

Mark your calendars for this year's Annual Meeting—Saturday, August 5, 2017 in beautiful Cloudcroft!



## May is National Safety Month



Every year thousands of accidents occur due to shock hazards, and Otero County Electric Cooperative is committed to educating the public about potential dangers in the home.

Through electrical safety awareness and education, we can all play a part in preventing electrical hazards and injuries in the future. For more information on staying safe around electricity go to [www.SafeElectricity.org](http://www.SafeElectricity.org).

### Tips for Buying Power Strips

- Pay attention to the orientation of the outlets. The typical design is along the length of the strip, facing the bottom or end of the strip. I recommend power strips with the outlets perpendicular to the length of the strip.
- Get a smart strip. These are becoming more common and less expensive. With smart strips, one outlet serves as a master, receiving power all the time. The other outlets do not receive power until the master device is turned on. This is ideal for home entertainment setups.



Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day.

### When to Call 811



Snow has melted and spring has sprung making way for outdoor do-it-yourself projects. When your project involves any type of digging, it's very important to make sure to locate and avoid any possible utility lines buried underground. Possible buried lines include electric, gas, phone, internet, and water. Whether you're taking on building a new fence, deck, or tilling the soil to plant a garden, you should always call 811 before digging.

Dialing 811 is a free call that can be made from anywhere in the country. You can also visit [nm811.org](http://nm811.org) to submit an online request. Give the operator your location, and within a few days, they will arrange for "locators" from your local utility service providers to mark any buried lines with brightly colored paint or flags.

Failing to contact 811 and proceeding to dig in an unmarked area could result in disastrous, very expensive, and sometimes fatal consequences. In 2016, it was estimated that underground lines were damaged every six minutes caused by people that chose not to call and have the lines located and marked before digging.

Please remember to call 811 every time you dig even if you've had lines marked in the past. A few days wait is well worth the prevention of damage to various lines. The neighborhood will also thank you!

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### Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the cooperative.



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