



# POWERGRAM

A monthly newsletter for OCEC Members

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

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- Lunch will be served after the meeting
- Door Prizes
- Giveaways
- Elect Three (3) Trustees

 August 3, 2024

 Cloudcroft High School Gym  
Cloudcroft, NM

**REGISTRATION - 8:30 AM**  
**BUSINESS MEETING - 10:00 AM**

JUNE CALENDAR PHOTO  
submitted by Nick Chavez

**JUNE  
2024**

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MONDAY - FRIDAY

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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Did you know ceiling fans can help you save energy? They create a windchill effect on your skin, making you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on the fans to reduce air conditioning costs.

Set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise during summer months and clockwise during winter months. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

*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.

- Sierra Vista area - Alto
- Ruidoso Downs
- Cloud Country - Cloudcroft
- Sky Country - Cloudcroft
- 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATIONS

Three positions on the Otero County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees are up for election. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, August 3, 2024, in the Cloudcroft High School gymnasium.

Trustees holding positions expiring in 2024 are:

Charlie Mulcock - Southeast District  
Scott Shafer - Northwest District  
Preston Stone - Northwest District

Those elected for these positions will serve a three-year term ending in 2027.

Petition forms are available for pickup in any of OCEC's local offices in Cloudcroft, Alto, or Carrizozo, or can be downloaded at [www.ocec-inc.com](http://www.ocec-inc.com). According to the dates outlined in the bylaws, petitions will only be accepted between June 19 and July 9. Completed petitions may be turned in at any OCEC office.

### Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws States:

**Section 3: Nominations.** Nominations for Trustees to be elected shall be by Petition signed by fifteen or more members acting together, and who are bona-fide residents of the district for which the nomination is made. The Petition shall be filed not less than twenty-five (25) days or more than forty-five (45) days before the date of the Meeting of the Members in which Trustees are to be elected. Nominations for the position of Trustee from the floor, at the Annual Meeting of Members, are not allowed.

The secretary shall include with the notice of the meeting, at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates. Notwithstanding anything contained in the SECTION, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this SECTION shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of Trustee.

## OCEC LINEMAN AWARDED LONG ROPE SAFETY AWARD

Journeyman lineman Ryan Guevara has been awarded the Long Rope Safety Award for 2024 at the state level, giving him the highest safety honor among cooperative linemen in New Mexico. He was nominated by his peers for being a leader in safety.

"Ryan takes all safety aspects of any job that he and crew members are working on. He makes sure all personal protective equipment is utilized. Ryan never takes short cuts and will discuss the process of the job through a tailgate with all crew members."

The Long Rope Safety Award is dedicated to all linemen in New Mexico who have been killed or injured on the job. It is presented to someone with a positive attitude toward training, communication, safe work habits, and who demonstrates a culture of safety in a challenging industry.

Ryan has been with OCEC since 2014 and works out of the Alto Service Center.

Congratulations and keep working safely, Ryan!



Ryan Guevara was presented the 2024 LONG ROPE SAFETY AWARD at the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association Annual Meeting in May.

From left, Travis Sullivan (Southwestern Electric), Bobby Ferris (Lea County Electric), Ryan Guevara, Cade Standifer (Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives), and Mario Romero (Otero County Electric). Photo Courtesy of Macario "Mac" Juarez (Continental Divide Electric)