

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC, MEMBER NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

This Month's Topics:

- **School Bus Safety**
- **Welcome Edgardo Cazares**
- **Welcome Mike Vega**
- **Labor Day Quote**
- **Office Closure**

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The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cooperative boardroom.



Walk with your young kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives.

Riding the school bus for the first time is a big step for your child. Help your kids get a gold star in school bus safety by following these tips.

The Hard Facts about School Bus Safety

School buses are the safest way to get children to and from school, but injuries can occur if kids are not careful when getting on and off the school bus.

Top Tips for Riding the Bus

- ◆ Walk with your young kids to the bus stop and wait with them until it arrives. Make sure drivers can see the kids at your bus stop.
- ◆ Teach kids to stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches and board the bus one at a time.
- ◆ Teach kids to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before getting off and not to walk behind the bus.
- ◆ If your child needs to cross the street after exiting the bus, he or she should take five giant steps in front of the bus, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- ◆ Instruct younger kids to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Be careful of straps or drawstrings that could get caught in the door. If your child drops something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.
- ◆ Drivers should follow the speed limit and slow down in school zones and near bus stops.
- ◆ Remember to stay alert and look for kids who may be trying to get to or from the school bus.
- ◆ Slow down and stop if you're driving near a school bus that is flashing yellow or red lights. This means the bus is either preparing to stop (yellow) or already stopped (red), and children are getting on or off.



We are please to announce the recent hiring of Edgardo Cazares, Member Service Representative and Mike Vega, Apprentice Lineman that will be valuable assets to the Sierra Electric Team.



Edgardo is a lifelong resident of Garfield New Mexico and earned his degree in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State University. He would like to utilize his knowledge to learn the entire operation of Sierra Electric so he can assist wherever he is needed. He feels that his current position at Sierra Electric will help his communication skills and gain knowledge in renewable energy resource. Beside his customer service skills, Edgardo will be the person to visit with concerning the initial solar application process. In his spare time, Edgardo enjoys cooking and watching soccer. A fun fact about Edgardo is that he loves creating marinades.

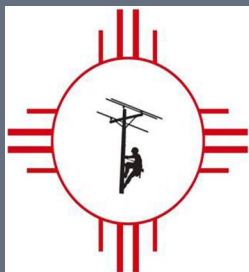


Mike Vega, who was previously in the Marine Corps as an infantry rifleman decided to pursue his career in obtaining his Journeyman License Certification. Mike went to Central New Mexico Electrical Line Worker Program, which is a pre-apprenticeship certificate program designed to provide students with the technical background and manual skills. He applied at Sierra Electric because he wanted to continue his career in Electrical Linework in the great state of New Mexico. Mike is looking forward to working alongside his coworkers to provide the best reliable service to Sierra Electric members. He would like the membership to know that he takes great pride in his work. Mike is passionate about hunting and any free time he has, him and his chocolate lab name Daisy are hunting or scouting. A fun fact about Mike is that he has never ate a "Big Mac"!

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do." - Steve Jobs



Office Closed Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day



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