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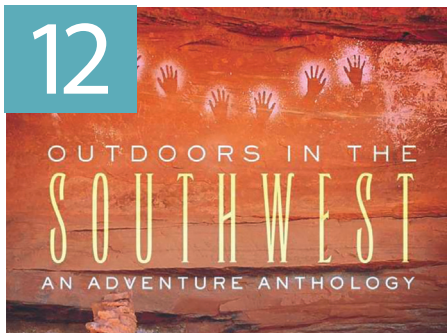
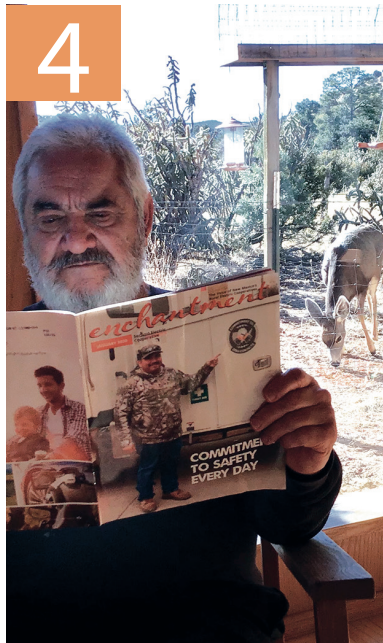
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A sign amid Old West storefronts along Burro Avenue in Cloudcroft. Photo by Stacey Lane.

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The World of Electricity Generation is Changing

It is an exciting time to be a co-op member. The world of electric generation is changing faster than we could have imagined. A few years ago, we envisioned a renewable energy target of 10 percent by 2020. Here we are in 2020, and we have blown through that target thanks to the diligent efforts of our two wholesale suppliers of Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State). Let us recap where we have been and where we are going in renewable energy production.

Over time, WFEC has contracted for 616 Mega Watts (MW) of wind generation in Oklahoma and 93 MW of wind generation in New Mexico. In addition, 30 MW of solar projects are operating today in New Mexico, and 50 MW of solar projects are operating in Oklahoma. WFEC also has long-term hydro-electric contracts for over 270 MW of generation. Overall, these projects generate enough energy to provide one-third of all the energy WFEC Members utilize today.

With the same goal of lowering the carbon footprint and increasing renewable energy whenever it lowers member costs, WFEC has under development and construction solar projects in New Mexico that will add an additional 230 MW of solar generation and projects in Oklahoma that

will add 250 MW of wind, 250 MW of solar, and 200 MW of battery projects. When these projects are commercial, before the end of 2022, well over 50% of the power WFEC members in Oklahoma and New Mexico use will be provided by renewable energy.

Finally, during the past 10 years, WFEC wholesale power costs have continued flat, slightly above five cents per kWh delivered to distribution substation voltage, while WFEC member carbon emissions have dropped substantially. While WFEC has come a long way in a short time, WFEC and its members will continue to push towards higher and higher renewable targets.

New Mexico's other wholesale supplier, Tri-State, announced its Responsible Energy Plan actions to advance cooperative clean energy. It will increase renewables to 50% of the energy consumed by members by 2024, adding 1,000 MW of renewables from eight new solar and wind projects.


In the most transformative change in its 67-year history, Tri-State recently announced plans that dramatically and rapidly advance the wholesale power supply cooperative's clean energy portfolio and programs to serve its member electric cooperatives and public power districts.

Tri-State will provide excellent

options for cooperatives seeking a clean, flexible, and competitively priced power supply while still receiving the benefits of being a part of a financially strong, not-for-profit, full-service cooperative. Tri-State will add six new renewable energy projects in Colorado and New Mexico, which along with two projects previously announced and yet to be constructed, will result in more than 1,000 MW of additional emissions-free renewable resources to Tri-State's power supply portfolio by 2024.

For the first time, four solar projects will be located on the west side of Tri-State's system, including near Escalante Station, west of Grants, New Mexico. The solar project is on land near Escalante Station, which will close by the end of 2020.

The construction and operation of these projects will result in hundreds of temporary construction jobs and contribute to permanent jobs and tax base within Tri-State members' service territories. "By 2024, 50% of the energy consumed within our cooperative family will be renewable," says Duane Highley, Tri-State CEO.

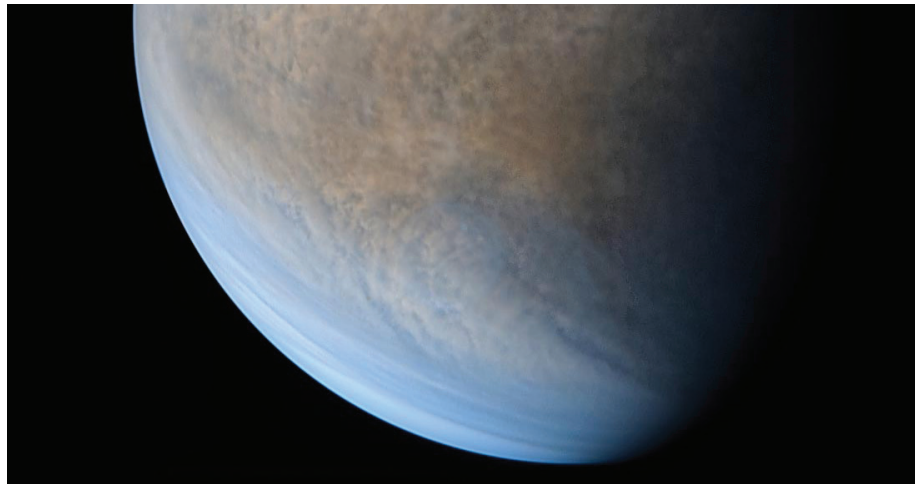
So, stay tuned. Our world of electricity production is changing. And we are adding these resources on a least cost basis. Because at the end of the day, our focus is on reliability and affordability to you—the member. 

Planet Shows for the Month of November

Both the evening skies and the morning skies of November have bright planet shows for us.

The outer planet duo of Jupiter and Saturn is fairly high up in the southwestern sky when darkness falls and set two to three hours after the end of dusk; the two worlds are gradually drawing closer together in our sky and will have a very close conjunction with each other late next month. Mars, meanwhile, is high overhead during the mid-evening hours and sets a couple of hours before the beginning of dawn; it is not quite as bright as it was when it was close to Earth last month, but is still a very prominent object with a distinct reddish hue.

The brilliant planet Venus continues to dominate the morning sky as it has for the past few months, and even though it is gradually sinking lower in the eastern sky, it still rises well before the beginning of dawn. Closer to the horizon, Mercury is also visible in the dawn sky for most of November, although it is at its highest early in the month. Venus has been in the news lately, as a team of astronomers has announced their apparent detection of the gas phosphine in Venus' atmosphere in data taken with radio telescopes here on Earth. Although there are non-biological sources of phosphine, it is most commonly associated with various anaerobic types of bacteria. (While the surface conditions on Venus are extremely

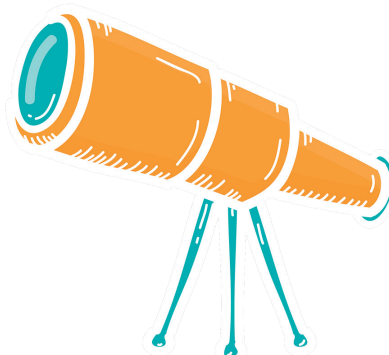


A composite of ultraviolet images of Venus and its clouds taken by the Japanese Akatsuki spacecraft currently in orbit around the planet. Photo courtesy of JAXA/ISAS/DARTS/Damia Bouic.

harsh for “life as we know it,” the conditions are much more benign in the atmosphere, although the clouds that cause Venus to shine so brilliantly are made up of droplets of sulfuric acid rather than water as in Earth’s clouds.) Much work remains to be done to confirm the presence of phosphine in Venus’ atmosphere and to determine its origin.

On Monday morning, November 30, the full moon will pass through the southern portion of the Earth’s outer shadow, or “penumbra.” While the moon does not quite reach the darker, inner part of Earth’s shadow, or “umbra,” and thus this isn’t a partial eclipse, it does go far enough in so that, around the time of mid-eclipse at 2:43 a.m. MST, the northern part of the moon will appear distinctly gray and hazy. This is, admittedly,

not a spectacular event, but the next time that the moon enters Earth’s shadow, on May 26, 2021, will be much more dramatic, as it will undergo a brief total eclipse that will take place during dawn, as seen from New Mexico. 📺



Working Together to Help Columbus Students Access Internet

By Amanda Adame

As online education becomes the new normal, many low-income families are struggling to find resources to allow their children to fully participate in classes. Nearly one-quarter of New Mexico's students lack equipment and internet access at home.

As part of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship COVID-19 Funding and Support program in collaboration with New Mexico State University's computer science department, a one-year, \$50,000 grant will provide both access to computers and online access to students in Columbus, New Mexico.

"Less than half of our homes have internet access, primarily because it's unaffordable for our lower-income citizens," says Maria Constantine, the director of the Columbus Village Library. "This puts families at a disadvantage for educational and employment opportunities. This program will help level the playing field for kids and families to access the resources they need to improve their lives."

With the grant funding, in collaboration with Constantine at the Columbus Village Library, 30 laptop computers will be purchased to loan out to students through a check out process along with Wi-Fi range extenders outside of the library, which allow students to access the internet from the parking lot.

"During our initial process, we learned that at least 50 people were accessing the internet from their vehicles," says Adan Delval, director of the Verizon Innovation Learning Program. "During this pandemic, we need to make sure more kids have access to technology. We don't want student's education to be hindered because they don't have access to technology. We want them to continue receiving a high-quality education."

In 2017, the computer science department received a two-year grant to implement the Verizon Innovative Learning Program through the Verizon Foundation. The department then hosted a camp for 100 diverse middle school students to connect with technology.

"As a result of receiving the Verizon grant, we began collaborating with the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship, which oversees this grant," Delval



From l to r: Maria Constantine, director, and Maggie Calderon, youth librarian, of the Columbus Village Library. Courtesy photo.)

says. "Earlier this summer we were informed by NACCE and the Verizon Foundation about the opportunity for a new, one-time \$50,000 grant to aid our community with COVID-19 relief efforts," says Delval. "We were provided with plenty of opportunities to explore how we wanted to serve our communities."

Delval considered the needs in his hometown of Columbus, a New Mexico village of less than 1,500 people. "I wish opportunities like these were provided to me when I was younger. I had a passion for computers, but opportunities like these were not available. Securing the funding for this project felt great as I feel it can provide students in Columbus with unique opportunities that will expose them to career fields they have probably never considered."

Additionally, through the grant, parents will be provided with many other opportunities, including: access to workshops on computer literacy skills, including how to Microsoft Word and Excel to build resumes and maintain a budget and the chance to receive a \$25 gift cards to purchase groceries. Students can join "TechXploration," an online camp to expose them to computer science, coding and technology. "We hope in a few years they decide to come to NMSU to pursue a degree in computing fields" says Delval.

Three NMSU students will work with Delval to develop the curriculum for the workshops and set up the necessary technology in Columbus. "In providing students with this access, we hope to also educate and expose these students to the field of computer science," he says. "We hope that through fun and engaging activities, we spark an interest in computing fields where they could potentially earn higher salaries. The demand for employees in computing fields is greater than the number of students graduating." 📧

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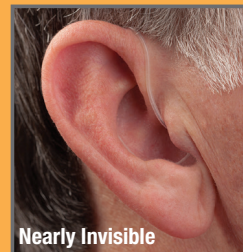
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How to Breathe Easy About Your Home's Air Quality

The average home loses about half its air volume every hour, so it can be sealed considerably (often at a low cost) and still have more than enough healthy air.

Pollutants are the main cause of poor indoor air quality, and the most dangerous pollutant is carbon monoxide (CO). It can come from furnaces, water heaters, or stoves that burn natural gas, propane, or wood. The problem usually occurs in devices that are old, in need of repair or installed or operated in a manner that prevents clear, unobstructed supply and exhaust of combustion air.

Excessive moisture in the air can also be considered an indoor pollutant because mold and dust mites thrive when relative humidity is above 60%. One sign your home is sealed too tight is window condensation, which can happen if moist air doesn't exit the home at an adequate rate.

Pollutants can cause physical reactions such as coughing or sneezing, but carbon monoxide causes more severe reactions, such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, shortness of breath, confusion, blurred vision, or loss of consciousness.

So, what can you do to ensure healthy indoor air as you increase your home's energy efficiency? The first strategy, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is to eliminate or reduce the source of pollution. And the first pollutant to eliminate is carbon monoxide. If you have a combustion furnace, it should be inspected and serviced regularly by a professional. If you have any combustion appliances, it is critical that



An HVAC professional can inspect and test a furnace to make sure it is operating safely and efficiently. Photo Credit: NAVFAC Hawaii HVAC Specialists.

CO detectors are installed and replaced every five to seven years.

If you live in an area with radon, which you can determine by checking out EPA's radon map, keep it out of your home because it is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon tests are not expensive, and your local health authorities can provide more information. If radon levels are too high, you'll need to hire a professional to install a system that will divert radon gas to the outside of your home.

Here are a few additional pollutant reduction measures to consider:

- **Never smoke tobacco inside.**
- **Run the exhaust fans in bathrooms and your kitchen after use.**
- **Store toxic cleaning and painting products outside.**
- **Never idle a vehicle, even for a minute, in an attached garage.**

The second strategy is ventilation. Your home probably has more than enough natural ventilation from outside air leaking into the home. If you

suspect this isn't adequate, the best way to know for sure is to hire an energy auditor to do a blower door test.

Many experts recommend sealing the home as tight as possible and using mechanical ventilation to ensure a consistent and adequate supply of outside air. The most energy-efficient ventilation system is a heat recovery ventilator (HRV), which pulls in fresh air from outside and captures the heat from indoor air before it is exhausted to the outside.

The third and final strategy is to clean the air. The easiest step is to simply change your furnace filter at least once every three months and keep your furnace supply and return air registers free of obstructions. If any rooms do not have an air return, keep the doors open. There are several home air cleaning systems available—some are effective, and some are not.

The EPA offers a handy online guide: <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/air-cleaners-and-air-filters-home> 

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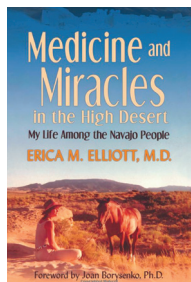


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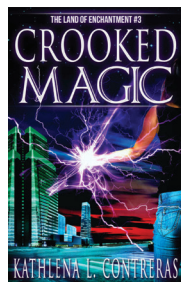
Medicine and Miracles

This is a deeply personal story told by an adventurous woman who grew up in a number of

countries, knows several languages, and once led an all women's expedition to the top of Denali (Mt. McKinley). She takes a job teaching fourth-grade students at the Chinle Boarding School on the Navajo Reservation near Cuba, New Mexico. Stymied by the silence of children who barely speak English, she plunges in and learns one of the most difficult languages in the world. She returns years later to serve as a medical doctor. On her first night as the only medical doctor in the ER, she tries to revive the medicine man who was run over by a truck. This series of stories includes being sniffed by a mountain lion, praying at a peyote ceremony, and herding sheep at Red Rock. Joyous, terrifying, and rock-bottom honest. You won't be able to put it down. Five gleaming stars!

By Erica M. Elliott, M.D.

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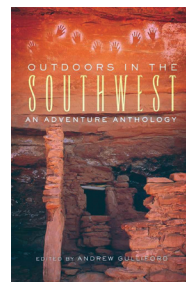
Crooked Magic

This prolific novelist casts hypnotic spells over her eager readers in a series of lively sci-fi novels about magic. Contreras

also writes under the pen name K. Lynn Bay. What does a wizard do for a living when she's not practicing spells? In *Crooked Magic*, Amethyst Ray is a glass artist whose great grandmother was a curandera, a healer. Amethyst can peer through a window of time across centuries where warlocks and sorcerers play with human destiny. She rarely uses her magic, and only for good. But when New Mexico politicians and developers change the survey stakes on a piece of land so the sacred petroglyphs seem to be outside the proposed platt, Amethyst uses a magic spell to protect the ancient stones. Which awakens her enemies. Corporate entities hire a headhunter, Ragman, to hunt her down. She and her familiar, Talys, confront a wizard she has tangled with before in a previous novel. A fun read with many unexpected twists.

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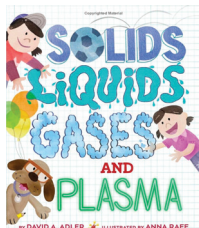
Outdoors in the Southwest

This anthology of true adventures in the Southwest includes hands-on stories from avid

rock climbers, a section on running western rivers, the pleasures and dangers of hiking solo, and stories from top writers: Barbara Kingsolver, Edward Abbey, and Terry Tempest Williams. Seeing wild animals in nature reminds us we are "a part of the community of life—a web of biotic relationships that depend on sun, food, water, shelter and sleep," Gulliford writes. The book spans geological history in which humans have embedded their handprints and artifacts. Gulliford advocates wilderness tithing and the urgency of preserving healthy ecosystems in the Southwestern wilderness. "Whether these adventurers are stuck in a rock chimney, buried in an avalanche, or stumbling around in drunken sunset bliss, they are aware and articulate. Five stars!"

By Andrew Gulliford

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Solids, Liquids, Gases and Plasma

Most of us learned in school there were three states of

matter: solid, liquid, and gas. But now scientists have discovered a fourth state of matter called plasma. Plasma is a gas with an electrical charge, such as

a neon light. This delightfully illustrated children's book begins with the building blocks of matter: molecules and atoms. Raff illustrates how water changes from solid to liquid to gas. Adler explains how various elements melt at different temperatures. Gold melts at 1,950 degrees Fahrenheit and changes to vapor at nearly 5,400 degrees Fahrenheit. Adler explains air

density with simple experiments that children can do such as weighing a deflated balloon on a postal scale, then blowing it up and weighing it again. "Most stars, including the sun, are great masses of plasma," Adler says. He has written more than 200 children's books. Well done!

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High Hopes: Gratitude and Adventures that Feed the Soul

By Stacey Lane and C. Scott Palmer

Overlooking the White Sands National Park, in the heart of the Sacramento Mountains, a small village gives rise to inspiration this holiday season. This high-country adventure playground in southeastern New Mexico was founded as a logging town in the late 1890's by the developers of the El Paso and Northeastern Railroad. The steam engines chugging into the hills deposited passengers at a newly erected hotel named The Lodge. Although the train stopped running in 1938, the mountain air and incredible views from what was nicknamed "The City in the Clouds" are still intact, drawing 21st century visitors from around the world to Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Enjoy the conveniences of a modern-day world in a charmingly historical setting. The Lodge Resort and Spa, which graces the lofty, evergreen heights of Cloudcroft, is crowned with a spiral-staircase watchtower overlooking the town with a shimmering view of nearby White Sands, laid out like a silver ribbon. A guest entering the lobby will be struck immediately by the mammoth iron chandelier, textures of leather and wood, stained glass, and a spirit-lifting hearth. The lobby is linked to two gift shops selling crafts appealing to a wide range of tastes. The Lodge also boasts gourmet dining at Rebecca's, named after the red-headed chambermaid, said to make ghostly appearances. Guests and employees continue to relay odd incidents attributed to Rebecca's spirit of fun and playful nature.

It's high tee time as guests who bring their golf bags will enjoy The Lodge Resort's 9-hole course, established in 1899, playable for a full game. Governed by the Scottish tradition of playing different tees and separate flags on each hole, this dramatic 9-hole course, when played twice, becomes a chal-

lenging 18 hole-round. Teeing off on the first hole, a 150-foot vertical drop starts the round. These links once were the highest-altitude course in the nation at 9,000 feet above sea

level, and the terrain is as challenging as it is beautiful.

Nearby hiking includes The Old Cloudcroft Trestle Trail, a surprisingly immersive trail with historic discoveries along the way. The path leads to an overlook with a majestic command of the forest and the White Sands National Park in the distance, then splits into different legs which reconnect. Sections of an 1898 train trestle are visible as wooden ruins at the bottom of steep plunges, but one undemolished section outclasses any debris.

The promise of seeing a trestle still standing after all these years, with its powerful yet elegant architecture of braces and supports is an incentive to



Seasoned by a rich and cultured past, The Lodge Resort and Spa towering 9,000 feet above sea level, awaits its guests.

Photo by Stacey Lane.

venture deeper into the forest.

Just north of the village of Cloudcroft, yet another, is the Osha Trail, named after the Osha plant, is a 2.2-mile loop, which also offers a rewarding trestle view, and with the 396-foot elevation change, several benches for a breath-taking view. Its proximity to Cloudcroft and the popular vistas showcasing the White Sands and the Tularosa Basin make it an attractive destination throughout the year.

People are attracted to Cloudcroft for fresh, mountain air. Fishing, golf, biking, and outdoor recreation with cooler temperatures in the summer or snowmobiling, ice-skating, and exploring the vast wonderland with cross-country skiing in the winter makes for a year-round destination. Discover for yourself the fascinating history of the area, including what the Mescalero Apaches once called Pisacha, "a place of plenty."

The village is a lively, rustic community of winding streets, residences, and forested trails revealing surprises around every bend will inspire exploration around the town. A leisurely walk along the Boardwalk of Shops is rustic, western fun, topped off by the old-timey Western Bar and Cafe, an inviting spot for a casual meal. The boardwalk also fronts the Otero



Otero County Electric Cooperative CEO and General Manager, Mario Romero.
Photo by Stacey Lane.

County Electric Cooperative (OCEC), a vital, community-oriented service that embodies Cloudcroft's spirit of giving.

The General Manager and CEO of Otero County Electric Cooperative (OCEC), Mario Romero, helps to keep the holiday lights blazing through the season. "Our employees are just down to earth and hardworking people. OCEC provides the enchantment Magazine to over 12,000 co-op members in Otero, Lincoln, and Chavez counties," Romero shares.

Romero observes a special Thanksgiving tradition with co-workers. "We have a potluck Thanksgiving meal each year with our employees and Board of Trustees. We have a lot of good cooks around the co-op, so I'm always super-excited to see what everyone brings. My favorite is mashed potatoes with New Mexico red chile," Romero reminisces.

When the Romero family celebrates, a road trip is typically in order. "We mostly travel to Denver to see my wife's family. In recent years, part of that trip is taking our kids and their cousins to a homeless shelter to distribute food for those in need. It's been a great experience for all of us and has definitely shown our kids how fortunate they are and how appreciative others are to have basic needs met," Romero says.

Otero County's community spirit is embodied in OCEC,

which generously provided grant funds for three years to Hope Harbor (HH), located in Capitan. The organization is a long-term transitional home for mothers and children who have been affected by domestic violence. Additional programs focus on helping customers with rebates who have reduced cost by installing energy-efficient modifications to their homes, and by offering college scholarships to eligible area students.

Sue Hutchison, a nearby resident of the Cloudcroft area and enchantment Magazine culinary contributor since 2018, finds the Thanksgiving season a wonderful time to share her cooking skills and stories. "I have been a grateful part of the writing staff of enchantment and enjoy each month's challenge to present recipes that are not only do-able, but enjoyable as well," Hutchison says. "I learned by watching others who cooked, and have gotten to know very talented chefs who have taken me under their collective wings. Cooking, baking, and preparation is one thing that always relaxes me and provides singular enjoyment," Hutchison shares with a smile.



Sue Hutchison, writer of *enchantment* Magazine's On The Menu column.
Photo by Stacey Lane.

Let this holiday and Thanksgiving season lift your spirit while it reminds us of expressing gratitude. Gratitude is consistently associated with greater happiness and helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, and deal with difficult times. Create your own golden moments this holiday season with an uplifting plan that may include "The City in the Clouds" for that welcoming warmth and a unique adventure that will feed your soul. 🍂

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8	\$66,180

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4 Ways to Save Energy in the Kitchen During the Holidays

Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends for our favorite meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that perfect dish. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen with minimal effort.



Use smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens when possible. These smaller appliances use less energy than a full-size oven.

1. When possible, cook with smaller kitchen appliances. Using smaller appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens, and convection ovens is more energy-efficient than using a large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

2. Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. These are appliances that draw energy even when not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves, and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy estimates that one home's appliances left plugged in

year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when not in use, or better yet, use a power strip for convenient control.

3. Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

4. Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses 3-7 gallons of hot water



When it's time to do the dishes, remember to run full loads. You can also save energy by allowing your dishes to air dry.

each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.

Holiday Safety Tips

Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected so they all sound if one sounds. Test the batteries in each smoke alarm every month, replace once a year, and replace the unit every 10 years.

Prevent fires by making sure your oven and stovetop are clean and free of grease and dust. Clean the exhaust hood and duct over the stove regularly. Vacuum the refrigerator coils every three months to prevent potentially dangerous dirt build-up.



Daylight Saving Time

November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



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Wednesday, November 11

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Monitoring the Line for Reliability

Electric co-ops use a variety of monitoring and automation technologies that improve power reliability, shorten outage times and reduce labor time for crews. Here are four technologies we use to improve reliability.



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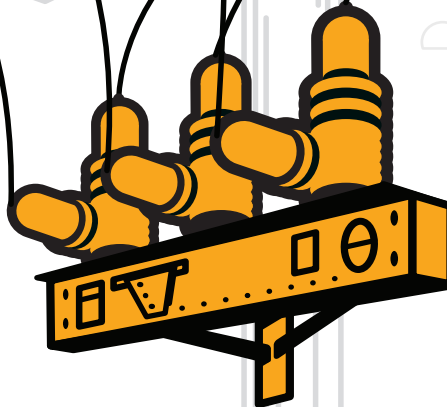
Power Sensors

Power sensors typically clamp on or connect to the power line and provide near real-time reporting on power, voltage, current and more – all of which helps to provide more reliable energy to consumer-members.



AMI

Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) provides real-time data to the co-op. In addition to meter reading, this data helps us detect faults and other potential problems on the electrical system, resulting in increased power reliability for consumer-members.



Reclosers

A recloser acts like a circuit breaker for power lines. When a problem occurs, the recloser temporarily shuts off power. If the problem is temporary, the recloser restores power. (This is why you sometimes see the power blink.) If the problem persists, the recloser will shut off power until a crew can make repairs. The recloser's antenna provides wireless, real-time data back to the co-op.





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Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2020, through March 15, 2021, if you qualify for LIHEAP and you remain current on any payments you owe under a payment plan, or as of November 15, 2020, you have no past due amounts.


For more information call the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465 or your local electric cooperative.

Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the N.M. Public Regulation Commission's consumer relations division at 888-427-5772, which will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Nota de la protección de desconexión del invierno

El 15 de Noviembre del 2020 empezara la protección de desconexión del invierno. Para prevenir una posible desconexión de servicios, por favor de contactar al Departamento de Servicios Humanos al 800-283-4465 o a la organización trival o pueblo para información sobre elegibilidad para el programa de bajos recursos de energía, (LIHEAP).

Su servicios no serán desconectado durante el 15 de Noviembre 2020 hasta el 15 de Marzo del 2021 si usted califica para el programa de bajos recursos de energía, (LIHEAP) y si usted continua al corriente en los pagos que usted deba bajo un plan de pago, o hasta el 15 de Noviembre del 2020 y no tenga ningún pago atrasado.

Para información en español llame al Departamento de Servicios Humanos, 800-283-4465 o su cooperativa de electricidad. 



November seems to bring friends and families together to a table full of thankfulness. Even though 2020 has supplied a number of unexpected challenges, our priorities turn to grateful thoughts as we celebrate not only the end of harvest season, but all who grace our lives.

Start off any day of gathering with a hearty breakfast that's certain to fill hungry ones until

the main meal is served. Waldorf Wedge Salad takes the traditional salad to a new level as a Wedge Salad, yet still maintains its familiar taste. And don't forget your sweet-toothed friends. Peanut Butter Cookie Bars take a twist with a delightful filling. Snacking while waiting for the main event is covered! Take some time to give thanks for all that's good in your life.



Hearty Breakfast Bake

- 1 lb. sausage of choice, diced
ham, or shredded chicken
- ½ medium onion, diced
- 1 can condensed cream of
potato soup
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 10 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup frozen hash browns,
thawed
- ⅔ cup milk
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper to taste



1. In a heavy skillet, cook meat and onion until no longer raw, crumbling, dicing or shredding as needed.
2. Preheat oven to 375° and prepare a square, deep baking dish with cooking spray.
3. Stir soup and sour cream into skillet until incorporated.
4. In a separate bowl, beat eggs and stir in hash browns, milk, salt, and pepper.
5. Add meat mixture into bowl, stirring together.
6. Transfer to baking dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese.
7. Bake uncovered for 50-55 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.
8. Allow to set for 10 minutes prior to serving. 🍴

Waldorf Wedge Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 cup prepared mayonnaise
- ½ cup sour cream
- 3 Tbs. apple cider vinegar

- 2 tsp. sugar
- ¼ cup chopped apples
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 4-5 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
- ¼ cup half and half, approx.
- Bacon bits to garnish

1. Wash and cut lettuce head into quarter-wedges, discarding outer leaves. Cover with slightly moist paper towels and refrigerate until ready to serve.
2. In a medium bowl, mix mayonnaise and sour cream with a wire whip until smooth.
3. Add vinegar and sugar until smooth.
4. Stir in apples, walnuts, garlic, and blue cheese until incorporated. Add enough half and half to reach desired dressing consistency. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
5. To serve: place wedges on platter, drizzle dressing on top of each wedge. Garnish with bacon bits. 📺



Peanut Butter Cookie Bars with Attitude!

- 1 17.5 oz. prepared peanut butter cookie mix
- 2 17.5 oz. prepared sugar cookie mix
- Follow cookie mix ingredients as directed:
- 3 Tbs. vegetable oil 1 Tb. water
- 2 eggs 1 stick butter
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup peanut butter, smooth
- 4 Tbs. sweetened, condensed milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3-4Tbs. milk
- 2 cups powdered sugar, approx.
- 2-3 Tsp. Turbinado sugar

1. Prepare a rimmed, medium sized cookie sheet with parchment paper, lightly spraying with cooking spray.
2. Preheat oven to 375°.
3. Prepare Sugar Cookie mix as directed in one bowl, and Peanut Butter Cookie Mix in separate bowls.
4. Spread Sugar Cookie mix on parchment-prepared cookie sheet and bake 20 minutes.
5. While first layer is baking, prepare filling.
6. In a medium bowl, mix peanut butter, sweetened condensed milk, and vanilla together until smooth.
7. Mix in powdered sugar and milk until filling consistency is spreadable.
8. When first layer is baked, remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over warm layer.
9. Spread filling over chocolate chips. Chocolate chips will melt as spreading occurs, creating a swirling effect.
10. With moist hands, form "pancake" sections of Peanut Butter Cookie Mix, placing them over filling layer until cookie bar is covered. Sprinkle with Turbinado sugar.
11. Return to oven and bake 25 minutes or until top layer is lightly golden.
12. Remove and cool. Cut into bars with pizza cutter, storing in airtight container. 📺

Three Efficient Appliances for Your Kitchen

With more people staying at home than ever before, many of us are spending more time in the kitchen. Whether you're roasting a chicken, blending your favorite smoothie, or baking a loaf of sour-dough bread, kitchen appliances are used nearly every day.

Using energy efficient kitchen appliances can help you save energy over the long run and ultimately lower your monthly energy bills. For any home chef that is interested in new, electric gadgets for the kitchen (while also being energy efficient), there are several options available.

1. Stoves: Stoves consume a great deal of energy in the kitchen. One of the most energy-efficient forms of cooktop cooking is with an induction cooktop. Electromagnetic energy used in induction cooktops is directly transferred to the pan, helping to reduce cooking times, which saves energy.

Gas stovetops are generally less energy-efficient than induction cooktops or any other type of electric cooktop for that matter.

This is because a significant amount of energy from the gas stovetop is not transferred directly to the food, instead heating the surrounding air and warming up your kitchen. Since induction cooktops use a magnetic field to heat pans, you can touch the stove without burning yourself, which is an added safety




Microwaves are typically the most efficient way to cook or heat food compared to other kitchen appliances, and state-of-the-art microwaves, like Whirlpool's Smart Over the Range Convection Microwave pictured here, are becoming much smarter. Photo Credit: Whirlpool.

bonus. It's important to note that induction cooktops only work with compatible cookware that is magnetic. An easy test for compatibility is to place a magnet near the cookware; if it sticks, then it will work with an induction cooktop.

2. Kettles: A cup of morning coffee or tea is a daily ritual for many. This makes the hot water kettle an essential part of the kitchen to achieve that daily brew. Electric kettles are more energy-efficient than cooktop kettles since the heating component underneath the kettle directly heats the water. The electric kettle's automatic shutoff feature further helps to reduce energy and prevents overheating. Another benefit with electric kettles is that you can choose the exact temperature to heat the water, which allows for a finer brew that brings out the best flavor in any tea or coffee.

Overall, electric kettles are more convenient, efficient, and portable than their cooktop counterparts.

3. Microwaves: Microwaves are typically the most efficient way to cook or heat food compared to other kitchen appliances, and state-of-the-art microwaves are becoming much smarter. Some microwaves can even scan barcodes of microwaveable meals and heat them accordingly. Others can be paired with an Amazon Alexa or Google Assistant and react to voice commands. Many of these additional features are becoming increasingly common among smart home devices to provide extra comfort and convenience.

Kitchen appliances aren't replaced very often, so be sure to do your research before you purchase any new gadgets. Different types of products provide varying benefits, and understanding your needs on the front end will help you make the right choice. 

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A Diverse Fuel Mix Ensures Reliability

By Paul Wesslund, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

“Don’t put all your eggs in one basket.”

It’s a familiar saying, and believe it or not, that age-old piece of wisdom is used by electric utilities to make sure you receive a reliable supply of electricity.

Michael Leitman, senior analyst at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, translates that saying into utility-industry terminology this way:

“You don’t want to be too reliant on any one energy source,” says

Leitman. “The goal is if one resource becomes constrained, others are there to fill the gap and keep the lights on—it’s about managing risk and priorities.”

Following that advice has been pretty straightforward for decades. A mix of four energy sources provide nearly all generated electricity: coal, natural gas, nuclear and hydroelectric power.

Mind-boggling energy changes

But these days, there are a lot more options—the variety of electricity generation is higher than it’s

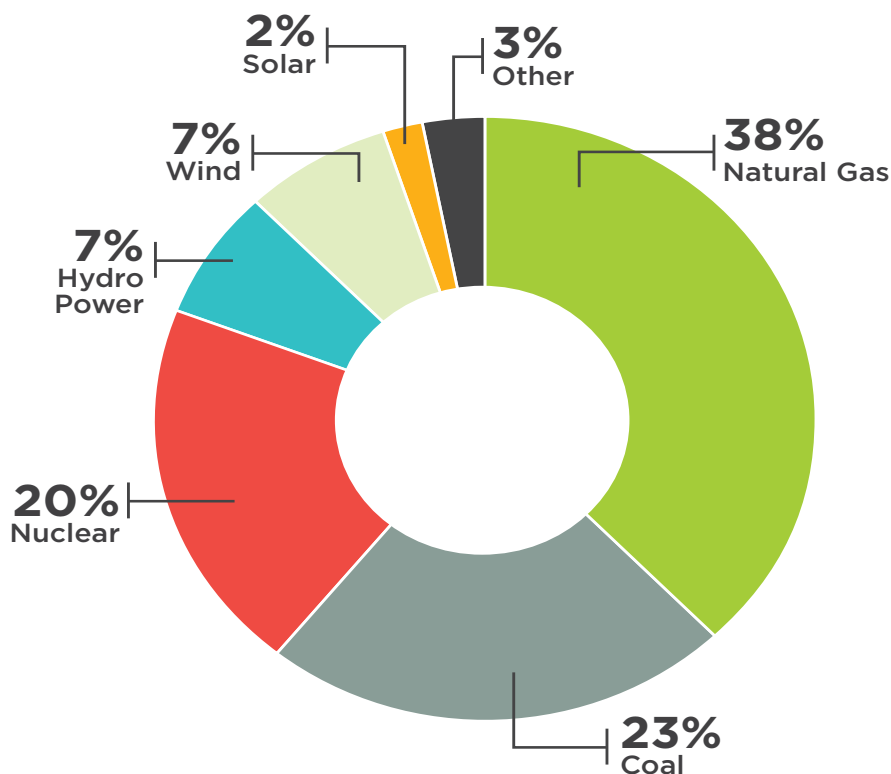
ever been, and not just because of more renewable energy sources like wind and solar. Batteries are getting cheaper and powerful enough to supplement wind turbines during calm weather, and solar when the sun’s not shining. Energy load-control programs can shut off water heaters for short periods during times when electricity use is highest. Rapid technological advances across the power industry have also been key for unprecedented opportunities, allowing utilities to manage the electric power systems in ways that make



Powerful Energy Sources

Nationally, electric cooperatives and other utilities use a variety of fuels to power American homes and businesses. This diverse fuel mix supplies co-op members with the safe, reliable and affordable power they depend on.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (2019 data)



energy resources more useful.

While a broader mix of fuels could potentially bring even greater reliability to your electric service, coordinating all the new and old equipment of the nation's electric grid requires new skills and careful management.

For years, the electric utility industry's main fuel source has been coal. Coal traditionally provided about half the electricity in the country because it was reliable, plentiful, and relatively inexpensive. That backbone was supplemented by nuclear power, hydroelectric power, and natural gas.

But that's changed radically over the last 15 years.

The supply and price of natural gas fell dramatically with fracking and other drilling technologies. Natural gas plants offer other advantages—they can be built smaller, faster, and cheaper than coal stations, and they can be controlled more quickly as power demand changes from day to day. Coal costs rose with environmental regulations, and renewable energy sources received more attention because of their benefits to the environment.

As a result, by 2016, natural gas replaced coal as the largest source of electricity. In 2019, natural gas made up 38% of the electric utility fuel mix; coal, 23%; nuclear, 20%; and hydroelectric power, 7%. The non-hydro renewable energy share of electricity production has risen from almost nothing 10 years ago, to 7% for wind and 2% for solar—and both continue to increase rapidly.

Those statistical trends hide two revolutionary changes.

One is that renewable energy doesn't act like the more traditional



power plants. A coal plant can run all the time, while wind and solar shut on and off as Mother Nature makes changes every hour—meaning the wind doesn't always blow, and the sun doesn't always shine. But with the second revolutionary change—the smart grid—the use of these complex renewable energy sources can be managed better.

The smart grid arrives


The digital transformation began more than two decades ago, and disruptive forces have had an impact on the power sector ever since. Electric utility dreamers foresaw a shift from an analog network of levers and switches to a digital system that includes automated power management and new ways to manage the flow of electricity.

Power outages can be detected more quickly, and you can even track the repair process on your smartphone. Digital software can more effectively manage the output of rooftop solar panels, sending electricity back to the utility when the homeowner isn't using all the electricity they produce. The smart

grid can also make solar and wind energy more useful through the use of batteries. It's a lot of technology that helps ensure you receive uninterrupted, reliable service.

Managing the smart grid brings improvements, as well as requirements for new ways of doing business.

"The smart grid brings new opportunities to increase reliability and resiliency, but it has to be more actively managed," says Leitman. "You've still got to have folks that know how to climb utility poles, and now we need those who also understand programming and working with computers and control systems."

The need for that new expertise will benefit electric cooperatives and their consumer-members well beyond more reliable electricity. New skill sets will be needed, and that will create additional job opportunities in the local communities served by electric co-ops. 



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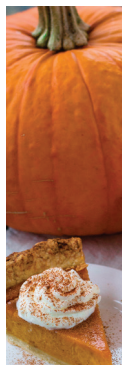
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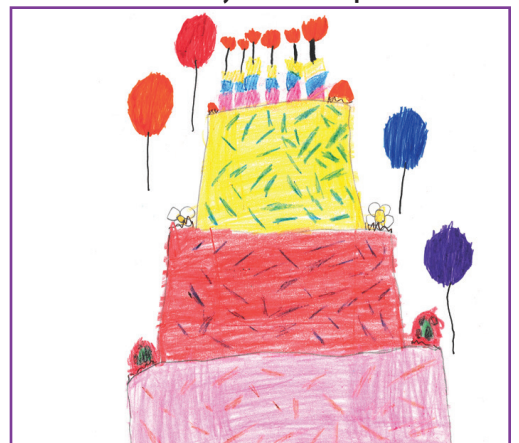
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