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KCEC is 56% Daytime Solar





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CEO'S

**KCEC and Guzman Energy Award Scholarships to NM Students** 

Taos, NM - September 15, 2020 - This fall, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) and Guzman Energy have joined forces to provide \$28,000 worth of scholarship funds to 36 northern New Mexico students who are pursuing their first semester in college.

Guzman Energy, the cooperative's wholesale power provider has been a partner of KCEC since 2017, and is helping KCEC meet its goal of providing 100% daytime solar energy by 2022 through the development and commissioning of several solar arrays throughout the region, including the recently built Taos, El Rito and Questa arrays.

Over the past three years, Guzman Energy has helped bolster the KCEC Foundation scholarship program. Since 1997, the KCEC Foundation has awarded 583 scholarships totaling \$474,500 in scholarship funds to

students throughout its territory, giving them the financial support to help them successfully transition into their college careers. Guzman Energy has provided \$60,000 to 60 students as part of the scholarship program over the past three years.

"We are honored to be able to contribute to this program and help students in northern New Mexico further their education," said Chris Miller, President of Guzman Energy. "It's extremely important to us to be active participants in the local community, and there is nothing that builds up a community more than education."

Aimed at implementing multiple initiatives to benefit northern New Mexico communities served by KCEC, the Guzman Foundation works to foster competitiveness and spur greater opportunity in the communities it serves through academic scholarships and school-support initiatives that develop critical thinking and inspire creativity.

"KCEC is grateful for the generous support from Guzman Energy to help ensure these students have the funds they need as they take the next step in their education journey," said Luis A. Reyes, Jr., Kit Carson CEO. "Guzman has been a true partner, and their investment in our people and community – especially our students and future leaders – has been wonderful."

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



#### Winter Weatherization

With the winter months approaching it's not too late to make sure your home is adequately weatherized to save on your utility bills.

## **Our Community Response to COVID-19**

- Over 285 Students connected to internet
- Over 23 Wi-Fi Hotspots for students, seniors and low income families.
  - Collaborting with Taos HIVE, Taos Educational Collaborative, colleges and five school districts for workforce development that include high bandwith boadband opportunities
  - Founding Member of Enchanted Circle COAD
  - Contributed \$11,000
    to Holy Cross for Personal
    Equipment

**Protective Equipment** 

- Constructing the largest battery storage system of any coop in the state of NM
- Making our service territory 100% renewable during the day
- Provide Assistance to Shared Table & St James for delivering food supplies
- Reduced Propane Prices 22%
- NO Residential disconnects during health emergency
- Visit us at kitcarson.com, for more information and updates.



#### Propane

#### Winter is Coming! Need to Fill Up?

The 20% Order Request – It is important for propane orders to be placed when your tank is at 20%. This ensures that you will have enough propane to last until you receive your delivery. Our drivers can only handle a specific number of orders per day depending on the terrain and location of the orders. Ordering at 20% helps to alleviate trip charges and any other incidentals related to an emergency, after hour delivery.

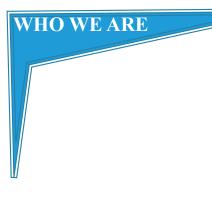
Residential price - \$2.00 per gallon Bottle dock price - \$2.00 per gallon Tank lease - \$7.00 plus tax per month First fill (new customer price) \$1.89 per gallon.



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

We are also offering contactless customer service through our online portal! Registration is fast and easy! Learn more at www.kitcarson.com

#### Customer Service Propane Chat Coming Soon! Customers will be able to chat with a customer service representive for billing and inquiry questions.



#### We Never Stopped!

KCEC wants to thank all of our employees during this pandemic for their commitment to providing essential services to the communities we serve. From keeping the lights on, connecting the internet to hundreds of students and teachers, filling up affordable propane to customers in rural areas. The family of companies from KCEC recognize and appreciate the collaboration of team work. **Thank you!** 

#### Board of Trustees

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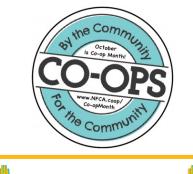
Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held October 27, 2020 at 9:00 am via virtual conferencing.

#### Community

### **KCEC Celebrates National Cooperative Month**

October is a time of celebration – turning of the leaves, pumpkin spice lattes and Halloween. It's also National Cooperative Month. During this time, KCEC recognizes and highlights the principles that guide cooperatives across the nation and how they serve your communities.

Cooperatives have seven core principles. Membership to a cooperative is open and voluntary to all who stand willing to accept responsibilities of membership. Members have democratic control over their cooperative. As member- owners, you have the choice to actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.KCEC would like to wish our members a safe and Happy Halloween. We want to thank you for being a member of KCEC. Happy National Cooperative month.



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