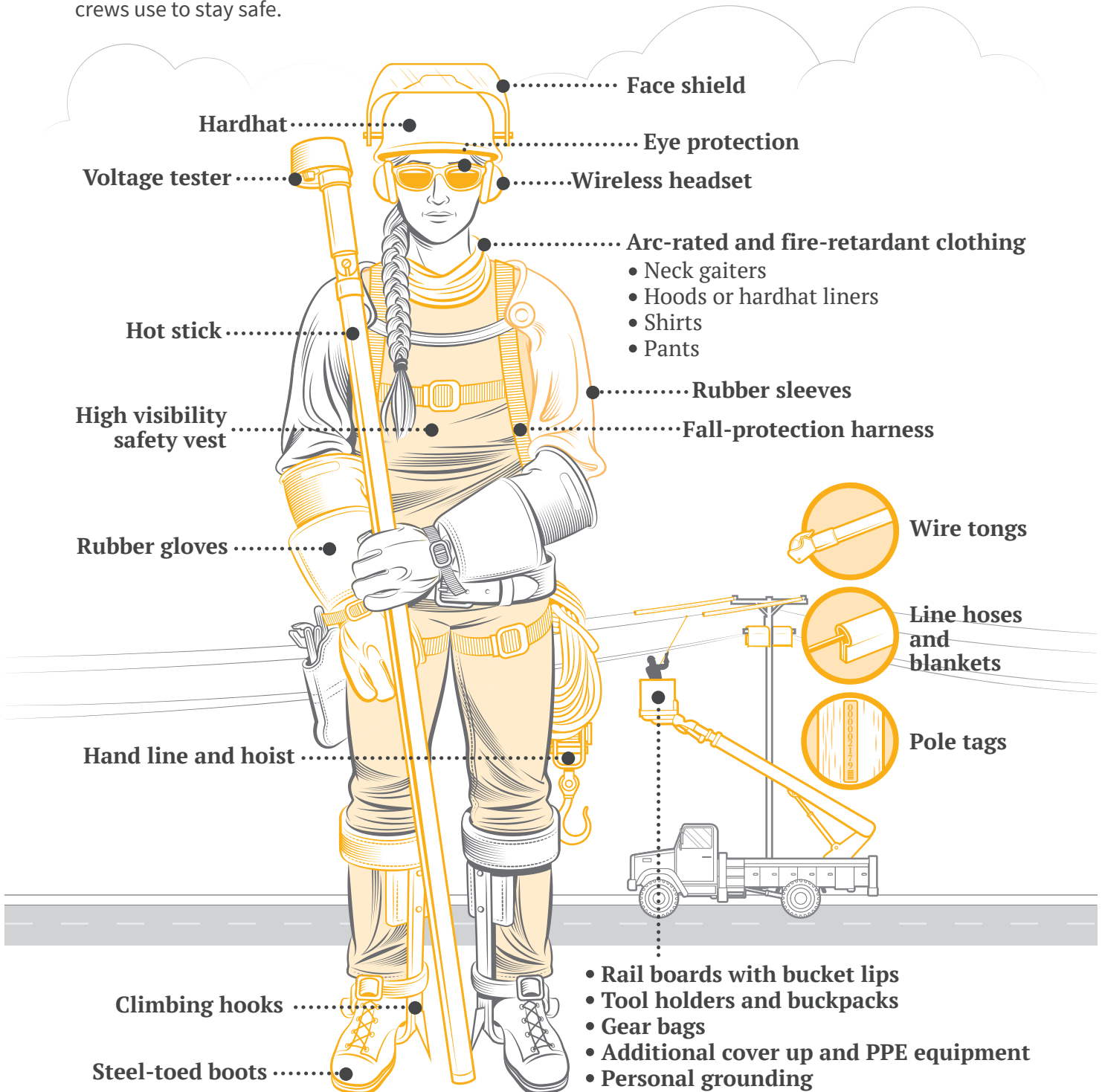
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- Face shield
- Hardhat
- Eye protection
- Voltage tester
- Wireless headset
- Arc-rated and fire-retardant clothing
 - Neck gaiters
 - Hoods or hardhat liners
 - Shirts
 - Pants
- Rubber sleeves
- Hot stick
- Fall-protection harness
- High visibility safety vest
- Rubber gloves
- Wire tongs
- Line hoses and blankets
- Pole tags
- Hand line and hoist
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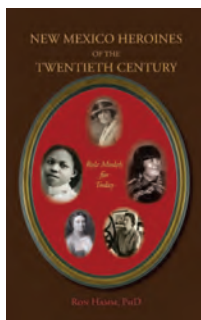
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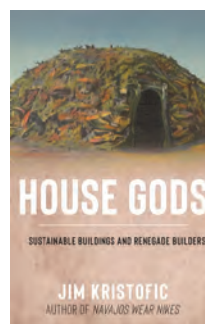


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NMRECA Safety Poster Coloring Contest Winners

To recognize Electrical Safety Month, NMRECA invited youth to color this important safety message. The winners' artwork is shown at right.

The first place winner is 9-year-old Angel Rico, of Columbus Elementary and Columbus Electric Cooperative. Angel won \$250.

"They took advantage of the space given and made it original," said the contest judge.

Second place was awarded to 9-year-old Aubrianna Barnes, Cloudcroft Elementary and Otero County Electric. Aubrianna won \$200.

"The shading is very well done and the falling picture frame is a nice touch," the judge said.

Eight-year-old Emry Montoya, from Cottonwood Valley Charter and Socoro Electric, won third place. Emry won \$150.

"Nice attention to detail around the TV," the judge said. "Also, really like the color and pattern on the floor."

Thanks to all young artists for sharing!

Enchanted Journeys

August 12 and 13

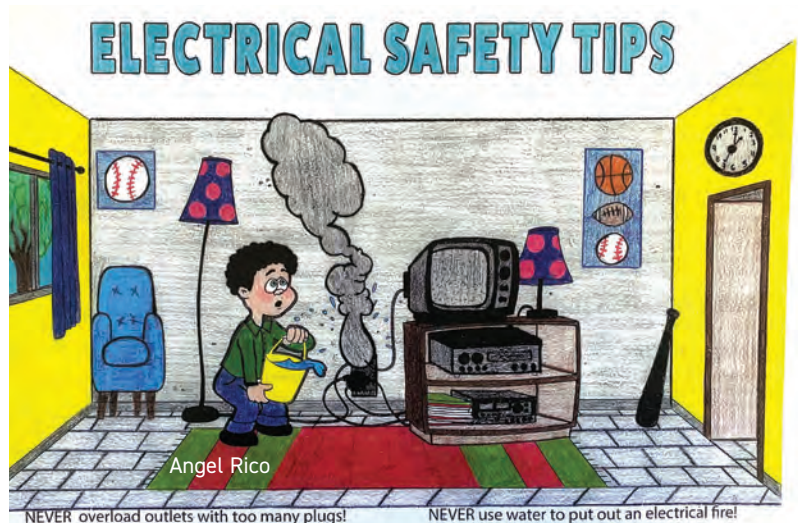
Questa Art Tour

The Questa Art Tour is now in its 8th year, with over 50 artists in their studios in the wild beautiful landscape of northern Taos County.

The event is the weekend of August 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Maps and brochures available at QuestaCreative.org. Free and open to all.

More info at QuestaCreativeCouncil@gmail.com



Knife Versus Snake

Next time something slithers too close, be prepared!

Some years ago, my girlfriend and I visited the Southwest town of Sedona. It's a wonderful place. While jewelry stores, art galleries and upscale boutiques have crept into Sedona's downtown, the air still maintains an electric charge. In one of these Sedona stores I acquired a Bowie knife that soon proved well worth the sticker price.

Disappearing into the stunning red rock formations that Sedona is known for, my girlfriend and I set out to hike Bell Rock, a butte just south of that famous desert town. We couldn't have been happier.

Our happiness didn't last long. Before we knew it, we stumbled upon a rather nasty diamondback rattlesnake. Acting quickly, I pulled my Bowie knife out of its holster and gave Mr. Snake a quick shave. We were lucky. Not only did my skill with a knife ensure our safety, but I had the makings for a new rattlesnake belt.

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Manzano

An early fort on the
New Mexico frontier

By Dixie Boyle

The village of Manzano was one of the first permanent settlements on the east side of the Manzano Mountains and a headquarters for Spanish colonization in the early 1800s. The town—nowadays known for its fishing hole at Manzano Lake—started its history as a fort on the New Mexico frontier and has survived for two centuries.

In the mid-1700s, Spanish colonists

from Tome, Valencia, Casa Colorado and La Joya lived along the Rio Grande River and used the plains east of the Manzano Mountains for grazing their large sheep herds. Sheep ranchers sent herders with their flocks but did not attempt settlement until the 1820s. Permanent settlement did not happen for another 40 years.

Raids by the Apache, Navajo and Comanche tribes made it too dangerous to live on the east side of the Manzanos



unless several families lived together and built a fortified settlement. At the time, it was common for these towns to be surrounded by a rock wall with a torreón—or watch tower—where the settlers could get inside and wait out a siege. The Spanish settlers referred to these walled towns as plazuelas, and stored water, food and ammunition inside the torreón. Livestock could be protected inside the enclosure when an attack was imminent.

Upon their arrival in Manzano, the first settlers built a torreón and grouped their houses close together with portholes for shooting. While additional settlers built homes and planted crops, several lookouts were posted to constantly scan the landscape for any raiders heading their way.

When a raiding party was spotted, the lookout immediately began beating a drum as hard as possible, alerting the entire village to an incoming attack. Another lookout rushed to the church and rang the church bells until everyone was safe inside the torreón.

Other settlements soon began to spread across the isolated landscape: El Chato, Punta de Agua, Gato, La Cienega, Casa Arroyo, Abo and La Salados. These communities also posted lookouts. When the beat of the drum in Manzano was heard, they too rushed to the Manzano



The Catholic church in Manzano was built in 1829. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIXIE BOYLE



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Manzano was known for its dances and music. Fort Manzano in 1909. The Candaleria Store was one of the Manzano businesses that lasted into the 1940s.

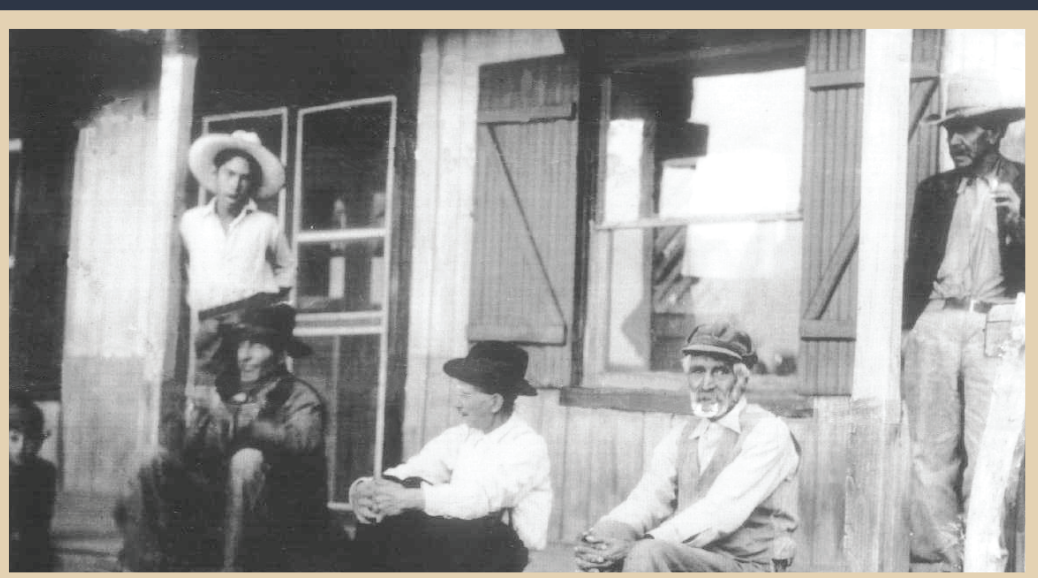
fort. If they could not make it to Manzano, families joined together and prepared for an attack.

A group of settlers built a church and torreón in the ruins at Quarai but were unable to remain there due to the persistent raids. After several attempts, the Sisneros family built a permanent settlement at Abo, but it was not easy to live on New Mexico's frontier during this era.

Throughout the years, the people of Manzano developed a friendship with the Apache. They traveled to the state's eastern plains, where they hunted buffalo together. They accepted many of the customs of the Apache, and because of this association they were able to survive in the unruly country.

Manzano became known throughout the area for its dances. Members of the community built a special platform where musicians could perform. Bands played all kinds of instruments. The most common were the guitar, accordion, drum, saxophone and cornet. Everyone attended the dances, and many brought food or cakes to eat before everyone headed home at sunup.

To publicize an upcoming dance, musicians traveled around the county in the back of a wagon while playing their instruments and singing. Those hearing



the music knew there would be a dance in Manzano that night, and word of mouth took care of the rest. People arrived from all sections of the county and danced all night.

One of the first schools in the state was established in Manzano in 1890. The town boasted one of the state's first newspapers.

By the 1940s, the town's population began to dwindle and only a few businesses survived: the Candaleria General Store, Tabet's Store, a cantina, a small grocery store and the town's old dance hall. The diminishing community continued to sponsor popular dances on Saturday nights for another 30 years.

Manzano has survived into the 21st century as a village of 26 residents. Most

people living in Manzano are descendants of the town's first settlers. The town's location makes it a gateway for those looking for recreational opportunities in the nearby Cibola National Forest.

Manzano Lake is a popular location for those wanting to enjoy a picnic, fishing or both.

The Catholic church, built in 1829, is a vital part of the community. The old cemetery on the edge of town provides an interesting stroll through Manzano's past. *e*

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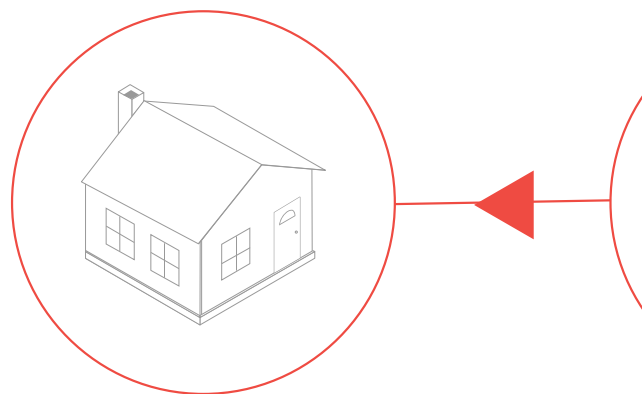
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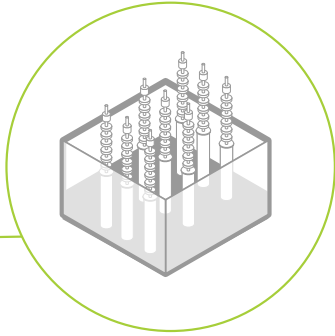
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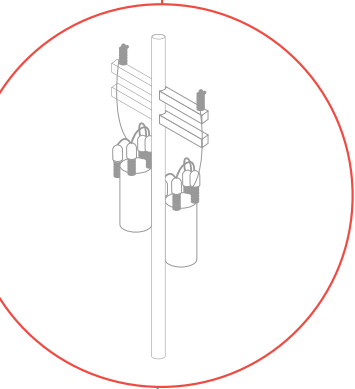
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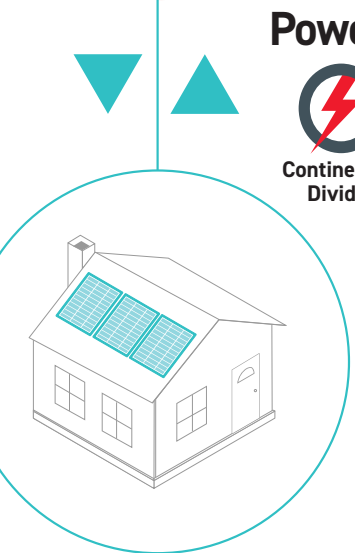
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dish with minimum prep time.

As for the cucumber white wine vinaigrette salad, the only time spent is slicing the vegetables. A few shakes and stirs later, a delicious salad is produced.

Finally, peaches star in spiced peach turnovers with peach glaze. Once again, the preparation of the dish is simple with luscious results.

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

Cucumber White Wine Vinaigrette Salad

2 large English cucumbers, washed and sliced
2 teaspoons dried basil
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved

Dressing
½ cup olive oil
½ cup white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic, finely minced
4 teaspoons sugar
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon salt
Pinch of pepper to garnish

In a mixing bowl, stir together cucumber slices, tomatoes and basil.

In a glass jar with a tightly fitting lid, add all dressing ingredients. Shake until ingredients are well incorporated.

Refrigerate the cucumber salad and dressing until a few minutes prior to serving.

Dress salad, and spoon into a serving dish. Sprinkle with pepper. Serve immediately.



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1 9-to 12-ounce box oven-ready lasagna noodles	24 ounces cottage cheese
1 pound sausage	1 cup finely grated cheddar cheese
1 pound ground beef	1 cup Parmesan cheese
1 onion, diced	1 egg
2 24-ounce cans pasta sauce	2 tablespoons dried oregano
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning mix	½ cup grated mozzarella cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large skillet, combine sausage and ground beef. Add onion. Cook until meat is browned and onion is soft.

Add pasta sauce and Italian seasoning. Warm until sauce is bubbling.

In a large bowl, combine cottage, cheddar and Parmesan cheeses. Add egg and dried oregano, and stir to incorporate.

Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with cooking spray. Make one layer of noodles, spread a third of the cheese mixture and a third of the meat sauce. Repeat this process to create three layers.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. Cover the pan with aluminum foil, and bake for one hour.

Remove from oven, and allow lasagna to sit 10 minutes. Slice and serve warm.



Spiced Peach Turnovers With Peach Glaze

1 can crescent rolls	½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 16-ounce package frozen peaches	½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup sugar	¼ teaspoon ground ginger
	1 cup powdered sugar

In a saucepan, combine peaches, sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon and ginger. Add 1 to 2 tablespoons water. Bring to a low boil. Turn down the heat, and simmer until sauce is thickened and peaches are warmed, approximately 20 minutes. Set aside ¼ cup of the sauce.

While peaches simmer, preheat the oven to 375 F.

Unroll crescent rolls on a lightly floured surface. Separate into eight triangles. Roll each triangle to enlarge, being careful to maintain its triangular shape.

Add two or three cooled peaches in the center of one triangle. Cover with another triangle, and seal edges with fork. Repeat to make four turnovers.

Place turnovers on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper.

Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until turnovers are lightly golden. Remove from oven to cool.

To make the peach glaze, add the ¼ cup of your remaining spiced peach sauce to a small mixing bowl. Whisk in the powdered sugar until the sugar is absorbed and no lumps appear.

Drizzle glaze over each turnover, and garnish with remaining peach slices. Serves 4.





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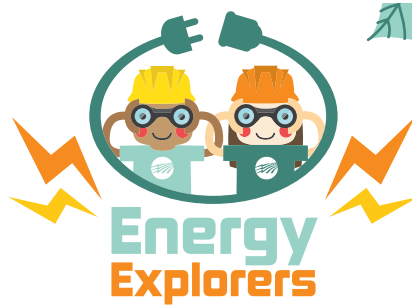
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May is National Electrical Safety Month! Take this quiz to test your safety skills. Check your answers in the key below.

- 1. It's safe to plug in several devices to one electrical outlet as long as you use a power strip.**
A. True B. False
- 2. Smoke alarms should be tested _____ .**
A. Every month B. Every other month C. Every six months
- 3. Extension cords are safe to use year-round if the cord is not frayed or damaged.**
A. True B. False
- 4. When unplugging a device from an electrical outlet, always hold the _____ while unplugging.**
A. Cord B. Plug C. Device
- 5. It's never safe to play near power lines, but it's OK to play near pad-mounted transformers (those big green boxes you see in neighborhoods).**
A. True B. False
- 6. Where is the most dangerous place to use electricity?**
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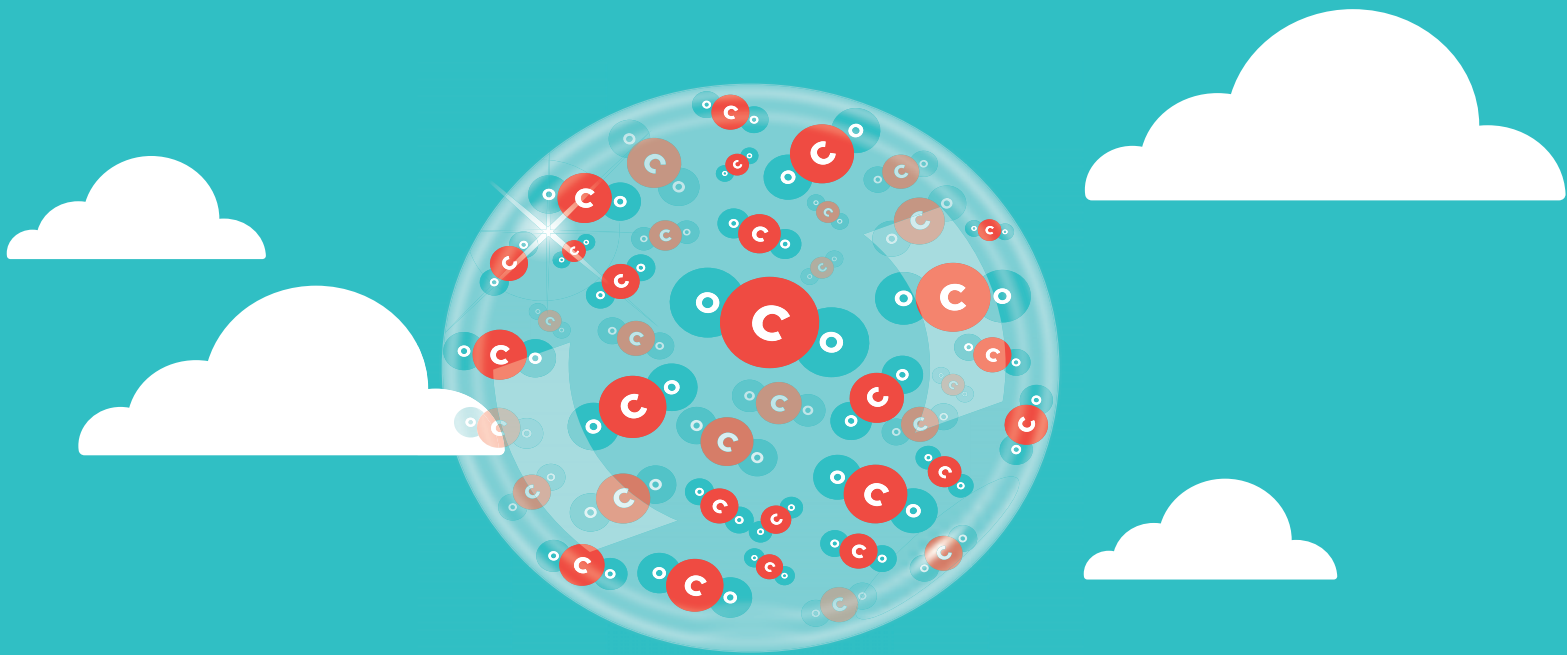
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Capturing Carbon

By Katherine Loving and Paul Wesslund

Providing reliable, affordable electricity is a priority for publicly owned utilities. Co-ops, PUDs and municipals continue to incorporate additional energy generated from renewable sources. Until these technologies fully mature, fossil fuels remain a part of our overall generation mix to ensure power reliability.

As the United States moves forward with carbon reduction goals, utilities are looking for ways to provide clean energy and offset the carbon generated during power production. Capturing carbon emissions—or greenhouse gases—at their source is one of those approaches.

Understanding some of the terminology associated with this complex process can shed light on this unique way of managing greenhouse gases.

You've likely heard the term **net zero**. This means you don't increase the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Essentially, any greenhouse gas you emit is reduced in some other way.

Net zero typically takes the form of a nation or commercial business setting a goal to offset carbon emissions it produces from burning coal, oil or natural gas. Those offsets can be as simple as planting a lot of trees that convert carbon dioxide to oxygen as part of their photosynthesis process. It can be as complex as building high-tech equipment to remove greenhouse gases before they reach the air or even after they are emitted.

Net zero was first widely discussed about 10 years ago as countries met to negotiate the Paris Climate Agreement and determine language to discuss reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Since then, nearly 500 nations, cities and states—and more than 700 companies—have set goals of reaching net zero within the next 30 years.

Another term for net zero is carbon neutral. In 2020, Microsoft Corp. announced a goal of going carbon negative, meaning it would remove more greenhouse gas from the air than it emits.

Carbon capture, utilization and storage is one tool for reaching net zero. In the past, it was simply called "carbon capture," but is now often referred to as CCUS.

CCUS involves a series of steps that removes carbon dioxide from its original source to prevent it from reaching the atmosphere. During the capture step, CO₂ is removed either before or after combustion.

Post-combustion capture is the most common method used at existing power plants. After electricity is generated, the CO₂ is removed from the gas mixture found in a plant's flue.

In precombustion capture, the fuel sources are heated with pure oxygen—or steam and oxygen—to release CO₂.

Once captured, the CO₂ is transported to its next destination. Typically, CO₂ moves as compressed gas in pipelines, but it can also be transported by tanker trucks or ships. Captured CO₂ can be injected into



Basin Electric Cooperative's Dry Fork Station in Wyoming is near a site being developed for a large-scale carbon storage project.

New and Emerging CO₂ Technologies

Despite several hurdles, carbon capture is seen as an important technology in reducing emissions.

In 2015, XPRIZE—a technological development competition—kicked off with an aim to award \$20 million to develop new and emerging technologies that use CO₂. The competition was based on how much CO₂ was converted and the economic feasibility of the project.

The winning project was a carbon-negative concrete created by a team of UCLA researchers called CarbonBuilt.

The research team conducted tests at Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Integrated Test Center in Wyoming to turn flue gases and fly ash into carbon-negative concrete. The process reduces the carbon emissions of concrete production and traps additional carbon long-term within the final product.

geological formations or recycled for other uses.


Research on how to recycle CO₂ is ongoing, but established uses include using the gas in enhanced oil recovery, growing fish food from lab-grown bacteria that feed on CO₂ and creating carbon-negative concrete or other carbon-based materials.

One appeal of carbon capture is the abundance of underground natural storage locations, such as deep aquifers, porous rock and unproductive coal mines. The U.S. Geological Service estimates the United States has the potential to store 3,000 metric gigatons of CO₂, the equivalent of five centuries worth of emissions.

Carbon dioxide removal doesn't center on keeping greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere, but rather taking it out of the air. It's also often referred to as direct air capture. Some businesses are already using CO₂ from direct air capture for things such as fertilizer production.

The federal government made carbon capture a funding priority in 2022. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$927 million for large, commercial-scale pilot projects as well as \$3.5 billion for six demonstration projects at coal and natural gas plants.

The Slowing CO₂ and Lowering Emissions Act was introduced in 2021 and provides funding to overcome expansion barriers. The act aims to reduce costs by financing scaling projects for pipeline infrastructure, creating regional storage infrastructure and providing grants for creating products derived from large-scale capture.

Capturing carbon is an important tool in reducing CO₂ emissions generated from fossil fuel use. As this emerging technology is deployed on a larger scale, the future of carbon capture will continue to be promising. 

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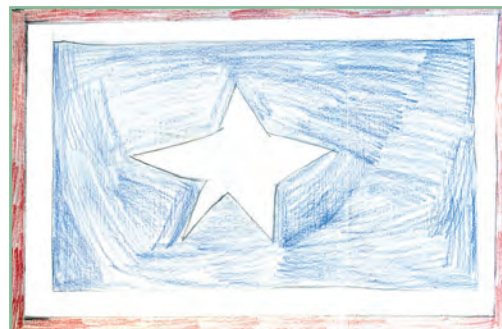
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