

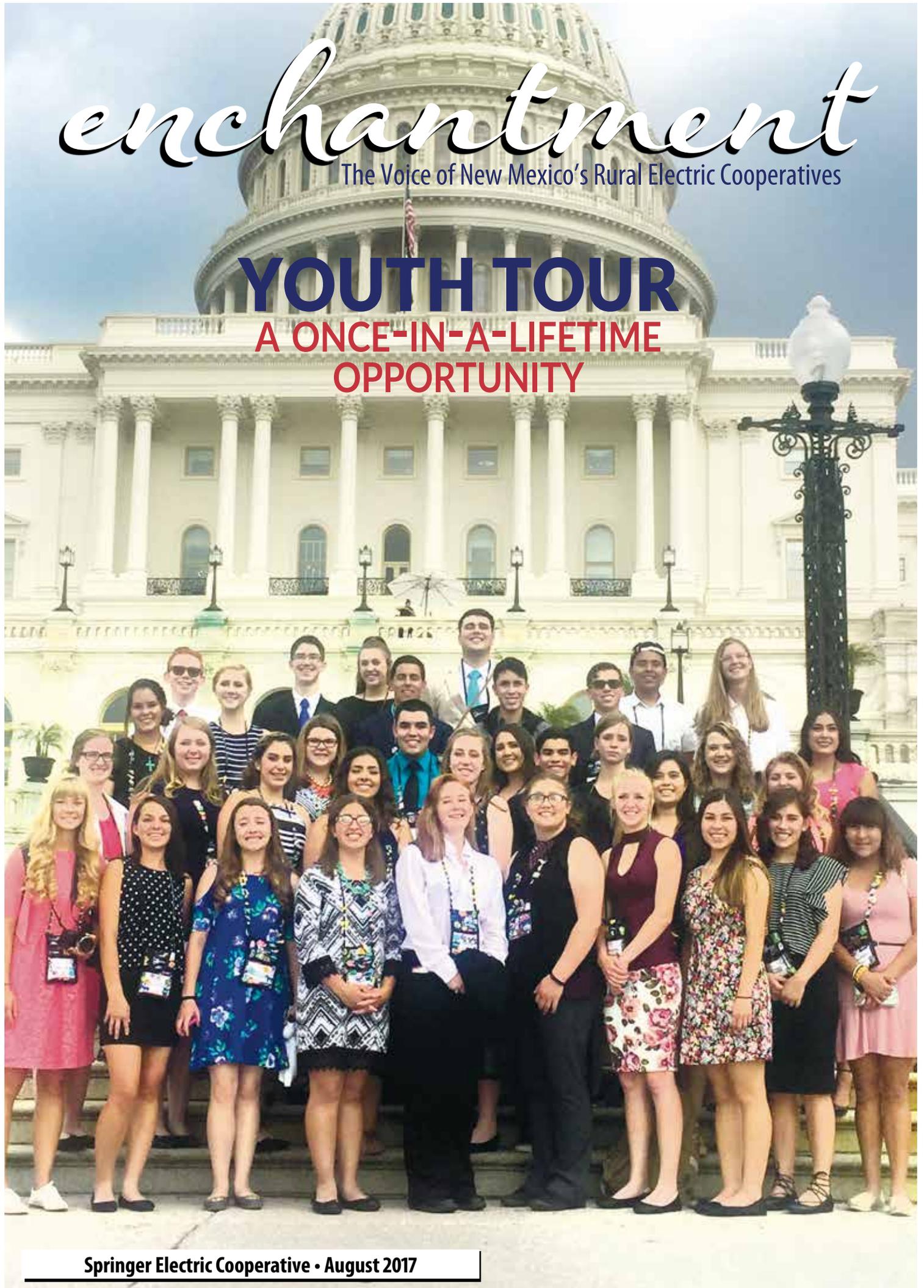


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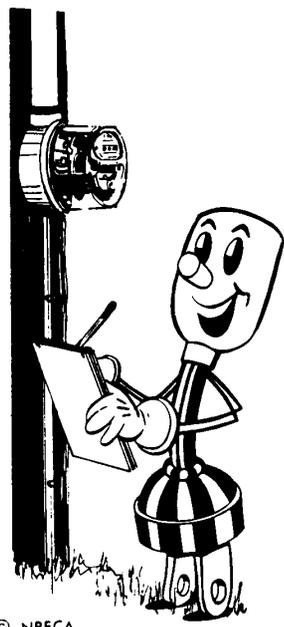
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YOUTH TOUR

**A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME
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Troubleshooting Your Electric Circuits with the Meter

If your electric usage has increased and you've been unable to figure out any lifestyle considerations to other unusual uses, the three steps listed to the right will help locate sources of trouble, with the aid of your electric meter.

Common Culprits: Common sources of trouble include electrical faults in the wiring systems that are usually due to physical damage such as moisture and dirt, or improper connections. Sometimes you'll find equipment that you thought was turned off still

using electricity, such as a stock waterer, thermostat, basement and attic lights, heat tapes, or an exhaust fan.

Test Meters: If you don't find any of these problems, we have test meters available that will record the electrical consumption of the appliance plugged into them, by comparing your recorded use with that of our list for appliances and equipment, you can determine whether that equipment is using an unusually high amount of electricity.

If any of these methods fail to locate your problem, contact your electrician or Springer Electric Cooperative. We'll be happy to help.

Reconnecting or Disconnecting a Meter?

When calling Springer Electric Cooperative to reconnect or disconnect a meter, it is important you have an account or meter number available. Having several meters, may result in connecting or disconnecting the wrong meter. You may be asked to call back with the correct information. Having your account number(s) will help avoid any problems or delays.

Please give at least a day or more notice if you want your meter connected on a certain day. Calling the day of, may delay your request due to not having a lineman in the area.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Setting your thermostat to a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Step 1: Turn off the main disconnect. If your meter is on a pole away from the house, the disconnect should be in a box under the meter. If the meter is on the side of your house, there may be a main breaker in the breaker box inside. If not, you will need to turn off all the circuit breakers at once.

The disk in the electric meter only turns if electricity is being used. Therefore, the meter should have stopped. If the disk is still turning, check to see that the water pump, if you have one, is turned off at its own fuse box. Sometimes a water pump will be wired ahead of the disconnect for fire protection purposes.

Step 2: Turn off the main fuse or breaker in all buildings, then turn on the main disconnect at the meter. If the meter disk is still stopped, this tells you that all wiring from the main disconnect to each building's main fuse or breaker is OK.

Step 3: Proceed with each individual building by unplugging or turning off everything that uses electricity, then turn on that building's electrical box or breaker.

To further pinpoint possible trouble, turn on each main fuse or circuit breaker in each building, one at a time. Continue this process until one of two things results. If the meter disk is turning and the appliances are off, you discovered a source of trouble.



Looking Out for Kids

Every day, Springer Electric Cooperative line workers are high atop poles throughout our local communities—which is a pretty good place to keep an eye on things.

At this time of year, our line workers are on special alert because kids are back in school. Our line workers may spot a student with a problem, a stalled school bus, or some condition that may be unsafe for our school kids, and needs to be reported.

Our primary mission at Springer Electric is to provide first rate electric service. But we like to do other things for the folks who live here too. We want you to have plenty of reasons to look up to us.

Back to School Safety Tips

Schools will open by the end of the month. Children will catch buses to and from school, and play at the playgrounds again. When you see the red lights on the school bus come



“ON” you have to stop. Keep in mind the following tips to help keep our cooperative kids safe:

- Keep your eyes open and alert.
- Drive safely and take your time.
- Report anything suspicious.
- Pay attention to school zone speed limits.
- Do not text and talk on the cell while you drive.

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