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Scholarship Applications Available Now...

Farmers' Electric Cooperative will be awarding scholarships again this year through the Farmers' Electric Education Foundation. Scholarship applications may be obtained from area high school guidance counselors or from cooperative office locations in Clovis, Fort Sumner, or Santa Rosa. Scholarship applications can also be requested by calling the Clovis office at 762-4466 or 1-800-445-8541. All cooperative members and their dependants are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Only the interest earned on donations is used for scholarships, ensuring that the Education Foundation will continue to support higher education for our members for many years to come. Through 2014, the foundation has awarded 987 scholarships totaling \$657,880.00.

Don't Delay! Deadline For Applications Is February 2, 2015!

This year there are two different scholarship forms. Be sure when requesting a form that you specify either the "*Graduating High School Student Application*" or the "*Returning College Student - Non-Traditional Student Application*." Both forms are available from any FEC office or are available to download from the FEC website at www.fecnm.org.



Youth Tour 2015!

In 2015, FEC will again sponsor two area high school Juniors on the Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Please call 1-800-445-8541 for more details on this exciting opportunity!

Melrose Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Dinner

Monday, November 10, 2014
Melrose Senior Citizens' Center

Tickets \$8.50 each

Special Honoree:
Melrose Grain & Elevator

Meal:

Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, and Peach Cobbler

Awards :

- Chamber Workhorse Award
- Chamber Business Award
- Rotary "Citizen of the Year"
- Special Recognitions
- Door Prizes



The Farmers' Electric Education Foundation was established by the members of the cooperative in 1986 and is funded through donated and unclaimed patronage capital refunds and donations by private individuals.

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Learn Your Co-op Structure

October is slated National Co-op Month. For Farmers' Electric, this is a time to celebrate the co-op business model and the hardworking pioneers who made the dream of rural electrification a reality. Since our inception in 1938, Farmers' Electric has evolved to better serve the needs of our members. This month, in honor of Co-op Month, Farmers' Electric presents a brief description of a few of these organizations that exist to empower you and your communities through a partnership in cooperation.

Distribution Co-op:



A distribution co-op (Farmers' Electric) is an electric cooperative that purchases

wholesale power and delivers it to consumer-members who are the owners of the co-op. A distribution co-op is governed by a member-elected board of directors. As a member-owner, you have an invested interest in your co-op's affairs. There are 16 distribution cooperatives in New Mexico.

Generation & Transmission Co-op:



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Or, a G&T, as it is commonly known, is a power-supply cooperative owned by a group of distribution cooperatives (Western Farmers G&T). G&Ts, generate power or purchase it from other power suppliers. Western Farmers is our G&T and is located in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Western Farmers is owned and governed by 22 member co-ops in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association:



NRECA
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This is a national service organization based in Arlington, Virginia, was created to represent 900-plus consumer owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives and G&T Cooperatives all across the United States. To learn more, visit www.nreca.coop

Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperatives:



Touchstone Energy®

A national brand for the nation's electric cooperatives launched in April 1998. Each electric cooperative is autonomous, meaning they are governed by their member-elected board of directors – but in the 1990s co-ops nationwide felt the need to be unified under one name that represents their values. Today, nearly 800 co-ops are under the Touchstone Energy umbrella. To learn more, visit www.touchstoneenergy.com

New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association:



Also known as "Statewide" it was organized in 1944 and headquartered in Santa Fe, NMRECA represents the interest of the state's electric cooperatives and their members through legislative and regulatory representation, and public affairs. NMRECA provides specialized training for the board of directors, managers and employees of its member electric cooperatives. To learn more, visit www.nmelectric.coop

enchantment magazine:



A monthly publication, published by NMRECA and distributed to co-op members. *enchantment* is dedicated to serving rural New Mexicans by supplying information about local co-ops, safe, reliable, and affordable electricity, as well as New Mexico's rural lifestyle. To learn more, visit www.enchantment.coop

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PURE ENERGY

Register Now for the 2014 Pure Energy Expo

Registration is now open for the 2014 Pure Energy Expo, which will be held over two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11-12, in Tuumcari, New Mexico.

The Pure Energy Expo is hosted by the Coalition of Renewable Energy Landowners Association (CRELA), the Tuumcari/Ouay County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Tuumcari Economic Development Corporation, Main Street of Tuumcari, and the Quay County Extension Office. It is held in conjunction with CRELA's sixth annual meeting the morning of November 11. The event will be held at the Tuumcari Convention Center, 1500 W. Route 66, Tuumcari, New Mexico.

The Pure Energy Expo is a New Mexico energy conference and trade show focused on presenting this part of the country with resources and information about renewable energy.

For additional information dial 1-575-461-1694

Don't Get Scammed

If an employee from Farmers' Electric Cooperative calls you on the phone, he or she will never ask you for passwords, user names, or Social Security numbers. So, if someone calls and claims to work for Farmers' Electric and asks you for this information, you'll have a pretty good idea that the person is a fraud. These scammers are trying to get your bank account and credit card numbers so they can rob you. Sometimes, they say they're from the "electric authority" or from an electric company in the city that doesn't even have customers near here.



If you suspect a caller is pretending to be an Farmers' Electric employee in an effort to defraud or scam you, hang up. Then call Farmers' Electric at 1-800-445-8541 and report what happened.

Make Fright Night a Delight

Halloween is one of the happiest holidays for kids and their parents. Don't let it turn into a frightening experience because of outdoor safety hazards at your home.

Welcome trick-or-treaters to your door by making your yard and porch safe to visit. Here's how:

Keep it clean. Clutter can cause trouble when children are traipsing through your yard. Pick up racks, power tools, tree branches, and anything else that could either trip or tempt young visitors.

Keep the lights on. Light a walking path to your front door. That will both direct the trick-or-treaters to the single spot at your house where you'd like them to be, and offer them a safe way to get there. Before October 31, replace all burned-out outdoor lights, and consider adding some more.

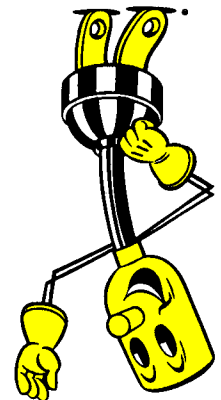
Keep your message clear. The best way to

tell trick-or-treaters that you've run out of candy is to turn off all outdoor lights and most of the indoor ones. A dark house signals a parent to take the party elsewhere.

Keep it simple. Homeowners decorate nearly as much for Halloween as they do for Christmas. If your display includes outdoor lights, choose products rated for safety by Underwriters Laboratories. If you don't see a UL mark on the box that the lights come in, don't buy them. Every year before handing your outdoor decorations, check them all for defects and damage, which can cause a fire. And remember to turn off all lighted decorations when you are not at home.



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