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Five Easy Ways to Exercise Your Civic Duty



America's electric cooperatives, including CNMEC, understand the value of building relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. There are many important policy issues that directly impact electric utilities and ultimately, you, the consumer-members we proudly serve. Strengthening our relationships with elected leaders positions us to advocate for our local community.

While CNMEC is a locally-owned cooperative, we're part of a larger network of electric coops. Through our non-partisan grassroots program known as "Co-ops Vote," we're working to enhance the political strength of electric co-ops and boost voter turnout. There's power in numbers, and when we all show up at the polls, we can voice the issues that matter most to our community.

National Voter Registration Day is September 20, and midterm elections are right around the corner. If you're looking to get involved or simply make sure you're ready to vote, here are five easy ways you can exercise your civic duty.

- 1. Don't assume your voter registration status is up to date. Visit www.vote.coop, then click "Election Resources" to verify your status.
- 2. Get informed. In addition to ensuring your registration is up to date, learning about local policy issues and candidates is one of the best ways you can prepare to vote.
- 3. Get active on social media. Follow @coopsvote on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and let others know you're a #coopvoter and #VoteReady; encourage your friends and family to do the same.
- 4. Help others prepare to vote. Work a National Voter Registration Day event (visit www. nationalvoterregistrationday.org/events), volunteer to be a poll worker during midterm elections or offer to drive others to their polling places.
- 5. Vote! It's the easiest—and most important—way you can exercise your civic duty. Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter most to you. Make a plan to vote and help others in our community get #VoteReady.

We encourage everyone, regardless of political beliefs, to vote, stand up for our local community and make a collective impact.



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Corona Day's Festival & Parade!!!



A great time was had by all at the 2022 Corona Days Festival and Parade in Corona New Mexico. We want to thank all who made this possible! Chad Brown, Raymond Butler, Alena and Koelle Brandenberger, and the Joseph Vicente family.

CNMEC Employee Spotlight



Tana Reed

Tana is the Dispatch Supervisor here at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative. She is a graduate of Melrose High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University.

Tana has been with Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative for twenty years. She started as a night dispatcher and worked her way up to Dispatch Supervisor. Prior to coming to CNMEC she

worked for Sandia Trailer Sales, Cortez Gas, Burchard Propane, and Baca Valley Telephone.

Tana was born in Lovington New Mexico and lived in Melrose, Portales, Corona, and Des Moines before settling in Edgewood. She and her husband Leon have been married 9 years. Tana has three children and two grandchildren.

Tana is a member of East Mountain Cowboy Church in Edgewood, where she is a member of the arena team. She enjoys archery and horseback riding.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Our faucets and appliances use a lot of hot water. You can lower your water heating costs by using less hot water in your home. Water heating accounts for a large portion of home energy bills.

To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install lowflow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it's time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified

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