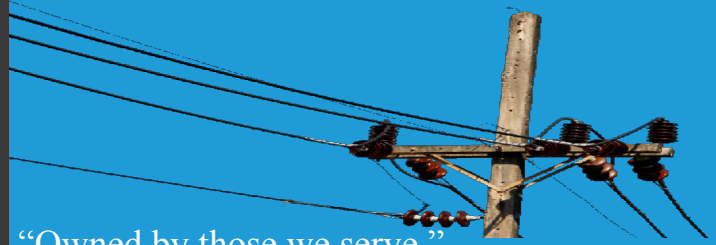




“Owned by those we serve.”



CEO'S

MESSAGE

Why Census2020 Matters



KCI Partners With Taos Education Collaborative

Kit Carson Internet is proud to announce their partnership with the Taos Education Collaborative! This effort aims to support ALL Taos County students with consistent Internet access.

The Constitution of the United States requires that we count every person living in the country every 10 years. Census data is used to determine funding for important community services such as our schools, roads, and healthcare system, our emergency preparedness and response system, our social service programs, and our safety net programs like WIC, Medicare, Medicaid and SNAP. For every single person in Taos County who gets counted in the 2020 Census, about \$50,000 will come into our county over the coming decade for all these important services and many more.

Because of the Covid 19 outbreak, the Census Bureau has not been able to deliver Census packets to many homes in Taos County. But you can still respond! If you go to the website or call the hotline listed below you can provide your physical address or a description of where you live even if you do not have the 12 digit code.

The Census includes 10 simple questions that are safe for everyone to answer. Your responses are private and protected by law. According to Title 13 of the U.S. Code, your data will not only be kept private, it cannot be used to identify you by any government agency or used against you in any court of law.

So remember, respond to the Census and make sure you count. Your community needs you!

To respond online go to: my2020census.gov

To respond by phone call 844-330-2020 to respond in English or 844-468-2020 to respond in Spanish.

Sincerely, Luis A. Reyes Jr., CEO of KCEC



Kit Carson Electric is introducing a new billing portal this month. The new upgrade will have a new look and make it easier for you to access payments and member information.

As a first step, we are working to identify 100 free Internet access points across Taos County to create a “safety net” for students and families in times when home access isn’t an option or when there is a disruption for any reason. During COVID-19 and our move to remote learning, we found that a lot of Taos students had workarounds - like working at their grandparents’ house or at a parent’s place of business - that didn’t support them when those

places became unavailable. Others have struggled financially with the impacts of COVID-19 on the local economy and have lost access over the summer.

Area businesses and organizations pledge to allow Taos County students to access their Internet for the purposes of completing their schoolwork. Other early partners include Taos Ski Valley, Taos Municipal Schools, Taos Academy, Taos Integrated School of the Arts, UNM-Taos, and UNM - TECC. Together we can close the gap in learning continuity for Taos students!

If you are interested in join us in this effort, please contact Elizabeth LeBlanc at eleblanc@taosacademy.org or at 575-770-1313.



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i count because i care

TAOS EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE
FILLING THE GAP FOR CONTINUOUS LEARNING





August Special

Due to the covid-19 pandemic Kit Carson Propane, Inc. has lowered its prices to provide propane at a lower cost normally offered in the month of August.

- Residential price - \$1.80 per gallon
- Bottle dock price - \$1.80 per gallon
- Tank lease - \$7.00 plus tax per month
- First fill (new customer price)
\$1.69 per gallon.

Tank set or gas check (new customer) - free of charge (without necessary upgrades). \$20.00 NM state permit fee required for tank sets.

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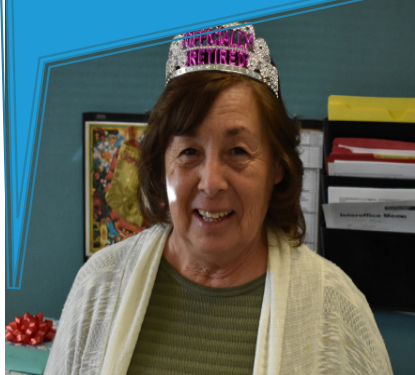
- 1) **E-Statements**
 - 2) **On-Line Bill Portal**
Please Visit: WWW.KITCARSON.COM/PROPANE
 - 3) **Drop Box for Payments**
- OFFICE HOURS**
9 am to 3 pm M-F
Phones Open 8 am to 4:30 pm M-F

Have you heard of Taos Connects? Taos Connects is a free online service that links volunteers and resources in the Enchanted Circle to neighbors in need. We feature local projects from non-profit organizations, religious groups, schools, businesses, and individuals. We then make it easy for people to find these volunteer opportunities. We welcome projects that address needs such as poverty, shelter, education and hunger. We also feature projects that help build local economic opportunities, like support for small businesses. By giving local organizations and volunteers a way to connect and meet their goals, we can build a healthier community for all.

How it works: Visitors to the Taos Connects site (www.taosconnects.org) can browse the latest requests for aid. They can search by date, location, or interest. Local organizers can advertise their volunteer opportunities and gain exposure in the community. Organizers can also communicate with volunteers, schedule volunteer opportunities, track attendance, and manage resources.



WHO WE ARE



Congratulations Sandra!

KCEC wants to thank and congratulate Sandra Quintana on her retirement. She had close to 30 years of service. Sandra is a great motivator in the office and assists anyone that needed help. When Sandra likes to read, go shopping, and play bingo. Sandra especially likes winning at bingo! KCEC is going to miss Sandra! Many blessings on her retirement.

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QUESTA OFFICE: (575) 586-2113 Closed until further notice.

KIT CARSON INTERNET: (575) 758-4838 or 1-800-758-4820

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