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The past blended with the present during the 75th annual meeting of the membership of Cotton Electric Cooperative. At left, the image of the co-op's founding manager, C.W. Cox, appears on a large screen while his grandson, Steven Cox, addresses the gathering. Above, an early-day photo of the board of trustees is a backdrop for present-day trustees that include, from left, Tommy Jones, Marvin Scherler, Tim McCary and Shan Files.

75th anniversary highlighted at Annual Meeting

By Karen Kaley

Cotton Electric's Annual Meeting is always a festive affair, but this year's seemed even more special. Some members and their families arrived well before the opening of registration at 5:30 p.m. They sat in the stands of the Stephens County fairgrounds arena, watching Cotton Electric employees make final preparations for the big event.



When at last the lines for registration were opened, the early birds moved through quickly and made their way toward the gift counter or to the food lines. The flow of members into the parking lot, into the building and through registration didn't let up for the next hour. Aside from barbecue beef and all the trimmings, members had opportunities to stroll about and visit with Co-op Connections partners or co-op employees at booths along the east side of the arena. They could take the kids through a breezeway to the north to catch a ride in a bucket truck, jump around in a bounce house or have Star Spangle and her assistant Miss Kitty make them a truly fabulous balloon hat.



Many returned to the arena seating to wait for the beginning of the business meeting, which Tim McCary called to order at 7 on the dot. The president of the Cotton Electric board of trustees called fellow board member Shan Files to the podium to offer an invocation, then introduced Kaley Neal, a Cameron University student who delivered a fine rendition of the national anthem. The 849 members present were more than enough to fill the 5 percent requirement for a quorum. They moved to dispense of a reading of the minutes and Trustee Charles Spencer came forward to introduce all of the people on the platform and dignitaries or their representatives in the crowd. Spencer invited State Rep. Joe Dorman of District 65 and State Sen. Don Barrington of District 31 to address the crowd. Both are in their final terms, as dictated by Oklahoma term limits. Both men expressed thanks for being allowed to serve the people of southwest Oklahoma and said they still had a lot of work to do before leaving office. Dorman's term ends in November 2014 while Barrington serves through November 2016.

McCary offered the president's report next. The lifelong member of Cotton Electric noted the co-op's 75th anniversary, telling a story about founding board member Loyd Patton, and the difficult task of convincing rural Oklahomans to part with a precious \$5 to become members of the co-op. McCary pointed out that membership fee remains at \$5 today. He reminded attendees the co-op belongs to them, that he and fellow board members were elected to represent the members' interests, a responsibility they take very seriously. McCary said the Annual Meeting was an opportunity to offer input to the board and employees and urged the members present to do so.



Following a report on the status of the co-op's financial position from Ken Layn, board secretary and treasurer, Cotton Electric CEO Warren Langford came forward to make a presentation and offer a few comments. He said about 80 percent of the membership participates in Operation Round Up, a program that pools their monthly contributions of less than \$1 and uses the funds to support worthwhile organizations and individuals in the Cotton Electric service area. This philanthropy was recognized during the summer by the governor's office and the Journal Record, a statewide business newspaper. Langford held up the Beacon Award, calling it a very special symbol of the light the membership shines throughout southwest Oklahoma. McCary accepted the award on behalf of the membership, telling the gathering, "You made this possible."



Langford went on to discuss the days when a few determined men began working to form the electric cooperative.

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Power Cost Adjustment Calculated
The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Oct. 1, 2013, is (\$0.00205) per kWh.
On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a credit of \$3.08 on the October bill.

September 2013 Temperature Extremes							
Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	103	69	86	16	92	73	83
2	96	72	84	17	92	71	82
3	95	62	79	18	94	71	83
4	99	64	82	19	88	71	80
5	99	72	86	20	74	60	67
6	101	73	87	21	84	51	68
7	102	70	86	22	83	50	67
8	99	68	84	23	86	55	71
9	96	70	83	24	91	56	74
10	94	71	83	25	93	51	72
11	95	68	82	26	95	67	81
12	98	67	83	27	91	66	79
13	94	69	82	28	79	52	66
14	88	69	79	29	80	46	63
15	95	69	82	30	88	48	68

Source: srh.noaa.gov/oun/
Average Daily High: 92 Average Daily Low: 64

Did You Know?
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From the CEO

Spirit of early co-op member still lives

Prior to the start of this year’s annual meeting, I was on stage watching the large crowd that had gathered. Our members have always made it plain that annual meetings were important. I never really understood why until a few weeks ago.

While doing research for this year’s 75th birthday celebration, I became mesmerized with the cooperative member of 1939. I remembered stories of the Depression told by my parents and grandparents; stories about how tough times really were.

I knew that bad economic times had taken a devastating toll. For many people, there was nothing left but the will to survive. It’s possible the member of 1939 was close to that point.

But as I read about our history, I came to understand that Cotton Electric Cooperative wasn’t created by people who had given up. Instead, it was created by a group of people who drew a symbolic line in the sand and said, “No more!” They wanted something better. The members of 1939 possessed an unshakeable spirit and were determined to improve their quality of life.

Creating a rural electric cooperative wasn’t easy. In fact, it was an amazing story that I began to describe as the meeting started.

I told of how FDR’s Rural Electric Administration (REA) offered an avenue to electrify rural America for those brave enough to try. Each area had to show a certain amount of interest to qualify for a low-interest loan. In 1938, leaders in eight southwest Oklahoma counties went door-to-door asking peo-



Warren Langford, CEO

ple to make a non-refundable \$5 investment – like asking for \$85 today – in an imaginary company that may or may not be formed. Finally, enough commitments were obtained and Cotton Electric Cooperative became a reality.

On Aug. 26, 1939, – known as the “Day of Light” – 109 miles of line serving 150 homes was energized. The rate in 1939 was 10 cents per kWh. Adjusted for inflation – more than 1,680 percent – that would be the same as paying \$1.68 per kWh today.

Carrying that calculation forward, the bill for using 1500 kWh in a month would be \$2,250. You pay \$7 a month for the energy used by a typical security light. In 1939, the equivalent charge for the same amount of power would have been \$117.60.

In 1939, blinks didn’t matter. People reported outages via U.S. Mail and were used to being without electricity. The point is the member of 1939 could barely afford this luxury and didn’t care about power quality. They were determined to improve their way of life, and having access to electrical power was a start.

I believe that 10 years of tough times, the Depression era, had given the member of 1939 a unique vision of the future. They could foresee the amazing economic effects rural electrification would have on southwest Oklahoma.

As power became available to more homes, farms and industries, the economy improved. Gradually, the cost of power became affordable. Industry expanded and area oil fields were able to produce as never before. Because of their vision,

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Five dollars, then and now

Joining Cotton Electric in 1939 required a \$5 membership fee. It was a hard sell because \$5 was a lot of money.

For example, the minimum wage in 1939 was 30 cents. A pound of coffee cost 25 cents, a loaf of bread was 8 cents and a gallon of gasoline was 10 cents.

Farm women played an important role in raising the money for memberships. They sold eggs and cream, chickens and turkeys, and did without some necessities to accumulate \$5.

Adjusted for inflation, what cost \$5 in 1939 would cost \$84.13 in 2013, according to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics. Five dollars worth of goods purchased in 2013 would have sold for 30 cents in 1939.

A lot of things have changed in the years since the Day of Light. One thing remains the same: Cotton Electric membership fee – \$5.

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FIVE DOLLARS

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our standard of living has continually improved.

I concluded my part of the meeting by stating that today our challenges are different. Electrical power is no longer a luxury but a necessity. Outages and blinks are huge issues and you make it plain that neither is acceptable. Today, not only do you have many ways to communicate with your cooperative, you expect your cooperative to communicate with you.

This is a challenge we accept with the same spirit and determination as that of the original member.

I’ve been to many annual meetings during my career at Cotton Electric, but the meeting this year was one of the best. I used to wonder why there was so much interest. I’ll admit the food is good and there is always the chance to win a prize. But there is also the excitement of being part of something special, an organization that continues to make a difference.


As I watched the crowd visit and mingle, I noticed they were

from all walks of life. In 1939, things were different. There was distinct segmentation in southwest Oklahoma among the haves and have-nots – the urban and the rural. The financial opportunities and standard of living was far better in urban areas.

Thanks to those who came before us, the social and economic barriers of living rural have been erased. Those divided worlds have combined, creating a more cosmopolitan membership – members proud of having different viewpoints but one common goal.

The unique spirit that personifies a Cotton Electric member is still there. It’s the same spirit of purposeful intent. People came to this annual meeting to celebrate past years of success and prepare for tomorrows challenges. Simply put, they were there to show ownership in their cooperative.

Obviously, the unique spirit that originated in 1939 still lives in the Cotton Electric member of today.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Keep wintery drafts out of your home by sealing cracks and gaps. Weather stripping around doors and windows works well when you can see daylight between the frame and the wall or floor. Use caulk to seal around the frames where you see gaps. For more tips and tricks, visit TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com




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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.

August 2013 Operating Stats			
	2013	2012	
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$5,972,326	\$5,432,987	
Cost of Purchased Power	4,263,837	3,759,303	
Taxes	119,453	118,959	
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	1,148	1,019	
Average Farm and Residential Bill	165	161	
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,615	1,666	
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,064	17,896	
Miles Energized	5,128	5,131	
Density Per Mile	3.52	3.49	
New Service Connects YTD	247	268	
Services Retired	136	148	

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Community Spotlight

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

Farmers market open twice weekly

A farmers market hosted by the Southwest Growers Association is held from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through the end of October at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, 920 S. Sheridan Road, Lawton.

For information, visit Lawton Farmers Market on Facebook.

Prairie Circuit rides into Duncan

Top cowboys and cowgirls from Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska will ride into Duncan Oct. 17-19 to compete in the Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. each night in the Stephens County fairgrounds arena. Steer roping will be Oct. 18 only.

Prairie Circuit winners in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping and bull riding will compete for cash prizes and a spot in the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

Tickets for all performances are available at Crutcher’s Western Wear in Lawton and Duncan or at the door.

Cox’s Store VFD plans fish fry

Cox’s Store VFD will hold its 17th annual Fish Fry from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 19 at the fire station. The station is three miles north of Oklahoma Highway 7 on Oklahoma Highway 65.

There is no charge for the meal of fish and all the trimmings, but donations will be accepted. Door prizes will also be awarded.

For information, call Jody Dreves at 248-0932.

Bratfest time at Good Shepherd

Lunch or dinner, you can’t miss with a home-cooked meal of brats, warm German potato salad, cinnamon applesauce and desserts of all kinds, including the sugar-free type.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2401 Country Club Road in Duncan. Carryouts will be available.

Magic Lantern presents classics

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. Oct. 25. The first film will be the 1933 classic “King Kong” followed by “Frankenstein,” featuring Boris Karloff.

The Nov. 15 offering will be “On the Beach,” about survivors’ attempts to

pick up the pieces in post-apocalyptic Australia. Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner and Fred Astaire star in this 1959 film.

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.

Family fun at Simmons festival

Lots of family fun is in store on Oct. 25 and 26 at the Simmons Center in Duncan. Planned activities include live performances, a craft show, carnival, magic show and haunted house.

A haunted house will be open from 7 to 11 p.m. both evenings.

Saturday activities include a craft show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a magic show at 5:30 p.m. in the Simmons Center theater.

The carnival will include giant inflatables, games crafts and food. It will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the north entrance of the Simmons Center. Tickets will be also available at the door.

Poochez Palooza set for Oct. 26

Calling all dogs and their owners! Poochez Palooza Festival is a dog-friendly festival set for noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 on the grounds of the Museum of the Great Plains, 601 NW Ferris Avenue in Lawton.

Dog owners and their companion “poochez” can participate in contests such as a bow-wow fashion show, pooch and owner look-alike contest, best trick and best dog joke, and others to be announced.

Admission is free. For information, call Mary Owensby at 580-581-3460.

Head to Gold Skye for fall fest

Gold Skye Ranch is hosting Fall Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 26. This family-oriented community event will be at the ranch, 14277 NE Dillan Lane, just south of Fletcher.

Planned activities include hay rides, games, a marshmallow roast and a costume contest. Kids will get free pumpkins, hot dogs and candy.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call 580-549-4013, email info@goldskye.net or visit www.goldskye.net.

Fall Fest in Comanche

A Fall Fest will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Field of Dreams ball complex in Comanche.

Activities include a Halloween costume contest, Great Pumpkin Hunt and a lawnmower race at 1 p.m. Hijackers Hollow Band will provide entertainment.

For information, call 580-606-2113 or email bjjaxnok1@yahoo.com

Blue Moon presents ‘Radio Plays’

Back by popular demand is the Blue

Photo of the Month



This little swashbuckler is Ryder Hare, 3-year-old son of former Velma residents J.B. and Brittany Shaw and former Duncan resident Jacob Hare of Moore. The winner in our Costume Contest Photo of the Month is related to several Cotton Electric members. Grandparents are Eddie and Kaye Osmus and Kevin and Laurie Dunn of Velma and Keith and Dilynn Hare of Comanche.

Enter your “best shot” in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for November is Family. 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.

Moon Productions presentation of “Radio Plays,” two old-fashioned radio plays performed with live sound effects, just as they were in the heyday of radio. Directed by Dr. Deidre Onishi, the plays will be performed Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at Centenary United Methodist Church, 704 SW D Avenue in Lawton.

For information, call 580-591-6730 or visit BlueMoonLawton.org.

DLT presents ‘Anything to Declare’

“Anything to Declare” is comedy farce in which an eccentric inventor named Claude Fishlock has just developed a new device that will prove useful in construction of military tanks. When the device is stolen by foreign spies, he is forced to smuggle himself into an unnamed European country in

order to retrieve his invention.

Duncan Little Theatre presents “Anything to Declare” at 7:30 p.m. Nov 8, 9, 15 and 16 in the Simmons Center theater.

Coin Club show is Nov. 9 and 10

Comanche County Coin Club is holding its two-day 52nd annual Coin Show in the Prairie Building at the Comanche County fairgrounds. The show featuring coins, stamps, jewelry, gold, silver and collectibles will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 10.

This is the oldest-running show in the state of Oklahoma, with the first show being held in 1962. Admission is free, and door prizes will be awarded. For information, call Misty Penuelas at 918-571-2984.



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Door prize winners at the District 9 meeting were Jeremie Wilson, cooler; Nick Foster, coffeemaker; and Joseph McClung, \$50 energy voucher.



Door prize winners at the District 4 meeting were Herb Stonehocker, OU cooler; Erma June Hewes, \$50 energy voucher; and James Wedel, OSU cooler.

Districts 4, 7 and 9 hold triennial meetings

By Karen Kaley

Electric cooperatives operate under a set of seven principles. Principle No. 2 is about democratic member control, with each member having one vote. As a result, control remains in the hands of all consumers. Trustees are elected from the membership.

Cotton Electric has nine membership districts. Each district is represented by a trustee serving a three-year term. The terms are staggered so three trustees come up for re-election each year. In 2013, those trustees represented Districts 4, 7 and 9.

On Aug. 27 in Waurika, trustee Ronnie Bohot had a few comments for the members gathered. Talking about the 75th anniversary of co-op’s charter, he said, “We all grew up with electricity and take it for granted. The men who established the co-op had a lot of foresight. I thank them every time I turn on the lights.”

Speaking as a present-day board member, he said, “A lot of their ideas are still carried out. We are trying to carry on

what the men before us started.”

He mentioned a storm in August that took down about 80 poles and said, “When there is storm damage to the co-op’s lines, remember the dangerous conditions line workers are facing. Before you get upset over an extended outage, offer a prayer for the linemen.”

At the Aug. 29 meeting held in Cookietown, longtime trustee Marvin Scherler welcomed members from his district, saying, “The only thing that would make this evening better would be if it was raining outside.”

He thanked the members for their trust in him and offered praise for fellow board members. “They take the business of the co-op seriously. All matters are discussed thoroughly and decisions are usually unanimous.”

He said the co-op has a great manager in Warren Langford and declared Cotton Electric to be the best co-op in the state.

The final meeting was held Sept. 5 in Lawton. Brian DeMarcus is

the newest member of the board, appointed in March to fill a seat vacated by David Butler. He said, “I’m still learning, but I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization.”

Co-op bylaws require a quorum of 5 percent of a district’s members to hold an election. Neither a quorum nor opponents were present at any of the meetings held this year, so each trustee was held over for another three-year term.

Langford addressed each gathering. He began his comments each time by pointing out the meetings are an opportunity to ask members if they are having any problems with blinks, outages or other quality issues. “Now is a time to let us know. We can’t fix a problem if we don’t know what it is.”

A few had general questions about things like composite poles and the proper way to hook up a generator. Only one had a power blink issue and employees on hand met with that member after the meeting to make arrangements to investigate.

Langford was delighted to make a couple of announcements. He showed the Beacon Award to each gathering, reminding the members that it was their generosity that had earned the statewide recognition for the philanthropic impact of Operation Round Up.

He said the co-op was in sound financial condition and the board of trustees had had voted to retire capital credits for the fourth year in a row. He said checks for \$5 and up would be in the mail after the first of October.

The meetings concluded with drawings for door prizes that included a \$50 energy voucher, a coffeemaker and a choice of a cooler emblazoned with an OU or OSU logo.



Door prize winners at the District 7 meeting were Jarvis Kinder, OSU cooler; Pat White, \$50 energy voucher; and Anna Wilson, OU cooler.

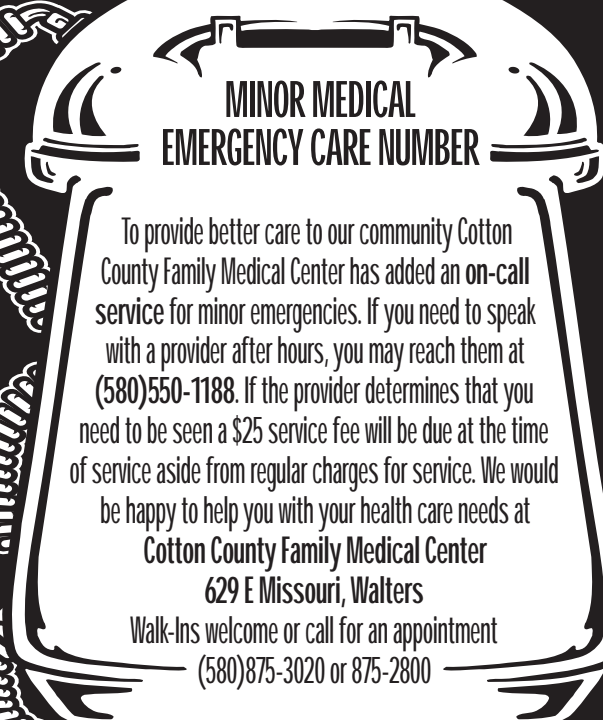


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Lessons from ‘Save for Retirement Week’

Congress has designated the third week in October as National Save for Retirement Week — which means it’s a good time to think about your own retirement savings strategies.

Ensuring that you have enough money to support your chosen retirement lifestyle is certainly important. Unfortunately, many of your fellow Americans have apparently not done enough in the way of building retirement savings to ease their minds. Consider these figures, taken from the Employee Benefit Research Institute’s 2013 Retirement Confidence Survey:

- Forty-nine percent of those surveyed said they are not confident about being able to afford a comfortable retirement.
- Just 46% of survey respondents say they and/or their spouse have even tried to calculate how much money they will need to live comfortably in retirement.

What steps can you take to gain confidence in your ability to retire in the manner you have envisioned? Here are a few suggestions:

- Envision your retirement lifestyle. At what age do you want to retire? When you retire, do you plan to travel or stay close to home and pursue your hobbies? Will you do some part-time work or consulting? It’s important to identify your retirement goals and then, as best as possible, estimate how much they will cost. Once you know what your retirement goals look like, you’ll be able to shape a strategy for achieving them.
- Contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement accounts. No matter what your retirement goals may be, you’ll help yourself by contributing as much as you can possibly afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. (At a minimum, put enough into your 401(k) to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered.) And if you reach the point where you can “max out” on these plans, look for other tax-advantaged investments to which you can contribute.
- Invest for growth. To help you reach your goals, you’ll want to include a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles in your retirement accounts. The exact percentage will depend on your risk tolerance and your specific objectives, but it’s important to have that growth potential. Keep in mind, though, that investing in growth-oriented vehicles involves market risk and possible loss of principal.
- Review your progress. At least once a year, review your portfolio to determine if its performance is still on track to help you make the progress you need to reach your goals.
- Make changes as needed. If your investments are simply underperforming, you may need to make some changes. And in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may also need to adjust your holdings, possibly by moving some dollars from growth-oriented investments to income-producing ones. However, even at this stage of your life, you may still need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential — you could be retired for two or three decades, so you’ll want your money to last and to stay ahead of inflation.

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Co-op’s principles make a difference

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Every October since 1930, not-for-profit co-operatives of all kinds have recognized National Cooperative Month as a way to educate our members about what makes cooperatives different: the seven cooperative principles and how they lead us to do business in a better way. Here are real-life examples of how Cotton Electric follows these principles:

No. 1: Voluntary and Open Membership, and
No. 2: Democratic Member Control

A co-op is open to anyone who is able to use its services, which means any person who moves onto Cotton Electric lines is allowed membership. Democratic member control means members vote for a trustee who represents them on a board that governs the cooperative. District meetings, which are held prior to our annual meeting, serve as the forum for electing trustees.

Annual meetings serve as a way for members to get to know the people who run their co-op, and it’s where members are updated on business matters. Thank you to all of our members who recently attended the annual meeting and celebrated the cooperative’s 75th anniversary.

No. 3: Members’ Economic Participation

Because electric cooperatives are owned by its members, they do not create profits for distant shareholders. Any excess revenue – called “margins” – is allocated back to the membership in the form of capital credits, or patronage capital. Capital credits are “retired” and then

paid back to members each year based on their purchases (in the case of electric cooperatives, electricity) from the cooperative. Margins are used by the co-op as working capital for a period of time, then paid back to individual members.

At this year’s annual meeting, CEO Warren Langford announced that the board of trustees authorized a capital credit retirement in the amount of \$300,000. Those checks will soon be in your mailboxes.

Allocating and retiring excess revenue to members helps distinguish cooperatives. We’re proud to support our communities by putting money back into the local economy – and into the pockets of those we serve. It makes our business model special.

Nationally, electric cooperatives have retired \$11 billion in capital credits since 1988 – \$768 million in 2012 alone.

No. 4: Autonomy and Independence

Electric cooperatives form a vast network across America. They’re found in 47 states, and cooperative-owned electric lines cover 75 percent of the nation’s land mass. But what’s unique is that each cooperative is an autonomous, independent business.

We work with our co-op neighbors, but Cotton Electric members are the sole governors of their cooperative, and our member-elected board of trustees approves policies and resolutions that guide the way we do business.

No. 5: Education, Training, and Information

Cooperatives have a charge to keep their members informed – not just about cooperative business, but also about topics such as energy efficiency, safety and community contribution. For example, The Current is one way Cotton Electric keeps its members up on relevant news.

You can also stay informed via our website, Facebook and Twitter.

No. 6: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Even though co-ops are independent entities, they still rely on one another to share resources, information, and, in some cases, manpower.

Electric co-ops have long relied on one another to get power restored more quickly after severe weather emergencies. Called “mutual-aid agreements,” it works just as it sounds: When Cotton Electric needs extra hands after a natural disaster, like the ice storm of 2010, co-ops from neighboring cooperatives help out. And when neighboring co-ops need help, Cotton Electric sends crews to them in order to restore power more quickly. During the 2010 ice storms, crews from eight co-ops assisted with the restoration efforts.

No. 7: Concern for Community

Possibly the most visible of all the cooperative principles, the last is what drives electric co-ops to be good stewards of the communities they serve. In 2004, the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation was estab-

lished, and our members have since donated nearly \$700,000 to our area communities. Those contributions have made a huge impact in our area with almost \$212,000 contributed to volunteer fire departments.

Cotton Electric undertakes a variety of projects such as the Youth Tour and Energy Camp youth contests, safety presentations at area schools and sponsorship of area community and school events.

While the first priority is delivering safe, affordable and reliable electricity, supporting and contributing to the development of our communities is equally important. Even if there were no concern for community principle, every person who works at Cotton Electric lives here, too. We’re friends and neighbors first.



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Pull the plug on phantom loads

By Trent Marlett

Did you know that most electronic devices consume energy even when they are turned off? This type of consumption is referred to as plug loads in the energy industry, but a more common name is “phantom loads.” I thought it would be appropriate to write about these scary little phantom loads now that Halloween is just around the corner.

In today’s world, everything in our lives seems to revolve around electronics, and the trend in energy use in a home is shifting. Historically, electronic appliances have not accounted for a very large percentage of home energy consumption. Today, appliances are one of the highest.

What is even scarier is all these electronics are consuming energy even when they are not in use. The Department of Energy says that during the lifetime of an electronic device, 75 percent of its energy use will occur while the unit is turned off. In a typical household, these phantom loads can account for 5 to 10 percent of the total energy consumption or around \$100 annually, according to the DOE, and that’s when they are turned off! Pretty spooky stuff if you ask me.

So, what types of electronics have phantom loads? Anything that has a remote control, clocks or anything else with a digital display, chargers for batteries, cell phones or laptop computers ... just to name a few.

How do we stop these sneaky electronics from

consuming energy when we are not using them? One of the easiest ways is to plug electronics into power strips that can accommodate several devices and turn them all off at once with the flip of a switch.

As a bonus, power strips often offer a degree of surge protection for the devices plugged into them.

Also, there are very smart power strips that can turn power off automatically. Some have a main socket that you can plug your TV into, for example. All of the other components, such as DVD player, video games and sound systems plug into other sockets on the same strip. When the power strip recognizes the TV has been turned off, it will kill power to all the other devices plugged into the strip. This is

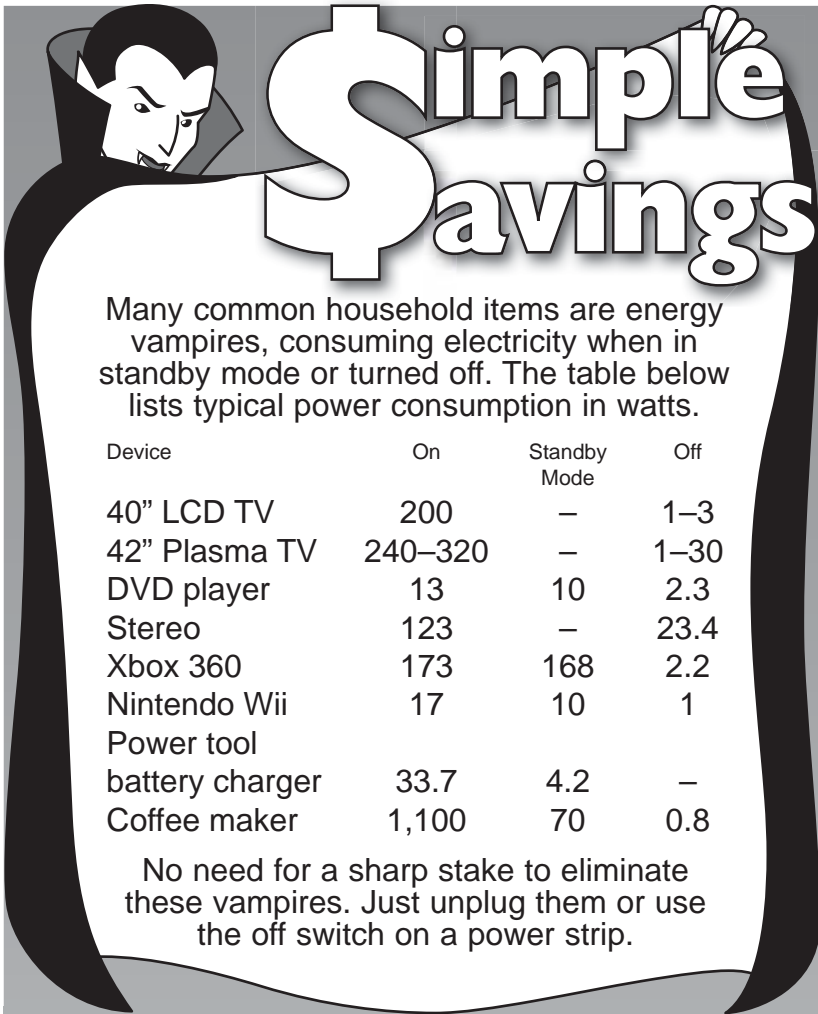
pretty cool because all the other devices don’t need power when the TV is off.

Another way to beat phantom loads is to unplug things such as cell phone and laptop chargers when not in use.

Lastly, we can purchase appliances bearing the Energy Star label. They use a lot less energy than older-model electronics, especially when turned off. The DOE says that most Energy Star appliances consume around 20 percent less energy than conventional devices.

By making a few changes to the way we operate our electronic devices, we can save a significant amount of energy in our homes. Yeah, these phantom loads account for only around 10 percent of our annual energy consumption, and that may

not seem like a lot, but here’s the trick: Knock out phantoms for a year, and you’ll probably have saved a month’s worth of electricity. What a treat!



Many common household items are energy vampires, consuming electricity when in standby mode or turned off. The table below lists typical power consumption in watts.

Device	On	Standby Mode	Off
40" LCD TV	200	—	1–3
42" Plasma TV	240–320	—	1–30
DVD player	13	10	2.3
Stereo	123	—	23.4
Xbox 360	173	168	2.2
Nintendo Wii	17	10	1
Power tool battery charger	33.7	4.2	—
Coffee maker	1,100	70	0.8

No need for a sharp stake to eliminate these vampires. Just unplug them or use the off switch on a power strip.

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CECF announces third-quarter grants

“My one penny can’t do much, but put with all the others it can do a lot,” Ronnie Bohot said recently. The Cotton Electric trustee was talking about Operation Round Up and the power of doing little things to make a big difference.

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 (ORU) works.

Nearly 80 percent of 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,



Download CECF grant applications at cottonelectric.com.

Deadline for fourth-quarter 2013 grant applications is Nov. 20.

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.

CECF president; Keith Hooker, CECF vice president; and Carter Waid, CECF secretary and treasurer.

The board met Sept. 25 to review 10 grant applications. Grants totaling \$18,220 will be distributed to eight of the applicants. Third-quarter grant recipients include:

- Bray Senior Citizens Community Food Pantry will use a \$1,000 CECF grant to purchase food.
- Central High Elementary

School will use a \$5,000 CECF grant to purchase iPads and accessories.

•Empire Volunteer Fire Department will purchase 10 radios with a \$3,500 CECF grant.

•Teen Court, Inc. will purchase educational materials using a \$1,875 CECF grant.

•Temple Chamber of Commerce is replacing windows in the community building using a \$2,200 CECF grant.

•Valleyview Volunteer Fire Department will use a \$3,000 CECF grant to purchase a trailer and cascade system.

•Tri-County Interlocal Co-op of Walters will purchase task basket equipment and pay Special Olympics fees with a \$1,500 CECF grant.

•Walters Elementary School will use a \$145 CECF grant to purchase incentives for Students of the Month.

CECF has awarded grants totaling nearly \$700,000 since the foundation was established in 2004.

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1 Million Meals campaign reaches halfway mark

In early September, Arvest Bank announced the beginning of its third annual 1 Million Meals initiative, which challenges bank associates, customers and communities to fight hunger in the more than 120 communities the bank serves by providing at least one million meals to those in need. By the first of October, the bank announced the campaign had exceeded 500,000 meals, and was halfway to the goal of one million meals.

David Madigan, Arvest Bank president in southwest Oklahoma, said, “Arvest serves great communities, and we appreciate their generosity so far in this campaign. Reaching the halfway point to providing one million meals is a true milestone, and I appreciate each donation that has been made. Our customers and associates have worked hard to make this happen and we’re looking forward to reaching our goal within the next month.”

Arvest branches throughout Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma have been participating in this initiative by collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations. These efforts will continue through the end of October with the intention of reaching one million meals to be donated in the local communities Arvest serves during early November, just in time for the holidays.

Every dollar raised through 1 Million Meals provides the equivalent of five meals for local, hungry families.

In southwest Oklahoma, Arvest has partnered with four agencies: Lawton Food Bank, Duncan Christians Concerned, Chickasha Emergency Food Pantry, and Walters Food 4 Kids. All food and monetary donations made through Nov. 2 will benefit them.

Arvest of southwest Oklahoma

To learn more about the area organizations benefiting from the 1 Million Meals initiative:

- Lawton Food Bank**
Jeri Mosiman, 580-353-7994
- Emergency Food Pantry**
Conrad Duprez, 405-641-4484
- Christians Concerned**
Kassie Gilmore, 580-252-9120
- Food 4 Kids Program**
Susan Johnson, 580-875-3257

has also partnered with several local schools for the month of October. Students in the following schools are participating in a food drive to benefit the initiative and all of the donations raised by the students will be given to their local communities.

- Lawton: Pioneer Park, Jackson Elementary, Crosby Park, Trinity Christian Academy, Sullivan Village and Woodland Hills
- Chickasha: Lincoln Elementary
- Duncan: Duncan Public Schools Superintendents Office, Duncan High School, E.D.G.E Academy, Duncan Middle School, Emerson Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary, Plato Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Irving Elementary and Will Rogers Elementary.

Lawton, Elgin, Chickasha, Duncan and Walters residents can help support their local food agency during the initiative by dropping off nonperishable food items or purchasing a 1 Million Meals paper plate for \$1 at any Arvest branch.

For more information about 1 Million Meals, visit arvest.com/million-meals.

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Inspector Garza

Test lab employee is important line of defense for electrical workers

Angie Garza’s brow furrowed over her sharp, brown eyes. A piercing glare was her response to learning she was the next employee to be featured in The Current. “I don’t like to be in the spotlight,” she explained.

But she sat down, got started talking about her job, and her apprehension melted away. By the time she got to her funny grandson and interesting relatives, she was all smiles and dimples.

Those sharp eyes are an important part of Angie’s job. She is “The Inflator,” performing visual inspections of thousands upon thousands of rubber gloves used to protect workers in the electric industry. The gloves are inflated to 150 percent of their normal size so she can spot ozone damage – tiny cracks in the rubber caused by exposure to chemicals or heat.

Angie has been working in the test lab at Cotton Electric Services, Inc. (CESI) for a little more than nine years. In that time, she reckons she has inspected about three-quarters of a million gloves. She knows because they track such things at the lab, and nearly 60,000 single gloves came through the lab in 2012 to be re-tested. “That number doesn’t include new gloves that are tested a first time or gloves that fail the test,” she said.

When Angie inspects a glove, it has already been washed, dielectrically tested and turned for an interior inspection. She places the glove over a rubber boot that inflates at the base to form a seal. A second inflation enlarges the entire glove and she turns the base, scanning up and down the length of the glove. She separates the fingers, examining each of them.

The inflation magnifies any damaged spots. If she sees a bad spot, she will circle it and mark the glove as a reject. She is a tough judge and she rejects a gloves that do not meet standards set by NAIL.



Angie Garza inspects a glove in the test lab of Cotton Electric Services, Inc. She reckons she has inspected about three-quarters of a million gloves for damage. Regular inspection of gloves and other protective equipment is an important safety measure for electrical workers. Inflating the glove magnifies any flaws. She laughed and said occasionally a glove will pop off the base of the inflator and once flew across the work table to slap a co-worker.

NAIL is the National Association of Independent Laboratories, an organization that sets standards for rubber goods testing.

Angie explains, “I don’t let stuff go. I think about the lineman. I have his or her life in my hands at the moment I’m considering rejecting a glove.”

What is her guiding principle? “Safety first.”

She talked about the men and women out in the field, using personal protective equipment she has inspected.

“I am an important line of defense for them but if I do my job well, they should never think of me. I should never be a factor if I’m doing my job right.”

That is a common ethic among all of the employees at CESI. Angie said they all work very well together and had high praise for them.

“We are a good team. We all know what everyone is doing. We communicate well and get the job done on time.

She offered a tip of the hat to the lab’s new supervisor, Eric Woods, saying, “It is pleasant to come to work.”

Angie has made her home in Walters for about 10 years, moving there with her husband, Danny, who is a lieutenant with the Walters Police Department. She grew up in the Cache and Indianhoma area. She went to college but hasn’t quite completed a degree in business.

She has a son and daughter-in-law, Alvin and Rachel Figueroa. They are the parents of Angie’s favorite – and only – grandson, Beckham Cooper Figueroa, who is 4.

“They live in Edmond. That’s where I spend all my week-ends.”

sand in your underwear. I don’t think I’m going to wear underwear.”

“He is funny,” Angie said with a chuckle.

Her face brightened as she told the story. She smiled broadly and the dimples appeared.

“Then he asked what I’m going to be when I grow up. I told him, ‘I think I’m going to be a Grandma.’ He said, ‘That will be a good one for you.’”

More chuckles, more dimples.

When she’s not playing dinosaurs with her grandson, Angie works on the election board for

the Comanche Nation. Mention of that reminds her of her famous relatives.

She traces back on her mother’s side to Sacajawea of the Shoshone tribe, from which comes the Comanche Tribe. On her Puerto Rican side is a distant cousin, Carlos Santana.

Angie is quite happy to let the legendary guide and smooth guitarist stand in the spotlight while she steps back into the background, inspecting gloves and doing it so well that she is never thought of by the people wearing them.



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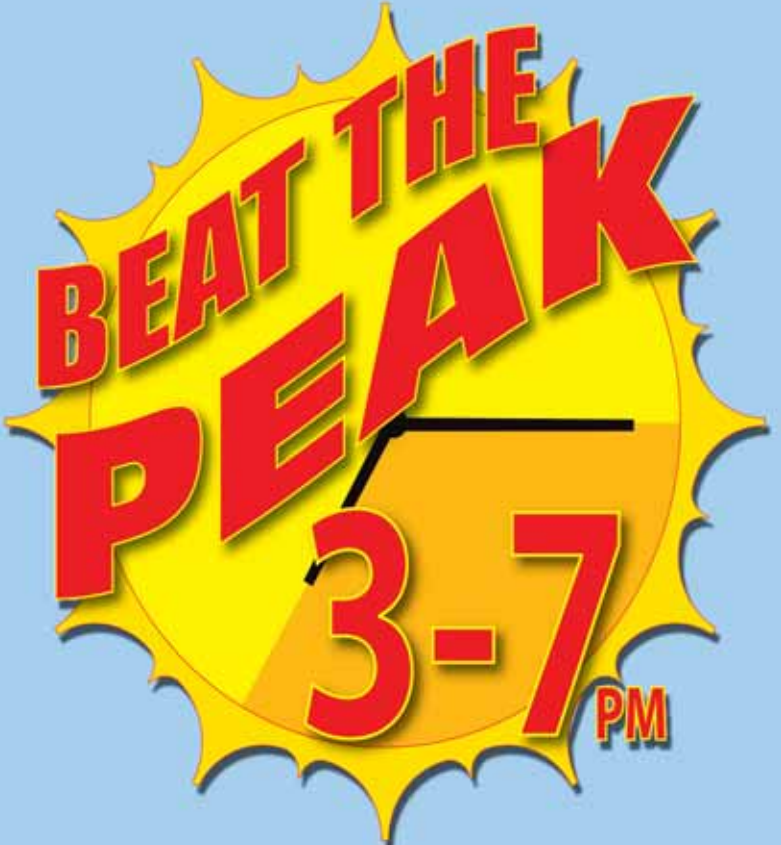


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Destination: Fun

Area model railroad clubs plan open houses to introduce new enthusiasts to old pastime

By Karen Kaley

Model railroading has something for everyone. The serious yet whimsical hobby offers a trip down memory lane enhanced by modern technology. Child-sized replicas are enjoyed by adults and young people in a hands-on experience of building communities that are real or imaginary.

The real community is built by people who pool their resources, time and passion to create a place for novices and veterans of the pastime to gather and share the experience.

In the Cotton Electric service area, there are two such communities, the Lawton Model Railroad Association (LMRA) and the Southwest Oklahoma Railroad Association (SORA) of Duncan.

Both associations have permanent locations filled with elaborate layouts. Both have regular weekly gatherings and modest membership fees. Both would like to have more people join their groups.

Both have two open houses each year, and the fall events are coming up soon.

In Lawton, that will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at 1711 SW D Avenue.

Chuck Mason, LMRA president, said the open house is a chance for people who think they might be interested to ask questions about the hobby and group. They will also see the layout – always a work in progress – put through its paces.

“During our open house, we will run as many trains as we can, six or eight or 10,” Mason said.

In Duncan, the open house is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at 1805 North Fifth Street.

James Almy, speaking for SORA, said a small, N scale layout will run during the open house along with their main HO



Lawton Model Railroad Association president Chuck Mason shows the difference between a HO (half-O) scale model train on the left and an O scale (1:48 ratio to a full-size train) model train.

scale layout.

The groups offer a way to learn about the full-scale railroad system and how it impacted the development of southwest Oklahoma and the rest of the nation. There is also a rich history associated with model railroading itself.

Owning a train is not a membership requirement. The monthly dues – \$15 in Lawton and \$20 in Duncan – cover the expense of things like building rental, utilities and the computerized controls for the layout. Both require an initial learning period for new members to familiarize them with the more intricate aspects of running the layouts.

The groups meet weekly to run trains and work on the ever-evolving layouts. In Lawton, they meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and, in Duncan, they gather at 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Both groups also have larger projects designed to benefit the general community. The Lawton group has a proposed project to

install an N scale layout at Museum of the Great Plains. In Duncan, the group helped establish the Save the 905 Museum, the final home for a 1910 Rock Island locomotive and tender.

Probably most important, both groups offer friendship.

“We meet to have fellowship and a good time,” Almy said. “We do some occasional train spottings and other fun stuff. We’re just bunch of people who like to have fun.”

Mason said, “Model railroading is for all age groups. It is relaxing. People can come here and forget the problems of the outside world and just play with trains.

“A lot of people don’t have room at home for a model train layout. We invite them to let our layout be their home layout. They can come here and run trains, do modeling, work on scenery and just have fun.”

Fun. It is the “something” that model railroading has for everyone.

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Messages recall co-op’s beginnings

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He said the people of the late 1930s were probably tired and ready for some relief during the last years of the Great Depression.

He said it was pretty remarkable that those men, led by Charles W. Cox, were successful as they went door-to-door asking people for \$5 to become members of a cooperative that didn’t yet exist. To put it in perspective, Langford said the 2013 equivalent would be \$85.

He carried that theme forward, pointing out that the original charge for electricity had been 10 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) or \$1.68 in today’s dollars. However, he noted, the cost of power has remained affordable and Cotton Electric members currently pay about 8 ½ cents per kWh.

Continuing with the look at the co-op’s history, Langford in-

troduced a special guest, Steven Cox, the grandson of C.W. Cox.

Having travelled from his home in California, the younger Cox said he was honored to participate in commemorating not only the co-op’s 75th anniversary but also what would have been his grandfather’s 100th birthday. He said his mother, Wanza Cox, a former Cotton Electric employee, was also in attendance.

Cox said the work his grandfather did to set up the co-op was no small feat for a man who had an eighth-grade education and was 23 years old at the beginning of the project. By the time the co-op had been formed, construction began and the switch was thrown on the “Day of Light” in August 1939, C.W. Cox was 26 years old and the father of three.

Cox continued his work with co-op, serving as its first manager

for 10 years. During that time, he crisscrossed the state and country on co-op business, carrying a leather briefcase custom-tooled with his name and the REA logo among other decorations.

The briefcase survives, and Steven Cox presented it and a photograph album to Langford. The contents include numerous newspaper clippings and correspondence between the elder Cox and many others during his efforts on behalf of the co-op.

At the conclusion of Cox’s remarks, the business meeting concluded. The evening of festivities ended on a very positive note, when drawings were held and about 70 door prizes were awarded, including a \$500 energy voucher that went to Stefiel Johnson of Duncan.

The list of all prize winners is on Page 11.

Hat collection

Members display wide variety of hats during Annual Meeting



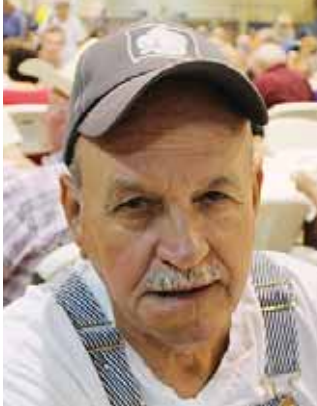
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Kids grand prize Nintendo: Gabriela Romera
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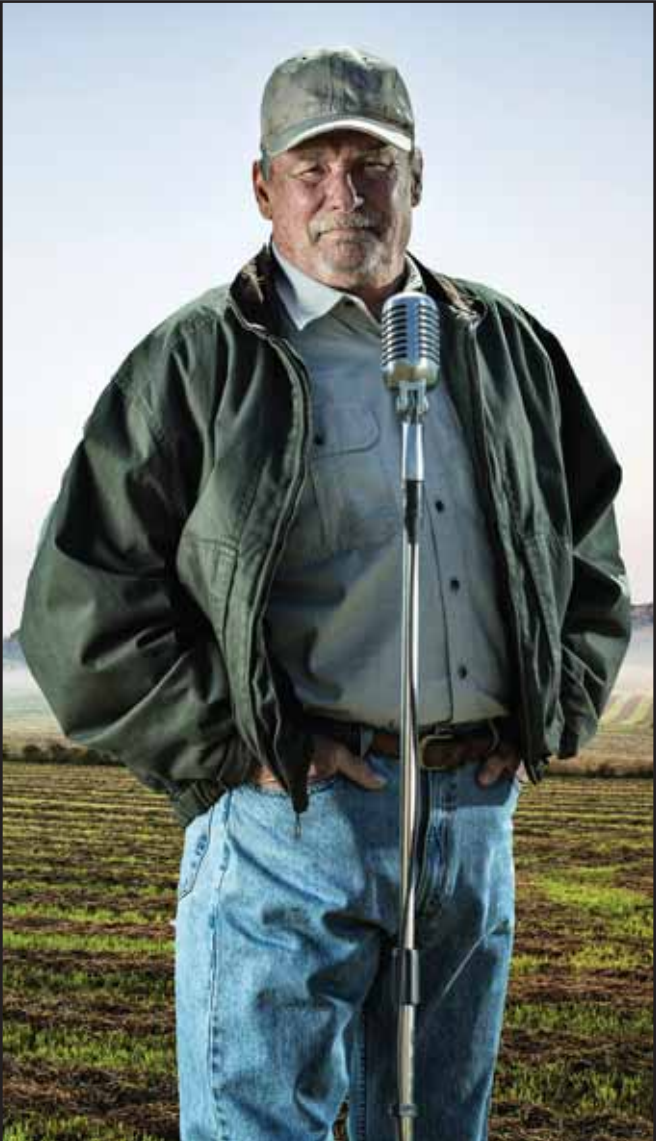
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It's pumpkin time!

Gourd is great source of beta-carotene

Pumpkin is everywhere this time of year – on your doorstep, in your house, and in many of your favorite foods. It's also marketed in your favorite coffee shops, but is that really pumpkin in your latte?

The pumpkin frenzy brings about images of fall holidays such as Halloween and Thanksgiving. It also brings some good nutrients to your diet.

Pumpkin is a member of the gourd family. It is high in beta-carotene, a pre-cursor to Vitamin A, and a good source of fiber. Vitamin A is important for vision, reproduction and immunity. Lucky for us, pumpkins become ripe just in time for cold and flu season.

There is some question about the role of vitamin A and bone health. While vitamin A is important for bone health, too much vitamin A has been linked to bone loss. Don't go overboard on your intake of orange vegetables, which are typically high in beta-carotene, and avoid over-supplementation of vitamin A. Most multivitamins have between 50



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

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and 70 percent of the RDA for vitamin A.

All parts of the pumpkin, except the stem, can be eaten, but most often the soft inner part is mashed and used in a variety of dishes. Canned pumpkin is very easy to keep on hand for incorporating into baked goods, puddings, soups, smoothies, muffins, quick breads, risotto and chili.

If you grow your own pumpkins for cooking, you can make pumpkin puree and freeze it for

use all year long.

Pumpkin seeds can be dried and eaten. The seeds are high in protein and magnesium, and are also a good source of fiber.

Now to the pumpkin-flavored drinks. While there is no pumpkin in these drinks, there is a nice dose of cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and allspice, a combination otherwise known as pumpkin spice. These seasonings have been shown to have health-promoting properties. Adding them to your morning coffee may benefit your health, but be careful about the calories from sugar that often accompany these spices in your favorite coffee drinks.

Enjoy the deliciousness of pumpkin this season in a variety of ways to promote a healthy diet and a healthy immune system. It's a little late to start growing them, so look to canned 100 percent pure pumpkin or cook a whole pumpkin and freeze the puree for later use. Treat pumpkin-flavored coffee drinks with added sugar like a dessert – something to be enjoyed occasionally.

Happy fall!

Fall in love with baking

(Family Features)

With the chill of autumn setting in, now is the perfect time to pre-heat the oven and enjoy the pleasure of baking at home. Fall begins the official start of holiday baking season and Wilton has a wide selection of bakeware, decorating and party products to help you make delicious, comforting treats that will warm your home. Throughout the season of giving and sharing, home baked treats are perfect for expressing love and appreciation to family and friends.

Try these tips from Wilton and fall into the baking spirit:

•**Everything old is new.** Bake a fluted tube cake to share; this iconic shaped treat embodies nostalgia and comfort, making it ideal for cozy autumn gatherings.

•**Harvest time.** After a trip to the pumpkin patch or apple orchard, put your hard work to good use with baked goods that celebrate the flavors and shapes of the season.

•**Mini treats, major thanks.** Baked treats are thoughtful hostess gifts for any fall occasion. Bring mini pies or mini spiced cakes to show your gratitude – one for everyone or an array of flavors to share.

•**Cornucopia of color.** Celebrate fall's rich color palette by adding pops of bright colored icing to your baked goods. Try yellow, red, orange and green to mimic the colors of changing leaves.

Try this recipe for Pumpkin Chocolate Chunk Pound Cake to kick your fall baking into full gear. For more baking tips, gift inspiration and autumn recipes, in-



Colorful baked goods make great gifts.

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Pumpkin Chocolate Chunk Pound Cake

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1-3/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1-1/4 cups 100 percent pure pumpkin
- 3/4 cup dark cocoa Candy Melts Candy, roughly chopped

- Glaze:
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)
- 2 teaspoons milk

Preheat oven to 325°F. Prepare Dimensions Cascade Pan with vegetable pan spray with flour.

In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and nutmeg.

In large bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition; beat in vanilla. Add flour mixture in three additions, alternating with pumpkin. Stir in chopped candy; mix until just combined. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 55-65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes

out clean. Cool in pan 15 minutes; invert onto cooling grid and cool completely.

For glaze, stir together confectioners' sugar, cinnamon and milk in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled cake.

Makes about 16 servings.

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Appetites, ingredients change with seasons

(Family Features) Just as our wardrobe adjusts to the cooler weather, so, too, do our appetites as we enjoy warm, comforting dishes to stave off the chill in the air.

Butternut Squash & Linguine is one of those perfect transition dishes that showcase the best of the season’s offerings. Winter squash of all descriptions are showing up at farmers markets and in grocery store produce aisles now. Butternut squash is one of the most readily recognizable choices, with its distinctive pear shape. Inside is a flavorful, nutrient-rich, yellow-orange flesh that has a subtle sweetness when cooked.

To prepare this recipe, pieces of the squash are simmered with wine and garlic until tender, then a sprinkling of sage is stirred in. A quick toss with Dreamfields linguine and crumbled goat cheese or blue cheese results in a mouth-watering mélange of flavors. For an extra special finish sprinkle with crisp-cooked prosciutto and chopped walnuts. Either way, it makes a delicious main dish, or a

side for poultry or pork.

Just as you shop for the best produce, think about the pasta you purchase, too. Dreamfields pasta is made with durum wheat semolina just like traditional pasta but with 5 grams of fiber (about the same as whole wheat pasta) and 7 grams of protein per serving. It also produces a lower blood sugar response when compared with traditional pasta, making it a healthful choice for the entire family. To learn more about Dreamfields and for additional recipes visit www.dreamfieldsfoods.com.

Butternut Squash & Linguine

Servings: 4-6
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 22 minutes

- 1/2 box Dreamfields Linguine
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 4 cups butternut squash pieces (about 1-inch pieces)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage or 4 teaspoons dried sage
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese, blue cheese or shredded Parmesan cheese
- Crumbled cooked prosciutto or bacon, optional
- Additional cheese, optional
- Toasted chopped walnuts, optional

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and return to pan; cover and keep warm.


Meanwhile, heat olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add garlic; cook and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in squash, wine and salt. Simmer 12 to 15 minutes just until squash is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in sage.

Toss squash with pasta and cheese. Sprinkle with prosciutto, additional cheese and walnuts, if desired.

Nutrition information (1/4 of recipe): 304 calories; 9 g protein; 52 g carbohydrates; 6 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 7 mg cholesterol; 213 mg sodium; 7 g total dietary fiber.

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2 Cajuns are plenty in this Stephens County kitchen

By Karen Kaley

A line of brightly colored pennants leads to a sign featuring a green, toothy alligator and a smiling orange crawfish. It is the first indication that there is something new on old U.S. Highway 81. Nestled just north of Comanche and just south of Meridian, 2 Cajuns in the Kitchen isn't just new, it's different.

Pull across the dusty lot and park at the north end of the huge building that houses the Comanche Livestock Auction. Step through a couple of sets of doors and you know right away, you're not in southwest Oklahoma anymore.

High-spirited accordion-heavy tunes pour from speakers. Walls are decorated with crawfish, oversized mosquitos and other critters entangled in fishing nets, and a huge flag emblazoned with a flaming fleur-de-lis encircled with "Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns." A gator head grins from atop the cash register counter.

A chalkboard announces the daily special, usually a dish that features some type of seafood. The menu is five pages of "Oh, my, what do I choose?"

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Ricky will tell you all about it: "The Berzas family has been recorded as cooking and feeding people in Louisiana since 1897. Recipes have passed down through my family for 100 years. My grandfather taught me to cook."

He goes on to explain, "True Cajun food, when you bite into it, all of the herbs, the spices, the garlic, the onion – the flavor rushes your mouth, it's a great taste. And then, the heat comes. You got a little bit of heat, but it's so good you can't put the spoon down, you just get a napkin and dab your forehead and your nose and keep going. That's when it's true Cajun food."



2 Cajuns in the Kitchen

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Lisa is quick to point out that not all of their dishes are hot.

"Many people think Cajun means burnt or hot. Cajun food is different flavors of seasonings blended, not just spicy."

Still not convinced? "Give it a try," Ricky says and offers a taste of items on the menu before a diner commits to a new dish.

He's pretty proud of what his kitchen offers.

"All of our food is hand-cut and all fresh. There are no frozen foods."

And, it will be different from what an Oklahoman might expect. The fried catfish is thick and fluffy with a breading that is seasoned but not terribly spicy. Ricky said he uses marinade his grandmother came up with years and years ago.

The gumbo doesn't have okra. Lisa wrinkles her nose and says, "Our gumbo is roux-based. In southern Louisiana, we don't put okra with chicken or sausage. Okra goes with seafood or shrimp."

And that's the main difference. Different regions use different ingredients – the ones most available when the recipes were developed.

"We hope everybody likes our food because we don't know how to cook it any other way except how it's been passed down," Ricky says.

The menu is varied enough that anyone can find something he or she will enjoy eating. They might even discover a new dish that they really like.

One thing is certain for anyone who tries the fare at 2 Cajuns in the Kitchen. They will leave feeling full and satisfied, probably with a carryout bag of leftovers for the next day's lunch.

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Lisa and Ricky Berzas are the 2 Cajuns in the Kitchen just north of Comanche on old U.S. 81 Highway. They offer authentic Cajun dishes made from recipes handed down for 100 years in the Berzas family. The seafood muffaletta can be ordered as a half-sandwich, as shown at right, or the whole 9-inch sandwich.



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COLORED MULCH BUSINESS FOR SALE: Includes 1993 Farmhand grinder, chip tumbler, dye, pump, bag sealer. Local buyer will have weekly supply of wood to grind. Call Nick, 580-467-7877.

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BRANSON TIME SHARE: For sale or rent, 1 or 2 bedrooms. Call 580-704-6877 or 580-704-7877, leave message.

Lots/Land

LOTS FOR SALE: For double-wide, owner financing, Walters and Randlett area. 580-591-1042.

FOR SALE: 69 acres with creek, small pond and pecan trees. Good grazing land for cattle or to build a home on. Close to Central High area. Call Jay, 580-255-0610.

FOR SALE: 25 acres, fenced with pond. Excellent hunting. Near Waurika Lake. 580-467-0586.

3-ACRE BUILDING SITE in city limits, Plato School district, country setting, secluded and private, all utilities available, great investment, \$42,000. Call 580-255-8214 or 656-1407.

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LAND FOR LEASE: 80 acres near Pumpkin Center. Great for grazing or hunting; includes use of barn, horse corals, chicken coop, well water, and more. \$2,400/year, will accept monthly payments. 580-678-4133.

WANT TO TRADE: 160 acres 90 cultivation, 70 grass along highway 65 NE Cotton County. For 160 acres wooded land preferably along creek. Call 580-875-2657 or 580-351-8517.

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Lots	Commercial Lots
•Payne Heights Addition, building lots, restrictions, \$17,000-\$23,000 •607 W. Payne, Marlow, building lot, cellar, \$17,000 •807 W McNeese, Marlow, lot w/ shop, \$18,000 •613 W. Payne, Marlow, corner lot, shop, \$30,000 •Garrison Rd, Marlow, 2+ acres, \$30,000 •Willowbend Addition, Creek Side Dr., int. lot, \$34,500 •9th & Park, Marlow, building lot, trees, \$35,000 •Willowbend Addition, Creek Side Dr., corner lot, \$44,500	•1600 Block N Broadway, Marlow, fenced lot, \$35,000 •407 W. Main, Marlow, commercial lot, \$38,000 •103 W. Main, Marlow, corner lot Main Street, \$48,000 •N Hwy 81, hwy frontage, 200 ft. avail., SOLD
Land	Rural Properties
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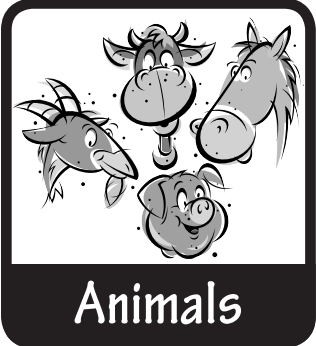
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Real Property #1 Consists of a Beautiful 2 Story 3 Bedroom Stone/ Siding Home (Approximately 2,231 Square Feet). Down Stairs has a Large Living Room, Dining Area, Kitchen with Counter, Oak Cabinets (very nice), Utility Room, Master Bedroom with Full Bath with Jet-Garden Tub and Spiral Staircase. Up Stairs has 2 Bedrooms (1 Large and 1 Small) and a 3/4 Bath. Additional Improvements Include Insulated Windows and Entry Doors, 1 Car Garage (10'x22'), a Large Front Concrete Porch (8'6"x38'), Rear, Upper, and Lower Decks with a Scenic View, Metal Garage/Storage Building (18'x20'), Side Garden Area with Round Brick Patio and Koi Pond. All situated on 53.64 Acres with a Pond shared with neighbor on East. Home is like new (Approximately 7 years old). Please see to Appreciate this Beautiful Home with a nice Yard and Landscaping.

Real Property #2 Consists of a Nice 3 Bedroom Brick Home (Approximately 1,928 Square Feet) with a Living Room, Family Room/Den with Wood-Burning Fireplace, Dining Area, Kitchen with Breakfast Nook, Utility Room and 1-3/4 Bath. Additional Improvements include a 2 Car Garage (20.5'x30.5'), Storm Shelter, Corral/Metal Pens and Water Well. All situated on 5.0 Acres in a good location.

The Real Property will be offered at Auction with the Home and Improvements situated on 53.64 Acres followed by 3 Bedroom Brick Home on 5 Acres that will be offered separately. An additional \$5000 will be added to the Bids received and the Real Property will be offered as a whole for those wishing to purchase Home with Improvements on 53.64 Acres and Home on 5.0 Acres.

Directions: In Ratliff City, Oklahoma, from the Intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 76, go South 2 miles on Highway 76 and 1-1/2 miles East on Ranch Road (Road to Poolville). The Real Property is situated on North side of Road.

Terms of Sale: 10% Earnest Money on Home and Improvements on the day of Sale. Balance due at closing upon delivery of Title and Deed.

Preview of Real Property will be held Friday afternoon, October 25, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Real Property may be viewed prior to Public Auction by calling the Auction Company for appointment.

Auctioneer's Note: Property #1 is approximately 7 years old and very nice. Property #2 is a very Comfortable Home with a Number of Improvements. If Home Place and Brick Home sell separately, a new Water Well will be drilled for Home Place and 53.64 Acres. Please go to garycriswellauctioneers.com to view Home with Improvements, www.AuctionZip.com to view upcoming Auctions and Like us on Facebook. Real Property will be offered "As-Is-Where-Is." Mr. and Mrs. Anderson reserve the right to accept or reject the Final Bid. Stephens County Abstract will serve as the Closing Agent on the Real Property.

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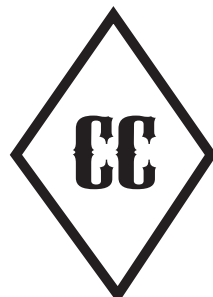
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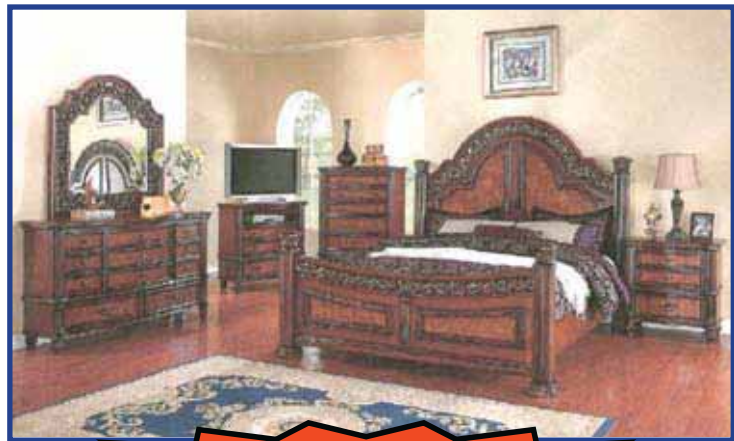
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