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A Monthly Newsletter for Members of

**OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC
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Congratulations to the 2023 Scholarship Recipients

The Otero County Electric Education Foundation began giving scholarships in 1989. Since then, an impressive \$1,560,950 has been awarded to the youth of Otero, Lincoln, Chavez and Socorro counties to help defray costs of attending a New Mexico college, university or technical school. The scholarship is \$1,000 per semester for first-year students and increases to \$1,500 per semester for second- through fourth-year students who meet enrollment and grade requirements.

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the 2023 OCEC Education Foundation Scholarship!

Ricardo Almanza—Hondo High School
Krista Barbie—Alamogordo High School
Sonia Bravo—Ruidoso High School
Ashley Burch—Carrizozo High School
Sanniyyah Comanche—Mescalero Apache School
Alan Darnold—Alamogordo High School
Layla Gaston—Tularosa High School
Julie Gonzales—Carrizozo High School
Samuel Griffin—Carrizozo High School
Braden Hadley—Mescalero Apache School
Emily Hill—Carrizozo High School
James Jarratt—Artesia High School
Jasmine Kennedy—Capitan High School
Dionna LaPaz—Mescalero Apache School
Jada Long—Capitan High School

Alexis Lucero—Alamogordo High School
Lazo McCarroll—Ruidoso High School
Nathan McMillan—Imago Dei Academy
Montana McMinn—Ruidoso High School
Albert Montoya—Goddard High School
Angelina Ontiveros—Hondo High School
Cooper Pritchett—Ruidoso High School
Kaden Sago—Ruidoso High School
Manuel Salas—Mescalero Apache School
Noah Salas—Tularosa High School
Santanita Smith—Mescalero Apache School
Emily Spaniel—New Mexico Military Institute
Darius Sundayman—Mescalero Apache School
Joel Villanueva—Carrizozo High School

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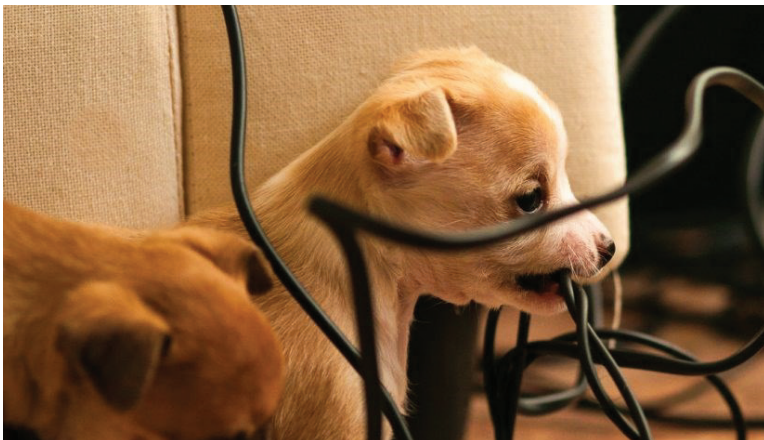
Keep Pets Safe from Electrical Dangers

You do all you can to keep your pets healthy: you take them to the veterinarian for checkups, feed them well and ensure they are up to date on vaccinations. After all, for many people, pets are part of the family.

There is something else you can do for your pets, and that is to keep them safe around electricity. OCEC offers these tips:

- Make sure all plugs are fully inserted into wall sockets.
- Puppies and other pets love to chew on electrical cords. Keep cords out of sight or hidden with a cord cover. Provide teething or play alternatives.
- Watch your pet around dangling or sagging cords, including phone or tablet charging cables. Unplug charging cables once your devices are charged. Not only do they draw a small amount of energy when not in use, but the dangling cords are just crying to be played with.
- Watch where you place lamps and other plugged-in items. Lamps can be a fire hazard if they are knocked over.
- Do not leave your pet alone around items that get hot: curling irons and straighteners, an outdoor grill, a portable heater and other electric appliances, including cooktops.

Pet proof your home much like you would for a baby or toddler. If you suspect your pet has been shocked or burned, take it to the vet right away. Owners may not realize a pet has been shocked until a few hours later when it has trouble breathing. Other symptoms include ulcers in the mouth and lesions on the tongue and gums.



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.

Source: energy.gov

Vegetation Management Update

Crews working to trim trees and vegetation in rights-of-way are currently in the following areas and are expected to remain there for the next few weeks.

- San Patricio
- Upper Penasco
- Timberon area

OCEC reminds members that you may see vehicles, ATVs and crew members from Rogers Tree Service cutting trees near existing power lines. Vehicles will be marked with their company name and an OCEC contractor placard.

