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*Operating in portions of Chaves,  
Curry, De Baca and all of  
Roosevelt Counties*

## 2021 Employee Service Awards



### RCEC Employees Recognized

Recently 3 employees received awards in recognition of their years of service at the Cooperative. From left to right: **Tammy Salas-5 years, Sammy Tapia-5 years, Annette Salguero-20 years.** *Your committed years of service that you have provided to our Co-op is truly valuable and deserves our appreciation. Congratulations and well done!*

**“Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider” and employer”**

**2022 calendars are in.....Get yours while supplies last!**

**Safety tip:** *Portable generators can cause fatalities if not handled properly. Follow the directions supplied with your generator. Never try to power the house wiring by plugging a generator into a wall outlet, otherwise known as “backfeeding.”*

**Job Anniversaries**  
Sammy Villanueva.....22yrs  
Annette Salguero.....21yrs  
Darrin Stroik.....12yrs  
TJ Garcia.....2yrs  
Cobe Correa.....1yr

**Mark your calendars for the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Members April 18th....Doors Open at 5:00 pm ENMU’s Campus Union Ballroom**

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## Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon Conventional Water Heaters on Conversion from Gas
- Water Purification systems
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- Scholarships
- Youth Tour contest
- Electrical safety demonstrations
- Electric heating/water heater rates

## Non-Residential Deposits

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

## Residential Deposits

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month's bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.

## Community Solar Act of 2021

On April 5, 2021, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed the Community Solar Act into law which became effective on June 18, 2021. This Act requires the NM Public Regulation Commission to adopt rules to establish a community solar program no later than April 1, 2022. In essence, the community solar program is still under development. This new law includes an "opt-in" provision for rural electric cooperatives which means that a rural electric cooperative **is not required** to participate BUT may "opt-in" to a specific project should the associated board of trustees chooses to. In RCEC's case, this would require that our wholesale energy provider, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WFEC) wishes to participate because we are legally obligated to purchase all of our generation from them. RCEC is able to engage in small solar or small wind projects that are "behind the meter" resources but is still required to report these to WFEC. These behind the meter projects are monitored through a net-metering process.

RCEC has received numerous calls and visits from members who have been approached by solar entities wishing to engage in solar projects that would be designed to attach to our electrical infrastructure. Many of the calls we've received include the desire of the solar entity to utilize 40 acres of land which is typical for about a 5MW installation of solar generation equipment. 5MW, as most of these solar entities know already, is the maximum size under the Community Solar Act on a per project basis. Unfortunately, RCEC will not be able to entertain any of these community solar projects without the consent of WFEC.

Any members wishing to visit with WFEC on the potential for one of these projects can contact Dave Sonntag, Vice-President of Special Projects at (405) 759-2856.



## Calendar of Events

New Year's Day-office closed...Dec 31st  
Scholarship applications due.....7th  
Nominating Comm. Mtg.....13th  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....17th  
Regular Board meeting.....25th

### Happy New Year!

From our Co-op family to yours.

Our office will be closed December 31st for the New Year's holiday. Call our after hours number at 575-356-4492 in case of an Emergency.

