

# A Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperative K

### Giving Back to Our Community

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Concern for community is one of the core principles that sets cooperatives apart from other types of utilities and businesses. We've always taken this mission and responsibility to heart. It's who we are as a co-op.

Like so many of you, we've risen to meet new challenges and strengthen the safety net for our community, particularly for those who are most vulnerable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've made numerous adjustments to programs and operations to maintain business continuity while staying focused on the bigger mission of helping our consumer-members.

Now, with the holidays fast approaching, these recent events give us cause to pause and think about the role we play in our community. While our purpose is to provide safe and reliable electricity, we have a greater mission to be a catalyst for good.

You'll also see our employees serving on local boards, coaching youth sports, and volunteering at charitable events. Because when you work at a co-op, you understand how important a strong community is. After all, without you, the co-op wouldn't exist.

We know that our core job is to keep the lights on; but our passion is our community. Because we live and work here too, and we want to make it a better place for all.

Concern for community is the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on *your* electric co-op to care about you.

#### CNMEC Line Foreman, Craig Sizemore Receives the Long Rope Safety Attitude Award



The Long Rope Safety Attitude Program was implemented and sponsored by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC), following a program on safety attitudes that was developed by Larry Baker, loss control specialist of OAEC. In 2007 The New Mexico Rural Electric Self-Insurers Fund and OAEC elected to co-sponsor the awards. Since then, it has become a cooperative effort by both organizations.

The Long Rope Safety Award is dedicated to all linemen in New Mexico that have been killed or injured on the job.

The objective of the award is to give recognition to one employee at each co-op that excels in safety and "walks the walk".





## COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

From our table to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Mail Delays Affect CNMEC Members

Covid-19 has affected many things, including the mail. Add to that, the holiday season and the increased volume of mail going out, CNMEC members have experienced delays in receiving electric bills and payments are not being received on time. We recommend taking these delays into consideration when mailing payments or other important information.

Other payment options include online payments through our SmartHub link on our website at <u>www.cnmec.org</u> or by credit card using our automated phone system at 1-844-262-2432.



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip areas that typically need sealing. Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings.

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