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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 counselor's or from cooperative office locations in Clovis, Ft. Sumner, and Santa Rosa. Scholarship applications can also be requested by calling the Clovis office at (575) 762-4466 or (800) 445-8541 or by going online to [www.fecnm.org](http://www.fecnm.org). All cooperative members and their dependents 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 2019, the foundation has awarded 1,258 scholarships totaling \$904,730.00.

### Don't Delay! Deadline For Applications Is February, 3, 2020!

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 Application." Both forms are available from any FEC office or are available to download from [www.fecnm.org](http://www.fecnm.org).

## Youth Tour 2020

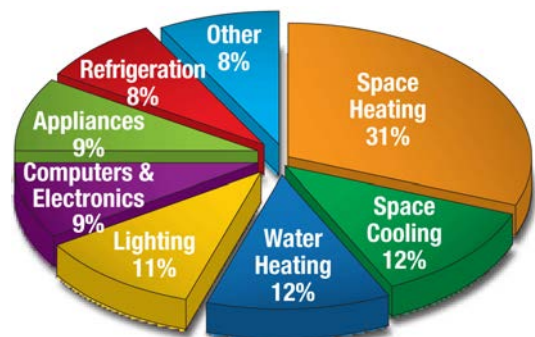


In 2020, FEC will again sponsor two area high school Juniors (summer after Junior year) on the week-long, Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D. C. Please call (800) 445-8541 for more details on this exciting opportunity! We promise this will be a trip of a lifetime!



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.

### On average, this is where your energy dollars are spent?



*Manager's Message...***Lance Adkins, GM****Electric Vehicles - Ready or Not...**

**I**t has been some time since I last provided an update on the potential for electric vehicles (EVs) across the Farmers' Electric (FEC) service area. New Mexico has been working to develop a plan to kickstart the electrification of the transportation industry in New Mexico as part of a broader plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Readers may recall that New Mexico, along with all other states, was a recipient of funds, just under \$18 million for New Mexico, from a settlement reached in the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Agreement. Here

in New Mexico, the task of planning for how to allocate those funds to develop EV was given to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). According to information on the NMED website, "the lawsuit addressed Volkswagen's admission of purposely, and over a sustained period of time, employing prohibited emissions defeat devices on their diesel passenger vehicles that resulted in excess emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOX)".

Electric cooperatives in New Mexico have been working to develop proposals that would expand EV charging infrastructure across the state. While most believe EV charging will be done at home, drivers will also want to know that charging is available outside their "home" range. Last year, electric cooperatives in New Mexico, working with our wholesale power suppliers, developed an EV website, Choose EV New Mexico ([chooseev.com/nm](http://chooseev.com/nm)), to provide a reliable resource for everything EV. One function on the website is the availability of rapid public charging stations, also known as Direct Current (DC) fast-chargers. A quick look at the website is not encouraging, the availability of public charging stations across the 11,000 square-mile service territory of Farmers' Electric (FEC) has not changed in over eighteen months. I found two "Tesla" charging stations, one in Santa Rosa and one in Tucumcari, and a Level 2 charging station (overnight) located at the Blue Swallow Motel in Tucumcari. Currently, Tesla charging stations are only available for Tesla cars.

New Mexico electric cooperatives, working through our statewide association, the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA), are developing a proposal to cover the entire state, aiming to have a DC fast-charge system no more than sixty miles apart. This charging network is only the beginning, as the charging capacity of this network would not support more than a



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modest level of EV activity. We expect that conventional vehicle fueling locations will offer EV charging services in the future, once demand for EV charging warrants investment in the systems necessary to provide DC fast-charge services.

Major automobile manufacturers appear to believe the time is now for EV with a variety of new models planned, including an electric version of the Ford F150. Most industry insiders expect EV growth in rural areas to be slow, estimating less than one percent penetration by 2025.

The application period for this round of funding through NMED is open through mid-November 2019, with approximately \$2.7 million slated for development of light-duty charging infrastructure. NMED anticipates announcing projects selected for funding before the end of the calendar year. Readers can track NMED EV progress at the state VW Settlement website, [env.nm.gov/air-quality/vw-settlement/](http://env.nm.gov/air-quality/vw-settlement/).

Until next month,



# Tailgate Special

**Charbroil Patio Bistro Electric Infrared Grill**

**\$179**  
**Save \$50!**



**\*While supplies last**

## Where's Waldo?

Where's Waldo? Ok, maybe that was too easy... How about the pad-mounted transformer? Can you spot it? The rains this summer have really caused the weeds and grass to take off! What was once easy to see, is now a little more difficult.



Because some equipment is now harder to see, (might include junction boxes, transformers, and cable/telephone pedestals), it is more important than ever to do a "walk around" before you do any tractor mowing or shredding around your property. It only takes a little bit of time and could sure save you from a lot of grief and danger.

Of course, anywhere there is tall grass, there might be lurking some very undesirable critters such as snakes, skunks, spiders, etc. Again, please be careful when working around this sometimes hidden equipment. Oh, and watch out for Waldo too.

**Attention: Irrigation Consumers**  
**Subject: Irrigation Annual Minimum Charges**

In accordance with Farmers' Electric Cooperative's Irrigation rate schedule, certain annual minimum charges apply to all irrigation accounts. Your original minimum charges were calculated through a contract with the Cooperative based on the cost of line extension to the irrigation load. Upon expiration of the contract, the horsepower on that account determines the annual minimum at the rate of \$20.00 per horsepower, but not less than \$110.00 for single-phase service, and not less than \$165.00 for three-phase service.

Under the irrigation rate schedule, consumers have one calendar year, (approximately December 20 through December 20 of the following year), in which to use the annual minimum charges. The December billing will reflect the remaining charges, if any.

If you have any questions regarding the annual minimum charges for your irrigation account(s), please contact the Cooperative's Billing Department at 575-762-4466 or 800-445-8541.



### FEC Mobile Apps

We now have Apple IOS and Google Android mobile apps available for download - <http://fecnm.org/mobile-apps/>



## FEC area Freeze Frame PHOTO CONTEST



Send us your favorite Eastern New Mexico pictures for a chance to be featured in the *Power Source* newsletter, on our **facebook** page, and win FEC Energy Certificates!

Must be an FEC Member to participate. **Categories:** Old Barns, Sunset/Sunrise, Fall Trees, or Agriculture - **Deadline for entry:** November 30, 2019  
Send pics by email: [thom@fecnm.org](mailto:thom@fecnm.org) or by mail to: FEC Contest, PO Box 550, Clovis, NM, 88102

### Attention

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2019. To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact the Human Services Department for eligibility information for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 800-283-4465. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2019 through March 15, 2020, if you qualify for LIHEAP and have no past due amount or are making the agreed upon payments.

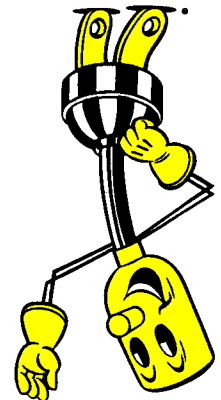
### Atención

Proteccion contra la interrupcion de servicio de invierno comienza el 15 de Noviembre del 2019. Para evitar la posibilidad de desconexion. Favor de ponerse en contact con el Departamento de Servicios Humanos para informarse acerca de los requisitos de elegibilidad para el Programa de Asistencia Energetica de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP) al 1-800-283-4465, Su servicio no sera desconectado 15 de Noviembre del 2019 a 15 de Marzo del 2020 si califica para el Programa de Asistencia Energetica de Bajos Ingresos y no tiene saldo atrasado ni a fallado con su acuerdo de pagos fijos.

**Be careful with those space heaters! Running just one space heater, 10 hours a day, could add up to \$50 to your monthly electric bill!**



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