



# Live Wire



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Cooperative, Inc. is an equal  
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## Job Anniversaries

Robert Montoya Jr..... 18yrs  
Tanner Rawdon..... 4yrs  
Dathen Culpepper..... 4yrs  
Isidro Duran..... 2yrs

## Scholarships

2022 HS & Returning College  
Student Scholarship Applica-  
tions are now available on our  
website, your HS counselor's  
office & in our office. Dead-  
line is Friday, January 7, 2022  
by 5 pm in our office.

## RCEC Hosts Substation Training

RCEC owns and operates eleven substations. The cooperative has a large investment in these substations and takes time to maintain and test equipment to avoid failure or accidents. In the past, RCEC has contracted out the maintenance and testing services of substations to outside companies. In an effort to save on costs and to also gain a better understanding of our own equipment, RCEC's Engineering department began performing our own maintenance and testing in-house. The project began by RCEC hosting a training session in which Farmers' Electric Cooperative joined. RCEC then spent the next two weeks bypassing substations, testing critical equipment, and performing maintenance as required. The guys were very proud to do this project in-house and were able to save the cooperative a lot on contracting fees.

Pictured below: Mike Carter, AVO Trainer, Steven Teonchuk and Carl Caperton, Farmers' Electric, Eric Segovia, RCEC Engineering Manager, Jeremy Neal, RCEC AMI Facilitator and Cobe Corea, RCEC Engineering Aide,



Pictured below: Tyler Smith, RCEC SCADA Technician and Cobe Corea,



Pictured above: Clint Walker, Metering Assistant and Tyler Smith, SCADA



Pictured above: Mike Carter, AVO Trainer and Kalon Lafferty, Farmers' Electric

## Chicken-Dressing Bake *by Debbie Goff*

1 (7-8 oz) pkg herb seasoned stuffing mix  
1 (10 1/2oz) can cream of mushroom soup, divided  
2 well-beaten eggs  
2 1/2 Cups shredded or diced cooked chicken or turkey  
2 Cups chicken broth  
1/2 Cup milk  
2 Tbs chopped pimientos

Toss stuffing mix with 1/2 can of soup, the chicken broth and beaten eggs. Spread mixture in greased or buttered 11" x 7" baking dish. Top with the shredded or diced cooked chicken or turkey. Combine remaining 1/2 of soup with milk and pimiento; pour over all. Cover with foil.

Bake in 350 degree pre-heated oven for 45 minutes or until set.  
Refrigerate leftovers.

## 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

## Meter Access is Critical

### METER ACCESSIBILITY

Access is vital for you and your meter technician or servicemen. Providing safe access to your utility meter is the best way to ensure you receive safe and reliable electrical service. Even though most customers have automated meters-enabling us to securely record reading through radio waves or via powerline carrier signals-we still require access to cooperative-owned meters to handle things like routine maintenance. When meters are blocked, it limits our effectiveness and in some cases, blocked meters can pose dangers to customers and servicemen.

Metering equipment shall never reside under a carport, breezeway, patio, porch, or in any area that can be enclosed. The meter area must be readily accessible without requiring passage through restricted private areas, gates or fences. Whether access is needed for acquiring meter readings, maintenance or to repair an aged or broken meter pole, it is imperative the cooperative personnel have ease of access to its location.

### STRUCTURAL RENOVATIONS

Contact RCEC to see if you will need to relocate your meter to accommodate additions or renovations (fences, decks, patios, barrier-free ramps) to your property. Meter relocation costs are the responsibility of the member. Never enclose or prevent access to a cooperative-owned meter. Give our office a call at 575-356-4491 if you have any questions or concerns.



## 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.

**OCTOBER IS  
NATIONAL  
CO-OP MONTH**



## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER 2021

Columbus Day.....11th  
Nat'l Bosses Day.....16th  
Board Meeting.....26th