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May your Christmas be rich with family love, warm with friendship, happy with life's goodness and blessed with the joys of the season.

GREETINGS

OF THE SEASON

The Board of Trustees & Employees of
Cotton Electric Cooperative
wish you a
very Merry Christmas and
a prosperous New Year

Winter spike Cold weather, holidays mean higher energy use

By Karen Kaley

Looks like Winter 2013 is shaping up to be c-c-c-cold! Folks in southwest Oklahoma have been hit twice now with storms featuring snow, ice and – my goodness, how long can the temperatures outside stay below freezing?

The spike in energy consumption to keep homes warm is coming at the same time many of us have been gathering with family members over large meals. We have been lighting up our houses and working the oven over-

time to prepare snacks for parties and goodies for gift-giving.

Later this month, we're going to have the whole family gather together again for more merry-making and long hours of exploring the wonders of new electronic gadgets.

All of that uses more energy, more electricity.

There have been a couple of months of lower energy bills, mainly because of that sweet time between the extremes of summer and winter when our heating and air-conditioning sys-

tems aren't running all day.

Just like we know to prepare ahead of time for end-of-year weather and festivities, Cotton Electric members should prepare for the winter spike in power bills that comes with them.

That first bill showing winter power use sometimes seems a little shocking and will make a person wonder what happened. Well, winter happened.

We use a lot of energy in the wintertime, sometimes in ways we don't always think about.

Take lighting, for example. People

light up their houses inside and out.

There are fewer daylight hours in the winter. Lights inside a home get switched on around 6 p.m. instead of 9 p.m., adding three hours of energy consumption. Outdoor lighting tied to a photocell comes on earlier, again because of the longer winter night.

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Use LED lights to decorate your home and minimize the impact on your power bill.

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Dec. 1, 2013, is \$0.00527 per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$7.90 on the December bill.

November 2013 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	74	40	57	16	83	58	71
2	68	38	53	17	78	54	66
3	65	34	50	18	69	46	58
4	71	50	61	19	67	52	60
5	71	50	61	20	68	53	61
6	58	33	46	21	75	33	54
7	65	29	47	22	33	29	31
8	68	34	51	23	40	31	36
9	69	42	56	24	35	24	30
10	67	44	56	25	35	29	32
11	71	45	58	26	50	31	41
12	46	21	34	27	44	22	33
13	51	13	32	28	57	21	39
14	55	23	39	29	60	23	42
15	68	34	51	30	66	30	48

Source: srh.noaa.gov/oun/

Average Daily High: 61 Average Daily Low: 35

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and on Jan. 1, 2014, for the New Year holiday.

Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The January 2014 issue of The Current will be delivered on or about Jan. 21, 2014.

Contact Us

Do you have a story idea for The Current or do you need to place an ad? If so, let us know.

We can be reached at 580-875-3351 or by email at info@cottonelectric.com.

You can also drop us a line at Cotton Electric Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.

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We need an all-of-the-above energy strategy

Electric cooperatives are disappointed – but not surprised – that in September the Administration officially abandoned an all-of-the-above energy strategy for a new, all-but-one approach that effectively removes coal from the nation’s fuel mix in the future.

The policy, proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), sets stringent limits on carbon dioxide emissions from future coal or natural gas plants. Trouble is, the new standards are impossible to meet with existing technology.

For several years, cooperatives have tested carbon capture and storage (CCS) as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, the technology doesn’t make financial sense. It has never been used at a commercial scale at a power plant over a prolonged period

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



to demonstrate its viability or cost. In a 2012 Congressional Budget Office report, engineers estimate it would increase the cost of producing electricity from coal-based plants by 75 percent.

The Administration’s switch to an all-but-one energy approach would limit Americans’ access to a plentiful and affordable resource. It doesn’t seem wise to gamble with the economic well-being of future generations and our nation’s economy.

Already worried about making ends meet, many Cotton Electric members cannot afford

the significant increases in electric bills that this policy would trigger.

Historically, the price of coal remains affordable and relatively stable. The U.S. Energy Information Agency reports the United States has 236 years remaining of recoverable coal reserves. Coal generates 37 percent of the nation’s electricity – our biggest energy source by far.

Seems the Administration lets history repeat itself. We saw this all-but-one game in 1978 when Congress passed the ill-conceived Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act. Never heard of it? Few have, but for

several years, the government banned natural gas for power generation. Yes, natural gas – the fuel source being sold to the nation today as a cleaner fuel option. With gas off the table, electric co-ops were forced to choose between building coal or nuclear plants.

Back then, co-ops were in the midst of a major power plant building cycle. With few options, they invested heavily in coal-based generating plants in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Thankfully, Congress repealed its mistake, but not for nine years.

Let’s not repeat past mistakes. Stand with us as we fight to keep electric bills affordable. Raise your voice through the Cooperative Action Network at www.action.coop. Tell the EPA we need an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

<i>How much can these extras add to an energy bill?</i>			
We’ve done the math on a few items running in a 31-day month at \$0.09 per kWh and came up with this:			
Appliance	Watts	Hours in Use	Cost
Electric space heater Used intermittently to supplement home heating system	1,500	20	\$2.70
Security Light Four hours daily	100	124	1.11
Christmas lights 125 4-watt C-7 bulbs, 12 hours nightly	500	372	16.74
Oven Four hours at 350 degrees, 7 days	2,000	28	5.04
50” plasma TV & Xbox 360	525	30	1.42
Space heater Warming dog kennel, 12 hours for 15 days	1,500	180	24.30
Engine heater 10 hours per night	1,000	3,100	27.90
Stock tank de-icer 12 hours daily	500	372	16.74
Total			\$95.95



A space heater adds about \$0.135 to an energy bill for every hour that it is in use. Run one for 12 hours for 15 days to warm a dog kennel, for example, and expect to pay about \$24.30 in addition to the cost of other normal household power consumption.

Wintertime activities cause power use spikes

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During the holiday season, strings of lights along roof lines and pathways merrily accent displays featuring brightly lit trees and mechanical figures bobbing and twinkling. The festive scene is enhanced with cheery music playing through speakers hidden in the tableau. All of that requires electricity.

The holiday mode continues inside with more lighting on trees and woven into greenery along fireplace mantels and doorways. If that wonderful smell isn’t generated by scented products in electric warmers, it must be coming from the kitchen.

The oven is getting a workout, baking batch after batch of cookies. A month ago, it was turkeys, this month, there may be hams or a goose. Some people cook several pies for various family- and work-related functions or to help with a community meal.

New gadgets add a new component to a home’s power demand during the gift-giving season. Every item that plugs in will use power, sometimes even when it is supposedly turned off.

Kids on extended

school break can keep a game system running most of the day. A new plasma TV uses more energy than those using liquid crystal display (LCD) or the old cathode ray tube (CRT).

The average household uses more hot water during the cold months. If water has to travel a long way through cold pipes, it may not be so hot by the time it comes out in the shower.

At day’s end, many people crawl into a bed made toasty with an electric blanket. The family dog may be getting a little extra warmth, too, thanks to the heat lamp on the dog house or a space heater running in the kennel.

Space heaters are sometimes put to use in stables and barns keeping livestock

warm while special tank trough heaters ensure their water supply doesn’t freeze. Farms and ranches also make use of special heaters to keep the engines of tractors and large trucks warm enough to start in the morning.

Heat lamps and space heaters also get pressed into service in well houses. Well pumps may work a little more because faucets are left to drip inside the home, in hopes of preventing frozen pipes. Another form of pipe protection is heat tape, which requires electricity to generate the heat.

Individually, most of these examples may add only a few dollars to a power bill. But put them all together and they can make a winter power bill a real budget-buster.



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to be the leader in providing the most reliable and innovative electric system, with affordable rates, through the positive, enthusiastic and professional use of its resources and people.

October 2013 Operating Stats			
	2013	2012	
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$4,723,287	\$4,547,379	
Cost of Purchased Power	3,578,690	3,060,464	
Taxes	106,821	84,139	
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	956	867	
Average Farm and Residential Bill	106	121	
Average Farm and Residential kWh	922	1,123	
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,122	17,889	
Miles Energized	5,130	5,140	
Density Per Mile	3.53	3.48	
New Service Connects YTD	314	322	
Services Retired	166	180	

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Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the January 2014 issue, please submit information by Jan. 7, by calling 580-875-4255 or send an email to info@cottonelectric.com.

One-man 'Christmas Carol' planned

Limited seating is available for "A Dickens of a Party," a fundraiser for Duncan Regional Hospital Health Foundation scheduled for Dec. 22. Following a 6:30 p.m. reception, John Kevin Jones will offer a special one-man performance of "A Christmas Carol."

Jones, a native Oklahoman, brings A Christmas Carol's ghosts, graveyards, greed, and redemption to life in the manner of Charles Dickens himself. Based on Dickens' own performance text of A Christmas Carol, Jones and collaborators have crafted a work of captivating storytelling that highlights the classic's stunning narrative imagery and wry humor.

Jones is the son of Ronnie Jones and nephew of Jay Jones, both Marlow residents. The younger Jones has a long list of acting and directing credits, including performances at New York locations such as the Lincoln Center.

For ticket information, call 580-251-8211.

Christmas dinner offered for all

Designed to offer a traditional meal and fellowship for those who might be alone or unable to cook, Christmas dinner will be served to any and all from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Day at Stephens County fairgrounds.

Carryout meals will also be available. Volunteers will deliver some meals. Carryouts and deliveries should be arranged in advance by calling 580-255-3231.

Outlaw Ride benefits Marlow prom

Bull riding enthusiasts won't want to miss the Outlaw Ride for Pride bull event on Jan. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bull riding begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center in Duncan.

Proceeds from the \$1,500-added event go to the Marlow After-Prom Extravaganza. Tickets can be purchased from any parent of a Marlow High School junior or senior, or at Crutcher's in Duncan or Kay's Gifts & More in Marlow.

Magic Lantern plans double feature

Magic Lantern Film Society of Cameron University screens DVD presentations of classic films each month in the CETES Conference Center, Room B. Each evening begins with episodes from the 1948 "Superman" serial.

A double feature is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10. The first film features Charlie Chaplin as The Little Tramp in the 1925 classic, "The Gold Rush." Buster Keaton stars in the sec-

ond feature, "Steamboat Bill, Jr."

There is no admission charge, but donations are accepted. For information about the society, or to see a schedule and synopsis of films, visit Cameron.edu/magiclantern.

SCF&EC to host swine, calf events

Stephens County Fair & Expo Center will host several events during the third weekend in January 2014.

The Marlow Winter Classic will feature a Barrow Bash at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 and a market hog show beginning at 10 a.m. the following day.

The OCPA swine show and sale also begins Jan. 17.

The Oklahoma series of Ultimate Calf Roping continues on Jan. 18 and 19. Ropings begin at 9 a.m. both days. For information, visit UltimateCalfRopings.ning.com.

LCT presents comedy 'Heroes'

Lawton Community Theatre presents "Heroes" at 8 p.m. Jan. 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 19 and 26 in the John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue.

This Oklahoma premiere presentation is a comedy about three old men: an idealist, a pragmatist and a fence sitter. These aging veterans – along with a statue of a dog – find themselves residing in a military retirement home where they pass the time on their favorite isolated terrace – gossiping, joking, and generally irritating one another.

For information, visit LCT-OK.org or call 580-355-1600.

Piano recital celebrates childhood

Cameron University's Department of Music will present Hyunsoon Whang in a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in the University Theatre.

In a program titled "Scenes from Childhood," the professor of music will perform various compositions celebrating childhood such as Mozart's variations on "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and Debussy's "Children's Corner Suite." She will also perform pieces by Messiaen and Villa-Lobos.

For information, call 580-581-2440.

Trail Dance returns for ninth year

The 2014 Trail Dance Film Festival takes place at the Simmons Center, 800 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan, with secondary venues at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway.

Exhibition of films for the general audience begins Jan. 24 and continues throughout the following day, leading up to the Grand Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will recognize the films that stood out to festival judges. There is also an opportunity for members of the audience to vote on their favorites.

Tickets for the Trail Dance Film Festival can be purchased at the Simmons Center or at the event. Admis-

Photo of the Month



One-year-old Preston Lee Nichols meets Santa for the first time. Preston's parents are Mindy & Trevor Nichols of Marlow. Grandparents are Cotton Electric members Jimmy and Rosemary Nichols of Velma and Dickie and Marie Whaley of Marlow.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for January 2014 is That's Funny! Send us your photos that make you laugh!

Entries can be emailed to info@cottonelectric.com or mailed to The Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize package of CEC goodies.

sion to the awards show is free.

For information, call Anthony Foreman, 580-467-8519, or visit TrailDanceFilmFestival.com.

Food pantry open twice monthly

Walters Community Food Pantry is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The pantry is in the old City Hall, 131 1/2 W. California Street.

Pantry organizers try to provide a two-week supply of basic staples to anyone with identification.

For information, call Roger Noland at 580-591-6826.

WMASC activities listed

Wichita Mountains Area Senior Citizens offers a variety of activities and

sponsors weekly and monthly events at the Legion Building.

Potluck dinners and games are offered every Monday from 6 to 10 p.m.

Cecil Gardner's famous homemade Indian tacos are featured at a sale held on the second Saturday of each month. Drinks and desserts are included at \$5.50 per plate.

A dance is held each Friday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7.

For information about other activities, visit WichitaMountainSeniors.org.

The Legion Building is on Wildhorse Road near Medicine Park. From Interstate 44, take Exit 45 to Oklahoma Highway 49. Traveling east, bear right onto Wildhorse. The building is on the right.

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Osage Animal Hospital cares for pets, owners

Husband-wife veterinary team offers dentistry, internal medicine expertise

By Karen Kaley


Asked recently about the best part of her job, Kathy Graf didn't hesitate. "Puppies!" Her husband, Tristan, added, "And the kittens!" Kathy explained, "They're just goofy and don't know any better than to just love everyone. I think you just can't beat puppies or kittens." "Yeah," Tristan said, "their owners love them, too, because they just got them."

They both smiled as they thought about all the little furry four-legged and not-so-furry two-legged friends they had met and cared for in their combined 22 years as veterinarians. For Tristan Graf, DVM, and Kathy Graf, DVM, DACVIM, the care they provide is not just for cats and dogs, but for pet owners, too. "Our goal is to take care of pets and their people," Kathy said. "We try to do it with as much compassion and expertise as we can. We try to offer the highest quality work in the kindest possible way." They have plenty of resources to do just that. First, there is Osage Animal Hospital, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 81 and Osage just north of Duncan. They took over and renamed Jeff Tidwell's practice when they came to Stephens County two years ago. For Tristan, it was a return to his home. He is the son of Lyndon Graf, DVM, longtime owner of Marlow Veterinary Clinic. All three vets help

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each other in both locations. Each has areas of special interest. The elder Graf works with large animals, while Kathy and Tristan stick to cats and dogs. Lyndon prefers orthopedic surgery, while Tristan favors soft tissue. In Kathy's case, all of those extra letters at the end of her name indicate her expertise in veterinary internal medicine. She addresses diseases such as diabetes and thyroid problems, and offers chemotherapy when appropriate to treat cancer. Tristan is particularly interested in veterinary dentistry. He said dental disease is the most common issue in pets, yet very preventable. "You've got to brush 'em," he said. "I know it's difficult, but if you brush your dog's teeth, you're doing them a favor." If a cat or dog has bad breath, it's usually because of dental issues. Osage Animal Hospital has equipment such as a dental X-ray machine and high-speed drills to address the problems. "We take dental X-rays of every dog

that gets their teeth cleaned," Tristan said. "Sometimes the part you can see looks fine, but with an X-ray, we can find something like an infected root. We take care of them and owners notice a change in their dog's behavior. "It's like they have a new dog." Or cat. He recalled a crabby cat that needed some teeth pulled. "He became friendly when we got rid of the toothache. "I think that's one of the coolest things that we do." They have lots of "cool" gadgets to help them do the best they can to treat their patients. They have endoscopes to get a good look inside ears or down throats to dislodge things that shouldn't have been swallowed. Kathy can perform ultrasound examinations, and both can perform surgery at a special table that raises or lowers to accommodate the difference in their heights. In addition to in-depth health care for small animals, Osage Animal Hospital offers grooming for dogs and boarding for cats and dogs.

"It's a one-stop shop," Kathy said. Speaking of shop, the vets are putting finishing touches on a boutique room, where they will offer all types of pet-related accessories such as leashes, collars, toys and food. There will also be some wearable pet-themed items for people. The vets are full of enthusiasm and ideas. They are planning special promotions to run in the first two months of the new year in conjunction with Pet Dental Health Month. Also in January, Kathy said, "We plan to kick off a weight-loss contest. Obesity is becoming a problem for pets, too." She said maybe they'll get their German shorthair, Pistol Pete, involved in the "biggest loser" contest. Tess, the border collie mix, probably won't participate. The cats, Griswold and Jax, will stay home, too, keeping an eye on nothing, Tristan said. He and Kathy truly care about animals and their owners, and when asked if they could offer only one bit of advice, it came right back to puppies. "Vaccinate your puppies," Tristan said. "We see a lot of parvo in dogs because they are not vaccinated. It's too bad because it's such an easy thing to prevent." For preventive care, long-term care, dental care, grooming care, boarding care – make an appointment with the vets who care at Osage Animal Hospital by calling 580-255-4200.



Kathy and Tristan Graf take a moment to visit with Chester Wellington, a Yorkie taking advantage of the boarding facility at Osage Animal Hospital.

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Stay warm, save energy with low-cost/no-cost tips

By Trent Marlett

Now that we are heading into the dead of winter, I thought I would compile a handful of simple low-cost or no-cost things we can do around the house that will save some energy when the thermometer reading drops.

When I go out on energy audits, I always ask the member about where he or she sets the thermostat during the winter and summer. I am surprised sometimes by the responses. One of the easiest things to do at home that can really make a big difference is digging out the sweaters, sweatpants and blankets, and bumping down thermostat settings.

I am not telling anyone to be uncomfortable in their own home, but the closer we can get to setting a thermostat down to 68 in the winter, the more savings we are going to see. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, every degree above 68 in the winter adds 3 percent to 5 percent to the energy use of that system.

If I get chilly in my house, I always think back to the Oklahoma summers. When the temperature outside was 105, I would have loved to walk into a house that was 68 degrees!

Here's another cold weather tip: Instead of firing up the outside grill, in the winter we use our ovens more often. After a baked dish comes out of the oven, it's always a great idea to leave the oven door open!

Even after we turn our ovens off, there is a lot of heat still coming out of the appliance. If you think about it, you have already paid for the heat that cooked your dinner, so why not make use of the excess passive heat and give the house a nice shot of hot air?

Even though we recommend against using the heated drying feature on a dishwasher, if you do, the same thing applies. Leave the door open and get a second benefit from the heat you have already paid for.

A little attention to windows will go a long way toward energy savings. Windows are the weakest spots in the home. Those panes of glass don't come close in comparison to walls at stopping heat from coming in during the summer or leaving in the winter.

Make sure windows are locked solid and have good caulk around them.

Also, drapery and shades can play a big role keeping heat where it belongs. In the winter, open the shades during the day when the sun is out, to collect some of the free solar heat produced by the sun. Close them during long winter nights, to block the heat from leaving.

If we have fireplaces that are not in use, make sure the dampers are closed. Open dampers create a vacuum, sucking out that conditioned air we are paying for. You might as well leave a window open!


These are just a few of the things we can do around the house this winter to help control energy consumption and power bills. There are many more simple ways to save energy. If you are interested, give me a shout and I'll send you a booklet with 101 of them.

Remember, to help out with the chill of winter, slap on those cozy sweats, wrap up in some nice blankets and enjoy some of the savings you're taking advantage of to help pay for some of those Christmas gifts this month.

Merry Christmas and happy energy savings!



Try leaving the oven door open after removing that batch of Christmas cookies. Let the excess baking heat help keep your kitchen toasty.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Electric bills rise in the winter for lots of reasons—holiday parties, house guests, and shorter days and longer nights. Take little measures to help control costs like turning down the thermostat, washing clothes in cold water, swapping out lightbulbs for high-efficiency versions, and using microwaves or toaster ovens to cook. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

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Every day of our lives, we make assumptions. We assume that the people we encounter regularly will behave in the manner to which we are accustomed. We assume that if we take care of our cars, they will get us to where we want to go. In fact, we need to make assumptions to bring order to our world. But in some parts of our life — such as investing — assumptions can prove dangerous.

Of course, not all investment-related assumptions are bad. But here are a few that, at the least, may prove to be counter-productive:

"Real estate will always increase in value." Up until the 2008 financial crisis, which was caused, at least partially, by the "housing bubble," most people would probably have said that real estate is always a good investment. But since then, we're all more painfully aware that housing prices can rise and fall. That isn't to say that real estate is always a bad investment — as a relatively small part of a diversified portfolio, it can be appropriate, depending on your goals and risk tolerance. But don't expect endless gains, with no setbacks.

"Gold will always glitter." During periods of market volatility, investors often flee to gold, thereby driving its price up. But gold prices will fluctuate, sometimes greatly, and there are risks in all types of gold ownership, whether you're investing in actual bars of gold or gold "futures" or the stocks of gold-mining companies.

"I can avoid all risks by sticking with CDs." It's true that Certificates of Deposit (CDs) offer a degree of preservation of principal. But they're not risk-free; their rates of return may be so low that they don't even keep up with inflation, which means you could incur purchasing-power risk. Again, having CDs in your portfolio is not a bad thing, but you'll only want to own those amounts that are suitable for your objectives.

"The price of my investment has gone up — I must have made the right decision." This assumption could also be made in reverse — that is, you might think that, since the price of your investment has dropped, you must have made the wrong choice. This type of thinking causes investors to hold on to some investments too long, in the hopes of recapturing early gains, or selling promising investments too soon, just to "cut their losses." Don't judge investments based on short-term performance; instead, look at fundamentals and long-term potential.

"If I need long-term care, Medicare will cover it." You may never need any type of long-term care, but if you do, be prepared for some big expenses. The national average per year for a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company. This cost, repeated over a period of years, could prove catastrophic to your financial security during your retirement. And, contrary to many people's assumptions, Medicare may only pay a small percentage of long-term care costs. You can help yourself by consulting with a financial professional, who can provide you with strategies designed to help cope with long-term care costs.

You can't avoid all assumptions when you're investing. But by staying away from questionable ones, you may avoid being tripped up on the road toward your financial goals.

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Employee Spotlight

Rex Hiebert



Journeyman field meter technician Rex Hiebert changes a meter on one of his daily stops.

Hiebert hits the road

Journeyman field meter technician’s job has him all over western CEC service area

By Karen Kaley

Bouncing down a bumpy road to a rural area with 20 or so dwellings, Rex Hiebert slows the Cotton Electric pickup to a stop at an intersection. He checks his paperwork for the unique multi-digit number assigned to the meter he is searching for.

He peers at the numbers tacked to a utility pole planted at the crossroads. Two digits run horizontally and two more run vertically below. They match the first four digits of the meter number. He’s within a half mile of his destination.

The next part of the meter number tells him to turn left then left again and again then straight ahead another 100 yards. He pulls right up to the exact location.

Hiebert is a journeyman field meter technician, and the work order that brought him to this spot was generated by the co-op’s monitoring system. The meter had not registered a single kilowatt of use during the last month, and Hiebert was sent out to see if there is a problem.

“When I get to a location on a consumption order, I try to go in with eyes wide open. As I roll up, I start taking inventory, start asking questions.

“What does it look like? Has anyone been here in a while? Is there someone living here?”

On this day, there is a thin layer of snow, making it easy to answer one of his questions: Are there fresh tire tracks? No.

There are other tell-tale signs at the spot. Very near Lake Lawtonka, the small mobile home has a wooden deck with chairs turned down and anchored in place. There are other details indicating it has been closed up for the winter.

The meter is registering no flow of electricity. Just to be sure it is working properly, Hiebert performs a simple test, hooking a device to the meter and turning it on. The meter responds, measuring the tiny bit of power needed to run the device.

Satisfied that all is well, he returns to the truck and starts making notes, first on the work order and then in a notebook. He will turn in the work order at the end of his work day. The notebook is one of hundreds he has filled during his 13 years with the co-op.

“Sometimes, days later, there will be a question about places I’ve been,” Hiebert explained. “I keep these notes to help keep track.”

He needs the help because he travels hundreds of miles each week, visiting meters all over the western portion of the Cotton Electric service area, performing a variety of tasks at each stop.

On this morning, he had helped his supervisor, Bill Pulis, collect materials to build a meter loop before setting out on a route that went nearly to Apache then to Medicine Park and Lake Lawtonka and back to the Walters headquarters for a noontime appointment. Hiebert checked consumption in two spots, changed out a meter in another.

At each location, the member was not home, but Hiebert said that’s not always the case. He always knocks on the door, letting people know why he is there.

Contact with members is one of the things Hiebert said he likes about his job. He said he is usually in a situation that has him somewhere between the member and the co-op. He feels his role is to help the member.

“If there is a problem,” he said, “there usually is a reason. It’s my job to find the reason for the problem and make the situation better or understandable for the member. It’s like I am an interpreter. I help members understand what the co-op needs or can do.”

He finds that very rewarding.

“I try to serve members as well as I can. I like getting to the end of the day knowing I did the best I could, that things worked out best for the members and best for the co-op.”

His experience with helping goes beyond the co-op, to little tasks around town and on a church mission trip. He hopes to go on more of those.

Hiebert, who lives in Walters with his wife, Denise, and two children, Rex Jr. and Makayla, said helping people is something he has always enjoyed and recommends it for anyone feeling blue.

“If you don’t feel good, go help someone else,” he said.

“There are a lot of hurting people with little needs here and there you can help out with. You’ll start feeling really good.”

Sam Noble Scholarship

applications now available

Scholarships are available for students living in southwest Oklahoma and pursuing degrees in agriculture- and technology-related fields. Applications for Sam Noble Scholarships in agriculture and technology are now available from The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

Entering its 16th year of assisting students, the Noble Foundation’s scholarships are available to eligible southern Oklahoma students in all stages of higher education – from incoming freshmen to those seeking graduate degrees.

“The Sam Noble Scholarships play a pivotal role in providing opportunities for students in southern Oklahoma,” said Mary Kate Wilson, director of philanthropy, engagement and project management at the Noble Foundation.

“We encourage all eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity and apply as soon as possible.”

Since 1999, more than 160 Oklahoma students studying agriculture and technology have been awarded scholarships in excess of \$1.75 million.

Scholarships for students seeking undergraduate degrees in agriculture-related fields provide \$2,500 of support per semester for up to nine semesters, while scholarships for graduate students offer \$3,125 per semester for up to five semesters. Applicants must pursue their education at a university awarding baccalaureate or higher degrees through a division or college of agriculture, such as Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Texas Tech University (Lubbock campus) or Texas A&M University (College Station campus).

Scholarships for those seeking degrees or certification in technology-related fields are for \$3,750 per year for up to two years. Applicants must pursue this degree or certification at Oklahoma State University’s Oklahoma City or Okmulgee campus.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, a student must plan to attend or be attending a qualifying university or technology training institution during the 2014-2015 academic year.

The student must also be a resident of one of the following southern Oklahoma counties: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, Pushmataha or Stephens.

Requests for applications for the Sam Noble Scholarships in agriculture and technology may be submitted online at www.noble.org/philanthropy/scholarship or by calling 580-224-6247. Completed scholarship applications must be received on or before Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014.

The scholarship program is named in honor of the late Sam Noble, who created the program through a gift to the Noble Foundation. Sam Noble was a longtime member of the Noble Foundation board of trustees and son of Lloyd Noble, who founded the organization in 1945.

“Sam Noble believed a quality education was one of the keys to leading a successful life,” said Bill Buckner, president of the Noble Foundation.

“He once said, ‘An excellent education is something that no one can ever take away from you; you can use it for the rest of your life.’”



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“Everyone I would talk to had been to or heard of Kiddieland. ... And then they would offer to help.”

– Russell Thornton

Community encircles Kiddieland with love and brand new fence

By Karen Kaley

“Good fences make good neighbors” is a centuries-old proverb. It comes to mind when considering the story of a project recently completed by Leadership Duncan XVI, the 2011-12 class.

There are Leadership classes in many communities and even a Leadership Oklahoma organization. Most follow similar formats of monthly gatherings of participants for behind-the-scenes learning sessions about local, county and state operations.

Class members are also members of their community; they are neighbors. Many classes, such as the program in Duncan, choose and work on a project designed to better the community, their neighborhood.

Curtis Thornton, who coordinated the project selected by Leadership Duncan XVI, said the class discussed many ideas before settling on one that appealed to all participants.

“Jay Johnson mentioned the fence in Fuqua Park that encloses the Kiwanis Kiddieland. He and other class members said they had been going to Kiddieland since they were kids and it’s had that same fence all this time.

“The class thought that would be easy to fix,” Thornton recalled.

The proposal was to replace the fence around Kiddieland, a community fixture since

the carousel was installed in 1956. Airplanes, a tilt-a-whirl and a miniature train were added. At some point, all were encircled with a chain-link fence that also extended north along the highway and a bit east, partially enclosing an adjacent playground area.

Well, this was all new to Thornton, who had lived in Duncan for only a few years. He was not familiar with what was hidden behind the dense foliage that blocked the view of Kiddieland from traffic on U.S. Highway 81.

That foliage had grown up and into the old fence over the decades. It was one of the many tangles encountered in a project that took about a year and a half to pull together, yet only three weeks to build once the first shovel finally bit into the ground.

Not wanting to simply put up another chain-link fence, the class asked Thornton to get some bids on something more ornate – maybe something in wrought-iron ...

“The first bids were between \$50,000 and \$70,000 just for the fencing,” Thornton said. “At that price, I thought we weren’t going to get it done.”

But he kept making calls, learning about alternatives to wrought iron that were equally sturdy, decorative and less expensive. Still, the cost was going to be more than what the class had budgeted.

One of the many calls was



A grant from Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation helped replace the old chain-link fence at Kiddieland Park in Duncan.

to Ameristar, a supplier based in Tulsa. He spoke with a special projects manager about a project requiring just a bit less than 1,000 feet of fencing.

“(The project manager) asked where I was calling from. I said, ‘Oh, a little town in south central Oklahoma,’ and described the park.

“She said, ‘Oh, you’re talking about Kiddieland! I went there as a kid. I think I can help you.’”

That was Thornton’s introduction to the special place Kiddieland has in the hearts of many.

“I kept running into this. Everyone I would talk to had been to or heard of Kiddieland.

They would say, ‘Yeah, I rode the tilt-a-whirl when I was 8 years old. I still remember it.’

“And then they would offer to help.”

Thornton thought raising funds for the project would be a major hurdle. It turned out to be the easiest part. The group applied for and received significant grants including one for \$2,500 from Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation. Other grants came from the

McCasland Foundation and Duncan Convention and Visitors Bureau. Duncan Beautification volunteered a large contribution.

Local businesses and the Kiwanis contributed. Individuals contributed. Thornton said the mention of Kiddieland made wallets open.

“It shocked me, the people who wanted to contribute. Some that don’t live in Duncan anymore but still have ties, still have memories of summer nights on the carousel.”

Other details were a bit more tricky. However, the project was charmed – perhaps a bit of Kiddieland magic came into play as people volunteered to take care of things.

Carolyn Rodgers, chair of Duncan Beautification, pointed out the park was on an Oklahoma Department of Transportation right-of-way and volunteered to do all the legwork to get permits to carry out the project.

Dana Stanley, Duncan Parks superintendent and class mentor, cleared the way figuratively and literally. In addition to securing project permits from the City of Duncan, he arranged the use of city equip-

ment and labor to tear out the old fence and its thick mantle of vines and underbrush.

Ricky Mayes of R&D Fencing provided labor and expertise at a deep discount and got the new fence built.

The final product is 6-foot-high powder-coated ornamental fencing that follows roughly the same path of the original fence. No longer covered in foliage, the fence offers security and a clear view of Kiddieland Park.

“A lot of groups, a lot of people, a lot of money came together to do one thing,” Thornton said. “Little Kiddieland Park was much bigger than I realized.

“This is something that started as a daunting task. But this community-minded project brought together a lot of community-minded folks to build that fence.”

Thornton said the participation exceeded his expectations.

“I learned something about the community I live in, which is what Leadership Duncan is all about.”

He learned that he lives in a community that is full of good neighbors.



Before: A thick growth of vines and brush kept Kiddieland Park hidden.



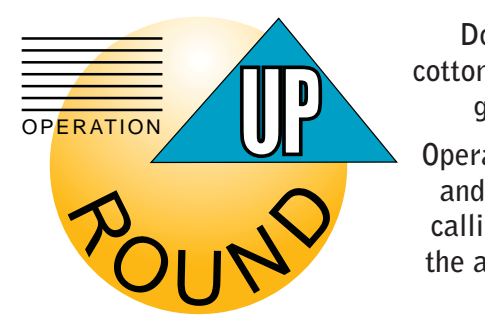
After: The wonders of Kiddieland Park can be seen from U.S. Highway 81.

Charitable Foundation announces fourth-quarter grants

Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters – set enough of them aside on a regular basis, and the coins add up to dollars. That’s how Operation Round Up works.

Most Cotton Electric members participate in ORU, in which power bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. The amount rounded up can be as little as 1 cent and is never more than 99 cents. On average, each participating member contributes about \$6 each year.

The funds are pooled and administered by the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation, a board of directors that meets quarterly to consider grant applications. The board consists of Warren Langford, the co-op’s CEO; Tim McCary, president of the co-op’s board of trustees; and three representatives from the Cotton Electric service area: Carly Douglass, CECF president; Carter Waid, CECF secretary and treasurer; and Danny Marlett



CECF board member.

The board met Dec. 4 to review 21 grant applications. Grants totaling \$28,250 will be distributed to 13 of the applicants.

Fourth-quarter CECF grant recipients include:

- Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, which will use a \$500 CECF grant for educational outreach.
- Douglass Eastside Senior Citizens Center, which will use a \$2,000 CECF grant for transportation maintenance.
- Duncan Community Residence, which will use a \$2,500 CECF grant to purchase a medication cart.

Download CECF grant applications at cottonelectric.com. Deadline for first-quarter grant applications is Feb. 26, 2014.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program and members may opt out at any time by calling or sending a letter or email stating the account holder’s name, account number and the request to be removed.

- Elgin 4-H Club, which will use a \$1,000 CECF grant to help with citizenship trip expenses.
- Indiahoma Elementary School, which will purchase incentives for the Accelerated Reader program with a \$500 CECF grant.
- Indiahoma Public Schools, which will use a \$2,000 CECF grant to make repairs to the administrative office building.
- Smart Start/United Way of Stephens County, which will purchase books for children at Delta Head Start with a \$750 CECF grant.
- Stephens County Christmas Dinner

Association, which will purchase food with a \$500 CECF grant.

- Velma-Alma Schools, which will purchase electronic tablets and accessories with a \$5,000 CECF grant.
- The City of Walters, which will use a \$5,000 CECF grant to purchase wood chips for Kidtopia at Youth Park.
- Waurika Chamber of Commerce, which will use a \$5,000 CECF grant to complete a street renovation project.

Grants in the amounts of \$2,500 and \$1,000 were issued to organizations on behalf of two individuals struggling with overwhelming medical expenses.

CECF has awarded grants totaling \$637,000 since the foundation was established in 2004.

Applications for first-quarter grants are due by Feb. 26, 2014. Downloadable applications are available at CottonElectric.com.

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Solutions for 12 holiday food excuses

The Thanksgiving and Christmas revelry can make it difficult to keep your healthy habits going. Between parties, shopping, decorating, wrapping and other activities, finding time to be physically active and the willpower to eat right is difficult. Here are some common scenarios experienced during the holidays and suggestions on how to keep your healthy habits intact or get them back on track.

It is too cold outside to exercise. Visit an indoor mall and walk around several times before completing your shopping. Walk all the aisles of the grocery store, not just the ones that contain the items you need. Go bowling or find another indoor activity to do with your family and friends. Exercise can help get you through the holiday season with less stress and more cheer.

Too busy to exercise? Incorporate exercise into your daily routine. If able, take the stairs. Park farther away from your work, the store, or the restaurant. Take two 15-minute breaks during your day to walk around your office or walk in place at your house. If you are watching TV or involved in a holiday craft, take stretch breaks.

You are surrounded by unhealthy leftovers. Many foods can be frozen and reheated. Choose only those that you really enjoy, freeze them in single portions for lunches during the year or large batches for future celebrations. For those dishes that you do not like, throw them away. It's not worth the calories.

Too many parties on your holiday calendar? If declining a few invitations is not an option, make a food plan for each party. Drink plenty of water before you go so you do not mistake thirst for hunger. Stick with simple foods first, such as fruits, vegetables and lean proteins. Fill up on foods that are less likely to bust your calorie budget.

If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Stick with beer and



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

Food For THOUGHT

wine instead of mixed drinks that can be full of hidden calories. Remember, drinking makes you hungrier, so if you are going to drink alcohol, eat while you drink and preferably eat something healthy.

To round out your party meal, choose one dessert that you can't live without, and have a small piece. Make sure you enjoy every bite!

Skipped a meal so you could eat more at a holiday party? Stick to your party eating plan and, next time, don't skip a meal. Hunger clouds your food judgment!

You are too busy to cook. Fill your refrigerator, freezer and pantry with components of quick meals such as bagged salad, pre-cut vegetables and fruit, and pre-cooked lean meats. Use your crockpot to make a few large batches of dishes that can be frozen and reheated on a busy night. Avoid resorting to fast food as this option often gives you more calories, fat, and sodium than a meal you would cook at home.

Every year, you bake and share holiday treats. Keep the size of the portion of food you gift small, enough for one or two servings per person. Choose treats that can be frozen and eaten at a later date and gift the treats in freezer-friendly containers. Buy or make healthier treats to share with friends and family. Ideas include

fresh fruit baskets, herb and spice mixes, and community-supported agriculture memberships or gift certificates to farmers markets.

Emotional eating and drinking The holidays are often stressful and emotional. The way we cope with good feelings and bad feelings tends to be food. Before you eat, ask yourself if you are truly hungry. Do a quick meal timeline – when was the last time you ate and what did you eat? If it has been only a few hours since your last meal, you are probably bored or thirsty or stressed versus being truly hungry. Listen to your body before you feed it to avoid over-eating.

Man, I'm stuffed! Sometimes you just can't help yourself, and you end up eating too much. The worst thing you can do is continue to overeat at subsequent meals. The best thing you can do is quickly get back into your normal food routine. If there is a standard breakfast that you eat, do that after a night of heavy eating. Don't skip the next meal, just eat a small portion.

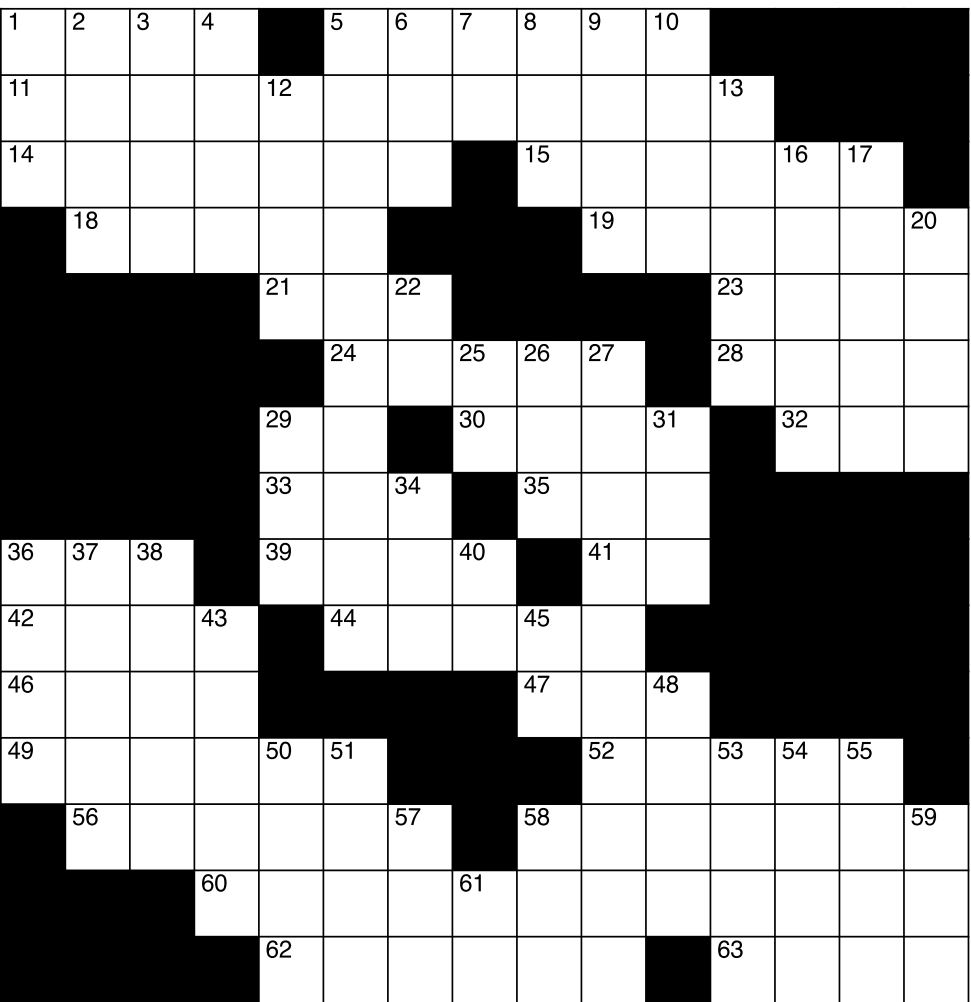
Man, my head hurts! If you over imbibed the night before, wake up, hydrate, eat something, and get moving. Getting back into your healthy eating and physical activity routine is the best medicine for a hangover. If you don't have that routine, it's never too late to start.

Eating Santa's cookies on Christmas Eve. Eat one if you must, freeze the rest or toss them, or sneak them back into the cookie jar. The kids won't know the difference and your body will thank you.

You never set or keep New Year's resolutions. It's never too late to start, and maybe this will be the year that you set them and keep them. Make them realistic and achievable. Write them down and post them where you can see them every day. Focus on one health goal for 2014, and next year you won't need my help with tackling holiday health excuses!

ACROSS

- 1. Leopold's partner in crime
- 5. Black furs
- 11. Truman's hometown
- 14. Dean residence
- 15. Chief Polish port
- 18. Grin
- 19. Complied with
- 21. Explosive
- 23. Perennial woody plant
- 24. Expression
- 28. Small Japanese deer
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Bullfighting maneuver
- 32. Deaf signing language
- 33. Assistance
- 35. What part of (abbr.)
- 36. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Exclamation of surprise
- 42. Extinct European ox
- 44. Moving in a circle
- 46. College army
- 47. Radioactivity unit
- 49. Give a quick reply
- 52. Spanish appetizers
- 56. Environment
- 58. Gold, quartz or iron
- 60. Fellowes' Masterpiece series
- 62. Old style recording
- 63. Questions



DOWN

- 1. Box top
- 2. Small integers
- 3. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 4. Bolivian savanna
- 5. Open air performing for love
- 6. No matter what or which
- 7. Religious degree
- 8. Lower limb
- 9. Prefix meaning inside
- 10. Crust covering a wound
- 12. Assail repeatedly
- 13. Samoyedic (alt. sp.)
- 16. Damascus is the capital
- 17. Peeps (Scot.)
- 20. Transaction
- 22. Touchdown
- 25. Associated press
- 26. An opening between things
- 27. Increasing
- 29. Cologne
- 31. Ethiopia (abbr.)
- 34. A 24-hour period
- 36. Kitty sound
- 37. Prefatory discourse
- 38. -frutti
- 40. Biblical Sumerian city
- 43. Criticize harshly
- 45. 25th state
- 48. Comedian Carvey
- 50. A wild disturbance
- 51. Pueblo American Indians
- 53. 9-banded armadillo
- 54. Arbitrageurs
- 55. Thai language of Khammouane
- 57. Atomic #105
- 58. 1st weekday (abbr.)
- 59. Fleur-de-____
- 61. The 7th tone



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1 lb. Oreo cookies
1 lb. milk chocolate
8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 lb. white chocolate
1/2 t. vanilla

Using a food processor, grind cookies to a fine powder. With a mixer blend cookie powder, cream cheese and vanilla. Roll into small balls and place onto waxed lines cookie sheet. Refrigerate for 45 minutes. In double boiler, melt milk chocolate. Dip balls into melted milk chocolate with slotted spoon and place onto waxed paper



lined cookie sheet. In separate double boiler, melt white chocolate. Drizzle white chocolate over chocolate covered balls. Let cool. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.
Yield: 24-48



The 2013 Stephens County Cook Off featured 14 categories. Some of the winning recipes were published in the November issue of The Current. Here are the remaining recipes.

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Taco Soup

2 lbs. ground beef
1 1/2 C. water
1 lg. onion
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
1-16 oz. can whole corn, drained
1 pkg. chili seasoning mix
1-16 oz. can diced tomatoes w/onion & garlic

1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch seasoning mix
1-16 oz. can diced tomatoes w/green chilies
1 can Ranch Style Beans

Cook beef and onion until beef is browned in a large pan. Drain the grease from beef and add remaining ingredients. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and let simmer for 15 minutes.

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Smoked Sausage Penne Pasta

1-13 oz. Bar S smoked sausage loop 4 T. extra virgin olive oil
1-16 oz. box penne pasta 3 shallots, minced
1 lg. broccoli bunch, chopped 1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese, opt.
1 pt. cherry tomatoes, chopped 1 T. black pepper

Bring a large sauce pan full of water to boil. Add the penne pasta. Cook the pasta for 7-8 minutes on medium heat or until tender. Drain then set aside. Combine the olive oil, shallots, smoked sausage, the black pepper into a large pot. Saute for 8-10 minutes on medium heat for another 3-5 minutes then remove from heat. Serve warm with a topping of shredded Parmesan cheese and your favorite Italian dressing.



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All Other Desserts
Matthew McCalister, Teen Leaders

Peanut Butter Cup Pudding

12-16 Reese’s Miniature Peanut Butter Cups
1-4 oz. pkg. vanilla instant pudding & pie filling mix
1 3/4 C. milk, divided
1/4 C. creamy peanut butter

Remove wrappers from peanut butter cups and coarsely chop. Set aside. Gradually add 1/2 cup milk to pudding mix in small bowl, beating until well blended. Add peanut butter, blending until smooth. Gradually add remaining 1 1/4 cups milk, beating until mixture is smooth and pudding begins to thicken, (about 3 minutes). Fold in candy pieces. Spoon pudding into serving dish or individual dishes. Cover; refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftover pudding. Yield: approx. 6– 1/2 cup servings



Cake
Daly Newsom, Comanche

Poppy Seed Cake

1 butter cake mix, dry
4 eggs
1/2 C. sugar
3/4 C. oil
1/4 C. poppy seed
1 C. sour cream
Glaze:
1 or 2 sprigs lavender
juice of 2 lemons

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium mixing bowl add cake mix, eggs, sugar, oil, poppy seed and sour cream. Mix well and pour into a

Beverage
Braiden Poston, Bray-Doyle

Slush Punch

1 qt. water
1 qt. sugar
3 pkgs. Kool Aid (your choice)
1 Jello (your choice)
1 lg. pineapple juice
5 qt. water

Boil 1 quart water and 1 quart sugar for 5 minutes. Add Kool-aid and Jello. Let cool. Then add pineapple juice and 5 quarts water. Freeze in plastic

Pie
Brittany Raines, Bray-Doyle

Double Pecan Pie

4 C. sugar
4 T. butter, melted
1/2 C. dark corn syrup
3 1/2 C. light corn syrup
3 lg. eggs
2 C. pecan halves
2 T. good quality vanilla extract
1-9 inch deep-dish pie shell, unbaked

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a medium bowl stir together the sugar and melted butter. Add the corn syrup, eggs, pecans, and vanilla extract. Stir until all ingredients are combined. Pour mixture into an unbaked pie



greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes. Place lavender in bowl, squeeze lemon juice over and microwave 30 seconds. Add sugar and stir. Drizzle over cake. Serves: 10-12



container overnight. Stir first thing next morning, then every hour aft that until you serve. Pour Sprite over punch when served, mix until slushy.




shell and place on a heavy-duty cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue to bake for an additional 25 minutes or until pie is set. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack. Serves: 8



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The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Available To:
Available to general service customers for farm, home and residential use subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Type of Service:
Single-phase, at available secondary voltage or three-phase at the discretion of the Cooperative.
Minimum Charges:
(1) A charge of \$24.50 per month for single-phase service and \$29.50 per month for three-phase service; or
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
(3) For seasonal loads, a charge of \$24.50 per month for single-phase service and \$29.50 per month for three-phase service, plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA of transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA.
Adjustments:
The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.
Service Reconnection:
When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a 12-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

General Service HD
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge:
Single-Phase Service \$16.50 per month
Three-Phase Service \$21.50 per month
Energy Charges:
All kWh \$0.078505 per kWh
The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Available To:
Available to residential consumers in franchised municipal areas with a line density of 11 customers per mile or greater, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Type of Service:
Single-phase, at available secondary voltage or three-phase at the discretion of the Cooperative.
Minimum Charges:
(1) A charge of \$23.50 per month for single-phase service and \$28.50 per month for three-phase service; or
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
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Adjustments:
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Commercial Service
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge:
Single-Phase Service \$30.00 per month
Three-Phase Service \$35.00 per month
Energy Charges:
All kWh \$0.085968 per kWh
The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in the base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Available To:
Available for commercial and industrial consumers up to fifty (50) kVA of transformer capacity, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Available for commercial and industrial consumers to one hundred fifty (150) kVA of transformer capacity at the discretion of the Cooperative. Service under this rate is not available wherein transformer capacity requirements exceed one hundred fifty (150) kVA. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Type of Service:
Single-phase or three-phase at available secondary voltages.
Minimum Charges:
(1) A charge of \$30.00 per month for single-phase and \$35.00 per month for three-phase service plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA of transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA.
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
Adjustments:
The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

Commercial Service HD
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge:
Single-Phase Service \$25.00 per month
Three-Phase Service \$32.50 per month
Energy Charges:
All kWh \$0.079338 per kWh
The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Available To:
Available for commercial and industrial consumers up to fifty (50) kVA of transformer capacity, in franchised municipal areas with a line density of 11 customers per mile or greater, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Available for commercial and industrial consumers to one hundred fifty (150) kVA of transformer capacity at the discretion of the Cooperative. Service under this rate is not available wherein transformer capacity requirements exceed one hundred fifty (150) kVA. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Type of Service:
Single-phase or three phase, at available secondary voltages.
Minimum Charges:
(1) A charge of \$25.00 per month for single-phase service and \$32.50 per month for three-phase service plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA for transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA.
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
Adjustments:
The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

Commercial Time of Use
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge:
Single-Phase Service \$30.00
Three-Phase Service \$35.00

Energy Charges:
On-Peak \$0.316309 per kWh
Off-Peak \$0.066309 per kWh
Determination of On-Peak/Off-Peak Hours:
The On-Peak Hours upon which the On-Peak Energy Charge is based shall be the hours from 3 p.m. through 7 p.m., for the period June 20 through Sept. 9.
Available To:
Available for commercial and industrial consumers up to fifty (50) kVA of transformer capacity, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Available for commercial and industrial consumers to one hundred fifty (150) kVA of transformer capacity at the discretion of the Cooperative. Service under this rate is not available wherein transformer capacity requirements exceed one hundred fifty (150) kVA. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Minimum Charges:
(1) A charge of \$30.00 per month for single-phase and \$35.00 per month for three-phase service plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA for transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA; or
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
Adjustments:
The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

Irrigation Rate
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge \$27.50 per month
Energy Charge \$0.065700 per kWh
Horsepower Charge \$2.15 per hp of connected load per month
Available To:
Available to members for pump irrigation service subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Service under this rate shall be under the standard Cooperative contract. Motors shall be ten (10) horsepower or greater. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Type of Service:
Single-phase or three-phase, at available secondary voltages.
Minimum Charges:
(1) \$27.50 plus a charge of \$2.15 per horsepower of connected load per year.
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service. The Irrigation Rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in the base charge for electricity.
Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Service Reconnection:
When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a twelve-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

Interruptible Irrigation
Monthly Rate
Customer Charge \$27.50 per month
Energy Charge \$0.065700 per kWh
Horsepower Charge \$2.15 per hp of connected load per month
The Interruptible Irrigation Rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in the basic charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.
Available To:
Available to members for pump irrigation service subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Service under this rate shall be metered with "Time-of-Day" metering or shall have "load interrupting" devices installed on the service.

Electric power and energy usage under this rate is prohibited from June 19 through Sept. 20, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Each year, members will be given credit for hp charges, applied toward but not to exceed energy charges, if no power was used during the prohibited time period. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.
Minimum Charges:
(1) \$27.50 plus a charge of \$2.15 per horsepower of connected load per year.
(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.
Service Reconnection:
When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a twelve-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

Large Power Rate
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Outdoor Lighting
Monthly Rate
(1) Where an approved Outdoor Light is installed on an existing pole; and (a) where the Outdoor Light is installed on the Cooperative's side of the meter, the monthly charge per light shall be \$8.81 for 175-Watt Mercury Vapor and 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium and \$20.87 for 400-Watt Metal Halide; or (b) where the Outdoor Light is installed on the consumer's side of the meter, the monthly charge per light shall be \$2.60 for 175-Watt Mercury Vapor, \$3.12 for 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium and \$5.98 for 400-Watt Metal Halide.
(2) Should the member desire a location other than an existing pole, the cost of installation shall be determined by figuring the cost of labor, materials installed, plus digging and hauling charges, and will be incurred by the consumer. The wire, pole and material will become the property of the consumer.
Available To:
Available to all members of the Cooperative for illumination of outdoor areas at any point on the distribution or service lines, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative.
Vandalism:
In the event the Outdoor Light is damaged by vandals, such as gun shots, rocks, or any other type of vandalism, the member shall be responsible for the cost of repairing the Outdoor Light.

Power Cost Adjustment:
Due to fluctuations in the cost of fuel for generating wholesale power, it is impossible to buy electricity at the same cost per kWh each month. The base rates include 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power cost. Any variation above or below 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power cost must be computed as Power Cost Adjustment. The actual PCA factor is indicated on each power bill and is reported in your monthly Cotton Electric Current. Occasionally, when hydro or other low cost generating power is available, a credit is shown on your bill.

This adjustment shall be based on 70 kWh per month per 175-Watt Mercury Vapor Light, 40 kWh per month per 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium Light or 160 kWh per month per 400-Watt Metal Halide, applicable to Rate (1), Plan (a).
Adjustments:
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The information below is provided in order to give Cotton Electric Cooperative members a complete listing of Billing and Past Due dates for 2014. Billing is staggered in cycles each month. Some members are billed in Cycle 1, others in

Cycle 2, etc. The cycle number is listed to the right of the color-coded address on a bill. In other words, the address is written in red on a Cycle 3 bill and in green on a Cycle 4 bill. Cycle 1 bills are in the mail on the first Monday of each month,

Cycle 2 on the second Monday, Cycle 3 on the third Monday and Cycle 4 on the fourth Monday. Payment is due upon receipt of the bill and is considered Past Due 21 days after the mailing date.

Cycle 1 — Black Bill	
Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/06/14	01/27/14
02/03/14	02/24/14
03/03/14	03/24/14
04/07/14	04/28/14
05/05/14	05/26/14
06/02/14	06/23/14
07/07/14	07/28/14
08/04/14	08/25/14
09/01/14	09/22/14
10/06/14	10/27/14
11/03/14	11/24/14
12/01/14	12/22/14

Cycle 2 — Blue Bill	
Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/13/14	02/03/14
02/10/14	03/03/14
03/10/14	03/31/14
04/14/14	05/05/14
05/12/14	06/02/14
06/09/14	06/30/14
07/14/14	08/04/14
08/11/14	09/01/14
09/08/14	09/29/14
10/13/14	11/03/14
11/10/14	12/01/14
12/08/14	12/29/14

Cycle 3 — Red Bill	
Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/20/14	02/10/14
02/17/14	03/10/14
03/17/14	04/07/14
04/21/14	05/12/14
05/19/14	06/09/14
06/16/14	07/07/14
07/21/14	08/11/14
08/18/14	09/08/14
09/15/14	10/06/14
10/20/14	11/10/14
11/17/14	12/08/14
12/15/14	01/05/15

Cycle 4 — Green Bill	
Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/27/14	02/17/14
02/24/14	03/17/14
03/24/14	04/14/14
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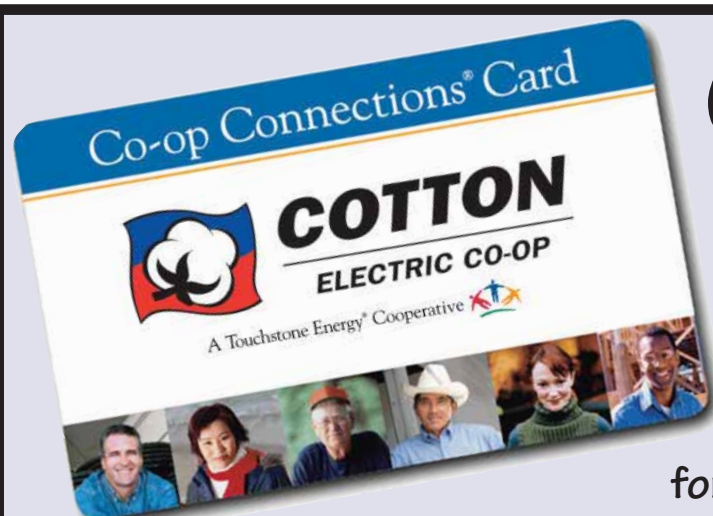
As an electric co-op member you have a say in how the co-op is run. Isn't that nice to hear? Learn more about the power of your co-op membership at TogetherWeSave.com.



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ELECTRIC CO-OP

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Co-op Connections Card

Local Participating Businesses • Great Member Savings!

If your business would like to participate in the Co-op Connections Program, call us at 580-875-4277.

Visit www.connections.coop for a complete list of national discounts

Redeem your discounts by showing your Cotton Electric Co-op Connections card at any of the participating businesses.

2 Cajuns in the Kitchen

\$1 off daily lunch special or free dessert with dinner meal. Located at the Comanche Livestock Barn off old Hwy 81. 439-6845; ok2cajuns@yahoo.com; Tues+Sun 10:30-2:30, Wed 10:30-7, Thurs 7-7, Fri-Sat 10:30-2:30 & 5-9

3B Industries

Free car wash token w/purchase of 10. Wholesale pricing on pressure washers and Dixie Chopper lawn mowers 580-439-8876
Locations: Comanche - 301 S. Rodeo Dr. Duncan - 1606 W. Oak & 2015 W. Elk

A&M Appliance Service

10% off
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F • 580-467-1198
aandmappliance@att.net

A Touch of Bliss

Sherri Maxwell - owner
10% off store purchase
\$5 off hour or 1/2-hour massage
213 W. Main, Marlow
Thurs - Sat. 10 am - 6 pm
580-658-9026

AA Computer Services, Inc.

20% off service, not to include services already on special
901 SW Lee Blvd. Lawton
580-357-4482 Mon-Fri 8-5

Addington Station Antiques

10% off all purchases
401 US Highway 81, Addington
10-5:30 Tue.-Sat. • 580-439-5566

Aerola Bombus Children's Books

Educational books: Softcover, e-books, audio books and products.
10% off online orders - Code CE2011
AerolaBombus.com • 580-695-3235

American Scents Made in USA

10% discount
1515 N. Hwy. 81, Duncan
580-475-0055

Antique Adventures, Ltd.

15% off total purchase
811 SW A Ave. - Lawton
Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tue. - Sat.
580-351-0170

Arvest Bank

Open new checking account, receive \$10 or 1st box of checks free.
Valid at Lawton, Duncan, Walters and Chickasha branches.
580-250-4540

Attractive Graphics

Custom screen printing & vinyl cutting
10% discount
PO Box 1188, Cache, OK 73527
580-678-5786
attractivegraphicscsp@gmail.com

Baby Glam & Mama Too!

Denise Graham - owner
10% off store purchase
226 W. Main, Marlow
Tue.- Fri. 10 to 5:30, Sat. 10 to 3
580-658-2000
babyglamandmamatoo.com

Backdoor Bling

10% off
301 S. Highway 81
580-470-8848 • Duncan

Billingsley Ford of Lawton, Inc.

10% off service department repairs up to \$40 per visit.
8209 NW Quannah Parker Trailway
580-510-0925

Billingsley Ford L-M of Duncan, Inc.

10% off service department repairs up to \$40 per visit.
3505 NW Hwy. 81
580-255-5500

Dear Friends

10% discount on regular-priced items, excluding tubes, tanks & tights
1513 N. Hwy. 81, Duncan • 580-475-0577

Bluff Creek Lodge

10% discount on all bookings
Eastern Stephens County
580-255-9592 • 580-470-5976
Lyndel Strain, owner

Burton Meat Market

10% off meat purchases over \$20
1206 N. Hwy. 81 (Chisholm Mall)
Duncan

Sue Cabelka, Realtor

Jay Kinder Real Estate Experts
\$500 off seller's closing costs
1146 NW Cache Rd., Lawton
580-248-2600 • 580-591-3362

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

\$1.00 off admission per card per visit
Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway, Duncan
580-252-6692

Cool It, Inc.

\$20 off service call
\$250 off complete system
2407 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton
580-355-1749
BobChambersHVAC.com

Cosmetic Specialty Labs, Inc.

10% off & free shipping when you spend \$25 or more.
210 SW Texas Ave., Lawton
580-355-2182

Country Closet Resale Shop

10% off all purchases
1 mi. south of Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 81
Waurika • 580-228-2928

Cowboy Opry Music Store

10% off all purchases
300 Oak Main, Comanche
580-439-8111

Debbie's Little Books

10% off regular purchase price of personalized books.
debbieslittlebooks.com
580-492-4672 • Elgin

Dino's Dry Cleaners

10% discount
1015 W. Oak, Duncan
580-255-2121 • 7-6 M-F • 8-1 Sat

Duncan Opticians

10% off purchase of complete glasses
1619 W. Elk, Duncan, OK
Mon - Fri • 9:00-5:30
580-255-1172
duncanopticians@cableone.net

Eastside Sod Farm

Free estimates and 10% discount
580-591-3360 • Lawton

Gene Burk Auto Glass

10% off
2302 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton
580-355-3890

Gourmet Gadgets

10% off regular-priced merchandise
1105 NW Ferris Ave., Lawton
10 - 5:30 Tues-Fri, 10 - 4 Sat.
580-248-1837

GT Designz Embroidery & Gifts

10% discount
1206 N. Highway Suite 13, Duncan
580-252-1700 • www.gtdesignz.net

Horse Sense Trading Post

Jamon Kelley - owner
15% off orders over \$100
580-512-7047
horsesensetradingpost@yahoo.com

Infinity Computer Systems

10% off all labor.
2322 W. Gore Blvd.
580-351-2911 • Lawton

Johnson & Johnson Locksmith, LLC

10% discount, present card prior to service and ordering of parts.
1913 NW Cache Rd., Lawton
580-355-KEYS (5397) or 580-355-8749

Just Bling It

10% discount
1302 W. Bois d'Arc, Duncan, OK
580-251-9641

Lakeside Golf Course

\$5 green fees all day on Mon. & Tues.
Hours: 7 a.m. to dark
Walters, OK 580-875-3829

Lawton Imaging

10% off remaining balance after insurance or an additional 10% off already reduced self pay prices.
Mon - Fri 8 - 5
1108 S.W. B Ave. Lawton, OK
580-699-7571

Linda's Carpet

Free vacuum cleaner with purchase of \$2,000 on Stainmaster carpets
4010 N. Hwy. 81 • Duncan

Medicine Creek Gallery

10% discount
206 East Lake Drive, Medicine Park
Fri. & Sun. 1-5, Sat. 11-5 • 940-736-6843
ArtoftheWest@BudPawless.com

Nancy's Antiques

20% discount storewide
Hwy. 70, west side of railroad tracks
Waurika, OK
580-228-2575 or 228-2011

Nita's Flowers

Helen Thomas - owner
10% discount
114 N. Broadway, Marlow • 580-658-2714
Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5 • Sat. 8:30-2

On The Hill Gypsy Horses

Horse Breeding & Sales
\$100 off of breeding fee, or purchase of horse.
By Appointment: 580-641-2022 or 580-656-2475: lee@on-the-hill.net

Osage Animal Hospital

\$5 off professional examination
1500 W. Osage, Duncan • 580-255-4200
Mon.-Fri. 7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Rose's Custom LLC

10% discount on purchases over \$200
580-252-9633 Fax: 580-255-6897
Mon - Fri 8-5 rosescustom@yahoo.com

Red Dirt Bar & Grill

\$1.00 off appetizers
6425 NW Cache Rd., Lawton
918-720-3739

Ringtail USA

Monogramming, screen printing
Buy 12 caps or T-shirts, GET ONE FREE
P.O. Box 1763, Duncan, OK 73534
<http://ringtailusa.com> • 580-439-6560

The Salt Cellar

15% off non-sale items, excluding boxed cards and gift cards
3801 NW Cache Road, #23, Lawton
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. • 580-357-5443

Shane Burk Glass & Mirror

Free mobile service in Stephens, Comanche, Grady, Jefferson, Caddo or Cotton counties or 15% off any residential or business windows or in-shop glass replacement.
580-252-5939
shaneburkautoglass.com

Showman's Choice

10% off Professional's Choice
M-F 8-5:30, Sat. 10-2
1205 SW Sheridan, Lawton
580-355-7469

Sign Dynamic

10% discount on purchases over \$200
301 SW B Avenue, Lawton
580-353-2522

Solid Plumbing

10% off all service calls, \$125 sewer camera, \$175 slab leak detection
2809 NW Sheridan Rd, Lawton
580-353-2863

Southern Maid Donuts

10% off donut & pizza purchases
101 Thoma Dr. #A, Elgin, OK
Open 5 a.m. - noon & 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tue. - Sat.
580-492-6123

Southern Trophy

10% off items in Gifts to Treasure shop
9-5 Mon.-Fri.
101 N. 10th St., Duncan
580-252-7866

Stephens County Humane Society

\$10.00 off adoption fee
714 Martin Luther King Blvd.
580-252-7387

Steppin' Outdoors

15% off all guides & tours.
20% off sponsorship rates.
580-450-1599
SteppinOutDoorsToday.com

Studio 17 Salon & Gifts

15% off products or retail purchases
8176 State Hwy. 17, Elgin
580-492-4744
Sharla Spencer, owner

Sylvan Learning

Tutoring/Education
Schedule an assessment and \$60 will be deducted from the cost. This is a lifetime assessment fee, no charge for further testing at our center.
2603 NW Cache Rd., Suite 2, Lawton
580-351-9100

Tans Plus

Tanning salon, gifts and accessories
10% off monthly tanning packages
1 mile N. of Comanche on Old Hwy. 81
580-439-5767

the 18th block

10% off regular-priced merchandise (cannot combine with other discounts)
331 SW C Ave., Lawton 73501
580-595-9682

The Branded Bear

5% discount on \$100 purchase
Medicine Park
580-529-3656

The Vine & Fig Tree

Event center with catering & tea room.
5% off Food/ Up to \$25 off in-house catering and 5% off Rentals. Regular prices only & must present card.
1304 W. Hwy. 7, Marlow
580-658-3377

Walters Super Stop

2 slices of pizza & 20-oz. fountain drink for \$1.99 + tax
311 W. Missouri, Walters
580-875-2001

Waurika QuikMart

All fountain drinks & all coffee \$0.82
South Main & Hwy. 70
Waurika
580-228-2560

Wichita Furniture

10% off new purchases
1127 NW Cache Rd, Lawton
580-355-7524
9am-9pm: Mon-Sat

Keep up with all the local and national discounts by downloading the Co-op Connections Card phone app at connections.coop.



Cotton Electric Co-op members get extra relief by presenting their Co-op Connections Card when getting prescriptions filled at participating pharmacies.

In 2012, members used their cards for discounts on 2,381 prescriptions not covered by insurance. A total of \$71,964.29 was discounted

for an average savings of \$30.22 per use.

The card is free to all members and can be obtained by calling 580-875-3351.

To find a participating pharmacy, call Member Services at 800-800-7616 or visit www.locateproviders.com. Type 22203 into the Group field and click 'log in' to start your search.



Cotton Electric seeks addresses for returned capital credit checks

Capital credit checks amounting to \$300,000 were issued recently to people and businesses listed here.

A refund of capital credits demonstrates how a not-for-profit electric cooperative works. Annually, money over and above the cost of operations and other necessary expenses and reserves is declared margins. When the board of trustees determines that a portion of those margins can be refunded, members who contributed to those margins receive a share.

A share of the capital credits was allocated among active and inactive members and a check was mailed to the latest known valid address for

the member. Checks addressed to members listed here were returned to the cooperative because of incorrect or insufficient addresses.

Cotton Electric Cooperative needs help finding the people listed here. If you see a name on the list that you recognize and if you have information about a current address, please call 580-875-3351 or e-mail info@cottonelectric.com.

TO CLAIM A CAPITAL CREDIT CHECK, WE REQUIRE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO VERIFY THE MEMBER'S IDENTITY.

- A

Abernathy, H

Abernathy, Louis D

Absher, Richard W

Ailey, Gary

Alexander, Russell L

Alford, James T

Allen, David

Allen, David

Allen, Gary D

Alsobrook, Lynn

Alston, M

Alverson, W

Anderson, Edward

Anderson, Lynn

Andrews, David E

Apple, Lonnie J

Appleton, Greg J

Arnett, Paul

Arzola, David

Asenap, Larry

Atkinson, Ryan

Austbo, Lance

Avila, Isaac

B

Baker, Brent

Ball, Cletis

Ball, Maurice E

Ballard, Grady

Ballard, Randell G

Balthrop, Jeff

Bandy, Timothy B

Barger, J

Barker, Felix

Barker, J

Barnes, Michael R

Barry, Tommy

Bauman, Dean M

Beaver, Victoria

Beavers, James O

Beck, John

Beck, Raymond E

Bedwell, Abbie

Bell, Chris

Bell, Douglas R

Benton, Eddie R

Bernard, Ronald P

Beshirs, Larry D

Best, Harold

Billings, Robert

Bingham, Stacy A

Bishop, Roy

Blackburn, Robert D

Blalock, Bill

Blalock, Stella M

Blassingame, Freddie D

Bolt, Mary

Boniface, John F

Boone, W G

Borden, Lee

Bowen, M.

Bowers, Stacey J

Bradley, Thrumon

Branch, S

Brannon, Raymond L

Brenton, Faith E

Brewer, C

Bridgers, Gary W

Bright, William J

Brinkley, Dorothy

Brooks, Carl

Brown, David A

Brown, Dianalici A

Brown, E.

Brown, Kevin J

Brown, Royce L

Browning, Carol S

Brumbelow, John D

Bruton, James G

Bryce, Frank D

Buck Jr., Wayne

Buckhannon, James R

Bumbalough, Floyd A

Burke, M D

Burnett, Herbert E

Burns, Roger

Burt, Kim

Burton Sr., Kenneth

Busby, Nina A
- C

Caldwell, R

Calloway, Cleatus

Cannon, Patricia

Capshaw, Thomas

Carey, Jay

Carnes, Stan

Carr, Dorothy

Carroll, Grant Due

Caveny, Patricia

Chandler, Harry

Chandler, Walter

Cheaney, Minnie L

Childress, Tonio

Choate, Casey D

Chrome City

Clanton, D D

Clark, George D

Clark, Sam c

Clark, Scott N

Clark, Stacey

Cloud, M L

Coleman, Dwight D

Collins Samantha J

Collins, Kyle

Compter, Florentin

Condit, Michael R

Conley, R A

Connors, John

Cook, A

Cook, Gregory D

Cooksey, Charles F

Cooper, Samuel E

Cooper, Stephen L

Copley, Dale

Cordes, Wanda

Corgill, Harry

Couture, Carl

Cowel, Mattie I

Cowen, Rose M

Cox, Chad

Crisman, John W

Crow, Thomas J

Cryer, Allen D

Cypert, Rex D

D

Darby, Ronnie L

Davis, Dena L

Davis, Michelle L

Davis, William M

Deavers, Troy A

Denney, Carroll J

Devine, Sue A

Dickenson, Dennis L

Dickson, L

Dillion, Alice J

Donnelly, Chris

Dowdy, Ronald O

Downey, L

Duffy, Lou

Dunn, H

E

Easter, Kaye

Edington, Walter

Elliott, Agustus

Elliott, Sieglinde

English, Kyle L

Erwin, Shon T

Etris, Curtis C

Evans, Toni J

F

Fannon, Jesse W

Farmer, Jimmie S

Farris, Charles O

Ferguson, Daniel L

Fincher, Clyde W

Fischer, Casper

Fischer, Charles W

Fischer, Dick M

Fisher, Floyd T

Folkedahl, Mark L

Forbes, J

Ford, John W

Foreman, B M

Foster, Charles F

Fox, Deborah

Francis, Dan

Franklin, Edgar

Freeman, Carroll

Friend, Cliff
- Frensley, B J

Fuller, Maynard G

G

Garcia, Al R

Garner, Damon T

Garrett, Billy S

Gates, Harvey J

George, Mark D

Geurkink, R

Gibson, Ralph E

Gilley, J

Goelz, Don C

Goff, Matthew

Gonsalves, John W

Goodrich, Lyle R

Goodrich, Morris

Gorbett, Gary M

Gourley, Crystal A

Gover, Joyce L

Graham, Brian W

Greathouse, Lorene J

Gregston, David

Gregston, Jeffrey L

Griffin, Rebecca

Grooms, Jimmy G

Groves, Herman

H

Hernandez, Jose A

Halbrooks, Harrell

Hamstead, William W

Hansen Jr, Robert

Hardy, Kenneth M

Harelston, Carolyn F

Harris, Dolores

Harrison, Kenneth L

Hart, Wesley

Haubrick, Angela

Hayek, George

Heath, A

Helm, Mark A

Helms, Jack S

Hembree, Lynnette O

Henderson, Curtis L

Hendricks, C

Hendrix, Bob R

Henry, Jeremy

Herbold, Matt A

Herron, Bill

Hetcel, Rudolph J

Heustis, AL W

Hibblen, Gregory R

Hibler, W

Hill, Dorthea

Hobbs, Addie L

Hoffman, William D

Holland, Tommy L

Hopkins, Joe L

Hosier, Mike

Hough II Aaron D

Householder, Donna

Hudson, Truman L

Hunn, Blaine J

Hutson, Dottie S

I

Ingram, Richard G

Ivans, David

Izaguirre, Dario

J

Jackson, Van

Jarrett, Diane

Jarvis, Elmer

Jay, Rocky D

Jelly, Jeremy

Jennigs, A V

Jinks, Stephen

Jobe, Robert

Johns, Clyde E.

Johnson, Anne T

Johnson, Erin

Johnson, John C

Johnson, Pam G

Johnson, Wilbert

Johnston, Mark

Jones, Gary

Jones, Rick D

K

Karroll, Ingram J

Keith, Ralph

Kelso, Brenda

Kendall, George

- Kenney, Dolores

Kerr, Clara

Kilmer, Ramona

Kitchens, John

Knight, Harold

Knox, Timothy P

Korhonen, Paul E

Krotzer, Gerald B III

Krusinsky, Betty A

Kurtz, Michael S

L

Landers, Linda

Lane, William E

Langdon, Robert M

Lasley, Bob

Lawson, L A

Lebeau, Cecil

Ledbetter, David

Lee, Jennifer

Lester, Frank

Lichtl, Paul

Linaman, Colonel

Lindesmith, Sandra S

Lindsay, Gary S

Little, Garland

Logue, Ola B

Long, Larry C

Loring, Perry G

Love, C

Love, H H

Lutonsky, Paul

Lyle, S

M

Mackey, Mary

Madrid, Michele D

Mamone, Vincent J

Martin, Deborah L

Martinez, Antonio

Mason, Michael R

Massingill, Robert E

Matheson, Michael

Mauldin, Pete

Mayberry, Carl L Jr

Mcalister, H D

McCarty, Clyde J

McCord, Andrew

McCoy, Gary

McCoy, Jimmy

McCubbin, Rex

McCullough, J

McCurry, Deidra

McDaniel, Mackie R

McGee, Virgil

McGinnas, A

McGuire, Anna

McKelvain, Bob

McKnight, Jerry L

McMullen, Kieran E

Mejia, Rudy R

Michael, Gary

Michaud, Gerard P

Milford, Larrel

Milligan, Matthew

Mitchell, Mary J

Moctezuma, Raul I

Modlin, Elizabeth J

Monahan, Martha A

Monroe, S

Moon, A L

Moore, D C

Morales, Roland

Morgan, J W

Morris, George

Morris, Terry L

Morrow, Connie

Morrow, Kenneth

Moser, Dustin R

Moser, Melinda P

Moyer, Amy L

Mullen, Joel A

Munchel, Kevin R

N

Nason, A

Nau, Michael

Neal, Ida L

Nease, Angela

Nelson, Ivon

Newman, Kit A

Niemi, Janice K

Nolen, Charlotte

O

Oakes, William J

O'Dell, Jim E

Odom, Leetie

Orourke, Keenan

Owens, Johnny

Oxford, Lula
- P

Palmer, C J

Palmer, Jason

Parris, Michael W

Parrish, Chuck H

Payne, Susan P

Perkins, D

Perrette, Mary E

Petroff, Tonya

Pettijohn, Cliff L

Phillips, Beth

Philpot, Lee

Pickens, Larry

Pickett, timothy J

Pierce, Verlin

Pilger, Chris K

Pinnick, Kenneth R

Pirtle, Duane

Plumbtree, Dona

Plumlee, Jarrod T

Pollock, Patricia D

Poolaw, Bruce D

Porter, James W

Powell, Iris J

Powers, Homer

Pryor, Curtis

Q

Quisenberry, Michelle R

R

Ragan, Johnnie

Rainey, Douglas A

Randolph, W H

Ray, Charles

Ray, Jody

Reavis, Bill

Redway, Jamie

Reeves, Della

Reynolds, Sam

Richardson, Paris

Richmond, Torrie B

Ricken, Joerg

Ridings, Denielle

Ridley, Billy

Riggs, Floyd H

Rivers, David

Robertson, Charles

Robinette, Matthew L

Robinson, Brenda J

Robinson, Loretta

Rogers, Leonard

Rogers, Paul

Rollins, Elsie

Romero, David

Rose, Grady

Rowe, John D

Rowley, Tom M

Rozell, Martha J

Russell, Susan A

Rutherford, Paul E Sr

S

Saathoff, Danyell

Salvo, James E

Sampson, Phil

Sanders, Keith

Sanders, Mary K

Sanner, J

Santiago, Daniel

Saurman, James G

Sawyers, M

Schrantz, John

Schulenberg, R L

Seargent, J W

Sears, Robert H

Seay, R E

Seida, Bill

Seybold, Mary

Sides, Jeffrey T

Shelby, John

Shelton, Roy E

Shewmaker, James L

Shirley, Kay

Sifford, Nancy L

Simmons, Byron R

Singleton, Debbie

Slawson, Donald C

Sloan, Eddie

Smart, Curtis H

Smith, Charles H

Smith, Emma

Smith, J R

Smith, Kasey

Smith, Paul G.

Smith, Scott

Smith, Essie

Snow, Gerald C

Solomon, Bobby J

Solomon, Stan G
- Speer, Burl D

Speer, Paul G

Spence, Glenn

Spencer, Thomas E

Spivey-Ellis, Edith

Springstun, John B

Stafford, Julie K

Staggs, Coy

Staubach, Yvonne L

Steele, Curley E

Steele, William

Stroud, George R

Stubblefield, Kelly

Suman, Sonnie E

Swallow, Robert

Sweat, Weldon

Swinson, Jason E

T

Talbott, Julie

Tarrant, Mickey A

Tate, Lloyd A

Taylor, Ava C

Taylor, Kevin W

Taylor, Robert L

Taylor, Ross

Taylor, Russell

Terrazas, Alfonso

Terrell, A

Teter, Hayden

Teters, James C

Thode, Alan R

Thomas, Charles

Thomas, Cherie

Thomas, Greg

Thornber, Edward P

Thorp, T C

Tidwell, J L

Tinsley, Ralph T

Trammell, Theresa

Travis, Truman C

Trent, Jesse L

Trussler, Floyd M

Tsoodle, Vernon

Tuck, Ladora

Turner, A

Turner, Brad W

Turner, Jesse

Tyboroski, Casmir S

Tyler, Danny H

Tyler, W

Tyson, Daphne

V

Van Lenten, Stacie

Vandenberg, Robert V

Vanschepen, Joe D Jr

Venegas, Moises

W

Waddle, Alice

Wagner, Larry

Walters, Jennifer

Warner, Sharman

Watkins, Evan C

Watson, Norman A

Webb, Christoph

Webb, John

Whatley, Larry

Wheeler, Glen I

Whitaker, Mark D

White, Alice M

White, Fred

White, Loyd E

Wick, Megan

Wiley, Michael E

Williams, Jimmy D

Williamson, Mike

Wilson, Debra J

Wilt, William B

Witherington, J

Wollam, S

Wolverton, Cleo

Womack, Allen

Wood, Billie C

Woods, Barbara

Woods, Carl

Workman, Hannelore S

Worsham, Mike

Wortham, W

Wyatt, Richard D

Y

Yates, Marilyn R

Young, Bill

Youngblood, Fred

Z

Zacharias, Roy

Zyks, John

Businesses

To claim a capital credit check for a business, we require a Federal ID number.

- Bruton Construction Co

C P C Operations

Cactus Operating Co

Comanche Shooters Supply

Cowboy Creek Golf Club Inc

Direct Staffing Solutions

Duncan Energy Inc

D-X Mid Continent Pipeline Co

Dye Oil Co.

Exteriors Of Duncan

Family Christian Church

First Bank & Trust
- G & G Cattle Co

Galaxy American Communications

Gatlin Dairy

Great Plains Improv Foundation

Greenfield Downs Inc

Hadson Petroleum Co

Haydock and Provence

Irving Energy Services

KVII TV

Magellan Pipeline Company L.P.
- Masonic Lodge #235

Mid Continent Pipe Co

Myers Equip Co

NEG Micon

Richardson Welding Inc

Robinowitz Oil Co

Seminole Trans & Gathering

Sledge Real Estate Inc

Tidewater Oil Co

Waco Petro, LLC

Williams Field Service

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