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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP

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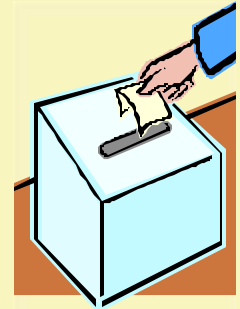
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July 2008



## Annual Meeting of Members



Saturday  
August 2, 2008  
Cloudcroft High School Gym

Registration  
8:30 AM

Business Meeting  
10:00 AM

### Activities on the Agenda

Nominating Committee Report  
Old & New Business  
Recognition of Safety Coloring

Door Prize Give-Away  
Election of Three Trustees  
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

### Benefits of Attending Your Annual Meeting

Win Door Prizes  
Enjoy a Good Meal  
Get Updated on Coop Issues

Visit With Your Trustees  
Visit With Your Neighbors  
Have A Great Time

***Celebrating 69 Years of Reliable Service to Our Members***

## When Your Car Comes in Contact With a Power Line

If your car comes in contact with a power line, a state of panic may set in. Try to stay calm and follow these tips:

- You should remain inside your vehicle. If you are in your car, you are not part of electricity's path, which always looks for the shortest way to the ground. Honk your horn to alert passersby.
- If someone stops to help, roll down the window and warn them not to touch the car or the power line. Ask them to phone 911 and contact the local electric utility immediately.
- Wait in your car until qualified electrical workers turn the power off and tell you it's safe to leave the car.
- If you have to leave the car because of fire or other danger, open the door and jump away from the vehicle so no part of your body touches the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Make sure to jump with both feet together so that your feet land on the ground at the same time.
- After you land with both feet together, shuffle away, keeping both feet in contact with the ground constantly. Do not try to help someone from the vehicle. If you do, you may become a path for electricity and be injured or killed.



## "Do-it-yourself" home energy audit

The first thing to do when performing your own home energy audit is to make a list of any existing problems, such as condensation and uncomfortable or drafty rooms. The next thing is to look for air leaks. They are common around electrical outlets, switch plates, window frames, baseboards, weather stripping, fireplace dampers, attic hatches, and wall or window-mounted air conditioners. When inspecting windows and doors for air leaks, if you can see daylight around the door or window frame, that is where the leak exists.

When looking at the outside of your home, examine areas where two different building materials meet. This includes exterior corners, areas where siding and chimneys meet, and places where the foundation and the bottom of the exterior brick or siding meet. Make sure to plug and caulk holes or penetrations for faucets, pipes, electric outlets, and wiring. Also, look for cracks and holes in the mortar, foundation and siding of your home and seal them with the appropriate material. Finally, check the exterior caulking around doors and windows to see if they are sealed tightly. When performing your own home audit, make sure to examine the ceil-

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have a plan to  
fight climate  
change?

YES

NO

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ings and walls. If these two areas are not properly insulated, you risk heat loss in the winter and cool-air loss in the summer. Check to see that the attic hatch is as heavily insulated, as well as weather-stripped and closed tightly. In the attic, determine if openings for items such as pipes, ductwork and chimneys are sealed. If you see any gaps, seal them with expanding foam caulk or another permanent sealant.

## NATIONAL FOREST UPDATE

The Lincoln National Forest and neighboring Bureau of Land Management Lands are closed due to extreme fire danger until our area receives enough rainfall to significantly reduce the threat of wildfire. While hiking, picnicking, and off-road adventures on those public lands need to be postponed, don't forget there are still lots of opportunities for recreation and shopping in the local communities within those areas. So come visit and have fun.

To learn more about current restrictions and other fire information go to [www-dot-nm-fire-info-dot-com](http://www-dot-nm-fire-info-dot-com). **Do your part—don't let wildfires start.**