

COVID-19 Update

With the emergence of COVID-19, our primary concern and ultimate goal at the La Jicarita Rural Telephone Cooperative is to do our part in keeping our employees and the community safe by limiting the exposure to each other and effectively reducing the spread of the coronavirus disease.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time as we continue to serve your needs while taking the necessary precautions to support your safety, and that of our office staff and employees. When making a payment with a check or money order, we would prefer that such payment be dropped in our drop box located outside in the porch area, and/or mailed in lieu of a walk-in payment. We recommend those who pay their bills using a credit or debit card to simply call in your payment, our office staff will gladly process the payments for you. We also offer **online bill pay** and **automatic bill pay** using ACH or credit card information. This can be set up by visiting our website at www.lajicarita.com. As a final alternative and when it is necessary, cash payments are accepted by our office staff during normal business hours. Please note that we will receive only one customer at a time inside our front office foyer to conduct business. Also, we do require the use of a face covering mask and we expect everyone to practice social distancing while waiting to be served.

If you have any questions or need more information, please **call our office staff at 575-387-2216**.



HAPPY
Holidays

*Our La Jicarita family would like to wish you
a Happy New Year!*



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Congratulations to our scholarship recipients

Meet the winners!



These deserving individuals were decided upon by our Scholarship Committee and we couldn't be prouder of these students' hard work. Next year's scholarship applications will be available starting February 1, 2021.



Faith Armijo

Wagon Mound High School

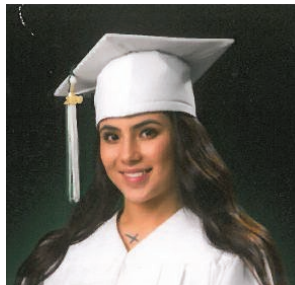
Faith Armijo is the daughter of Benito & Rita Armijo. She is attending New Mexico Highlands University, pursuing a degree in Education.



Gabriella Duran

Mora High School

Gabriella Duran is the daughter of Erica Martinez & Ronald Duran. She attends Luna Community College to pursue a Nursing Degree.



Candace Valencia

Mora High School

Candace Valencia is the daughter of Ferdinand & Alfrida Valencia. She attends the University of New Mexico to pursue a Business Management Degree.

Student Aid & Distance Learning Project

COVID-19 has been devastating across the country and seems to have affected everyone in one way or another. While the consequences of the pandemic are heartbreaking, it brings some consolation to see people coming together to help our communities, to help those in need and to protect our neighbors.



La Jicarita is dedicated to giving back to our local communities and exchanges by spearheading a program, Student Aid & Distance Learning Project, in collaboration with the local school districts and related entities. Through an application process that factored in income and other situational elements, families that were determined to be eligible received a (temporary) waived internet connection. The Student Aid & Distance Learning Project qualified at least (30 +) families. Through the use of resources offered by this program, these children have been successful in remote learning.

In addition, the Cooperative is fortunate to be able to provide (free) internet Wi-Fi Hot Spots at several Fire Department locations throughout our service area. These locations offer a wireless internet connection to students who attend school and are unable to have internet service at their homes. By accessing an internet connection at these Hot Spots, students are able to continue their education by joining in on classroom participation remotely through distance learning.

In tough times like these, it's especially important to look after your neighbor and community. It's been a long few months, but we are optimistic for a brighter future.

Fiber Update

The Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) Construction team, joined with La Jicarita Rural Telephone Cooperative and its subsidiary company, Northern New Mexico Telecom, Inc. launched a Phase II Fiber Build Project in the Fall of 2018. Today, the "Cooperative" continues to provide its membership with an evolving growth of fiber optic facilities throughout the remaining areas and communities in the Mora and Wagon Mound Exchanges.



Currently, this progress in growth continues to develop in the general area of the Guadalupita community, to include (Coyote Loop, El Rincon, Trumbell Canyon, Canada del Carro, Chupaderos, and Christmas Tree Canyon), with the splicing of buried fiber cable as well as extending drops (line connections) and completing installations to the customer premises. It is anticipated that the Hwy 434/Guadalupita area and its mainline corridor will be completed in late January 2021. The FTTH Construction team will continue to work diligently and is currently preparing plans to migrate to the Cleveland (Rio La Casa) area with extending into the Monte Aplando and Ledoux communities in the next upcoming months.

As a reminder, please work with our FTTH Construction team to provide the necessary information to any existing facilities and utilities located on your property. There is no cost for receiving a fiber connection and your monthly billing will remain the same as per your existing subscribed services.

For more information, please contact **Michael J. Leyba, Operations Manager at (575) 387-2216.**