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## Merry Christmas

May your holidays be filled with much joy and good cheer.  
May the new year bring you peace and happiness.

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of Cotton Electric Cooperative



**Day 1: Home Energy Audit**  
Save 5-30 percent on your energy bill by making energy-efficient upgrades following a home energy audit.

**Day 2: Install a Programmable Thermostat**  
Use a programmable thermostat when you aren't home -- lowering your thermostat 10-15 degrees for 8 hours can save 5-15 percent a year on heating bills

**Day 3: Maintain Your Fireplace**  
Keep warm air in your house and cold air out with proper chimney maintenance -- like sealing your fireplace flue damper, caulking around your hearth, and installing a heat-air exchange system to blow warmed air back into the room.

**Day 12: Driving Your Way to Fuel Savings**  
Save money on fuel costs by emptying your car after all your shopping trips -- an extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could increase gas costs by up to \$.08 a gallon.

## Twelve tips help conserve energy, lower power bills

By Karen Kaley

Winter time. Fewer daylight hours and more time with the lights on. Freezing temperatures and fired up furnaces. Holiday cooking and decorations, house guests and lots of new gadgets.

It's a wonderful time of year but all of those things can add quite a bit to household energy consumption. A high power bill during this time of year can take some of the fun out of year-end festivities.

Our friends at Energy.gov put together the 12 Days of Energy Savings tips surrounding this text. From Day 1, the tips are the same as those we offer Cotton Electric members all the time, just wrapped up in a prettier package.

Speaking of Day 1, home energy audits are a free service offered to all Cotton Electric members. Power Use Advisor Mike Stephens conducts a thorough check, from attic to foundation, looking for ways a home can be made more energy-efficient. Call him at 580-875-3351 to arrange an audit.

The tip on Day 2 can make a significant difference. Heating your home accounts for about 40 percent of a winter power bill. A programmable thermostat can pay for itself quickly by shaving 5 to 15 percent off the consumption of your furnace.

All of these tips are low-cost or no-cost ways to control energy consumption. They can help you start the New Year with a resolution to save money.

**Day 4: Prepare Your Windows for Winter**  
Installing storm windows can help reduce heat loss through your windows by 25-50 percent.

**Day 11: Plug Holiday Decorations into Power Strips**  
Stop phantom loads -- which cost Americans \$100 a year on average -- by turning off power strips when you aren't using holiday decorations.

**Day 5: Take Advantage of Sunlight**  
Open curtains during the day to allow sunlight to naturally warm your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.

**Day 10: Install a Light Timer**  
Keep in the holiday spirit while saving energy by using timer controls to turn holiday lights on and off at specific times.

**Day 6: Buy ENERGY STAR Electronics**  
This holiday, ask for ENERGY STAR home electronics for instant energy savings. Depending on usage, an ENERGY STAR computer can save 30-65 percent more energy compared a computer without this designation.

**Day 9: Use LED lights**  
Light your tree with LEDs and save money -- it only costs \$0.27 to light a 6-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days with LEDs compared to \$10 for incandescent lights.

**Day 8: Save Energy in the Kitchen**  
This holiday, don't waste heat from your stovetop. Use right-sized pots on stove burners to save about \$36 annually with an electric range or \$18 with gas.

**Day 7: Purchase Rechargeable Batteries & an ENERGY STAR Battery Charger**  
This holiday, give the gift that keeps on giving -- rechargeable batteries are more cost effective than disposable batteries.

### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Dec. 1, 2015, is \$0.00233 per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$3.49 on the December bill.

### November 2015 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	73	44	59	16	71	54	63
2	75	45	60	17	73	44	59
3	78	58	68	18	68	39	54
4	72	59	66	19	63	38	51
5	80	53	67	20	73	37	55
6	69	47	58	21	59	26	43
7	68	47	58	22	58	23	41
8	65	38	52	23	64	26	45
9	68	39	54	24	63	43	53
10	74	48	61	25	77	50	64
11	73	48	61	26	67	39	53
12	68	34	51	27	39	32	36
13	67	31	49	28	36	33	35
14	65	34	50	29	39	34	37
15	59	51	55	30	49	31	40

Source: srh.noaa.gov/om/

Average Daily High: 65 Average Daily Low: 41

### Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and on Jan. 1, 2016, for the New Year holiday.

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You can also drop us a line at Cotton Electric

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# Langford offers parting thoughts

By Karen Kaley

*Editor's note: For 10 of the past 11 years, Cotton Electric CEO Warren Langford has shared his thoughts with the membership through a column on this page. This spot has been filled with a lot of other things during 2015. Langford has been distracted and unable to put his thoughts on the page. Today, you will find out why.*



Warren Langford, CEO

Some 15 months ago, CEO Warren Langford told Cotton Electric's board of trustees that 2015 would be his last year at the co-op. He gave such a long notice because, "I felt I owed the co-op a smooth transition with no bumps."

Then, almost exactly one year ago, Langford and his family were delivered news that was more than a bump, it was a tumor. The youngest Langford had brain cancer.

In response to that devastating news, Warren Langford shifted his main focus from the co-op to his family. And, the co-op's employees and board shifted from looking at Langford as the top boss to seeing him as a colleague who needed support.

Co-op operations continued smoothly, without noticeable bumps. Capable employees filled in the gaps, and modern technology allowed Langford to carry out his duties remotely.

"With support of Cotton Electric's board, employees and members, I was able to see the year through," Langford said.

"I will retire on Jan. 4, 2016, as planned. Jennifer Meason will take over the next day and the co-op will be in good hands."

Langford took time recently to answer 10 questions about his work at the co-op.

## 1. What prompted you to pursue a career with Cotton Electric Cooperative?

"The opportunity was there and what made me take advantage of that was maturity.

"I had grown up. College hadn't worked out."

Langford graduated from Temple High School in 1970 and went to Oklahoma State University for a year and a half.

"I had a great time, a whole lot of fun! I just wasn't mature enough to apply myself (to school)," he said, explaining why he returned to southwest Oklahoma without a degree.

"I was single, didn't have a job. I realized I needed to get settled in something that had a future."

Even at age 23, Langford recognized Cotton offered that and knew the co-op had a reputation for taking care of employees.

After coming to work for Cotton in 1974, he didn't abandon higher education. The co-op adopted a continuing education policy, paying tuition if an employee was pursuing a degree that would benefit the co-op and its members.

"I went to night school for 10 years. I earned a degree in business administration in 1993 from Cameron University.

The co-op's and Langford's investment in each other paid off in many ways. Langford worked his way up through the administration of the co-op, working on projects such as launching 4-cycle billing and working with state lawmakers on legislation designed to meet the needs of Cotton Electric Cooperative members.

"We made sure we didn't pay more than we were supposed to pay for power," Langford said.

Eventually, Langford became vice president of finance and administration and COO at Cotton Electric Services, Inc., a subsidiary of the co-op. He took on the job of Cotton Electric CEO on Dec. 1, 2004.

## 2. What was the biggest change Cotton Electric went through while you were CEO?

"Quality of service as perceived by the employees."

Langford explained, using blinking lights and outages as an example.

"Instead of thinking of those things as something that's just going to happen, we look for ways to prevent them from happening. We change poles, trim trees, we are proactive."

He pointed out the bar has been raised as to providing quality electric service.

"That is a big accomplishment, a change of focus, change of perception, change of thought, change of culture. I'm really proud of that."

Langford said he has observed over 40 years how the co-op continually evolves to meet the requirements of the membership.

"Back then, many members were just glad to have lights. Today, they expect much, much more.

"Our employees get that, we are meeting their needs."

## 3. What will you miss most about the job?

"Interaction with the rural folks of southwest Oklahoma. A person can't have better employers



Photo by Lucky Langford

*Warren Langford has spent a great deal of 2015 pacing the halls of hospitals. His grandson, Avett, was diagnosed with brain cancer in December 2014. Langford will retire in January but says Cotton Electric will always be next to his heart.*

than what I've had for the last 40 years. The people are what's kept me here.

"I will miss the employee group and my friends here. I'll miss seeing their faces every day, knowing about their families and what's going on in their lives."

## 4. What is the biggest challenge Cotton faces in the future?

"There has been an explosion in technology. There have been more technological advances in the last 10 years than in the previous 30.

"The co-op has to take advantage of technology that will improve service and help meet members' requirements.

"That's going to mean huge investments in the distribution system, in order to have automated switches and other things needed to improve quality of service.

"It's going to be a big challenge to keep rates under control while doing that."

Is Cotton going to be up to it?

"We always have been."

## 5. What is the biggest misconception people have about electric cooperatives?

"Members don't think they really have a say. They don't believe that they are owners of this utility company.

"They should take time to listen and understand how the cooperative works, understand that they have an investment in the cooperative.

"We are more than just a utility company."

Langford said members learning more about Cotton Electric will discover how big an asset it is to this area. And, "they will discover they have a say in how the co-op is run. Members don't have to tolerate unsatisfactory service."

He said members will also find they have a say in how the co-op gives back to community and, "bottom line, they have a say in our rates."

## 6. What was the hardest part of your job over the years?

"The change in my relationship to fellow co-op employees since becoming CEO."

He explained that a CEO has responsibilities and makes decisions that control the destiny of other employees. As CEO, he had to make business decisions while holding personal feelings at bay.

"That was tough."

But, he knew it would be part of the job.

"It wasn't a surprise that those relationships would change. If I didn't think I could do it, I wouldn't have applied."

After some thought, he added, "Another hardest part about being CEO, you're never off duty, you're always on duty 24/7/365. You can be in the mountains of Colorado or going down the river on a raft, but you're still on duty."

And that led to another thought.

"This year has been my most difficult year. Staying focused on my co-op responsibilities was sometimes impossible.

"I was gone quite a bit, but still receiving calls. I had devices with me so I could log on and do some work remotely."

Langford said the support of the co-op employees and the board of trustees were key in helping him during a difficult personal year. Without that, "I would have retired sooner. I would not have made it to Jan. 4."

It was a bit of foresight on Langford's part that things worked out so well.

"Over the last several years, I've really felt secure about my job. I've gone to great lengths to show people what I do and how it was done.

"I have tried to make my position the most dispensable. I tried to set things up so that if something happened to me, this co-op would keep going, wouldn't even blink."

Langford had nurtured the culture at the co-op in such a way that, to his surprise, came to his support when he needed it most.

"It proved invaluable this past year. I had built a good support system, though not knowing it would come to bear in such a way.

## 7. What stands out as your biggest accomplishment in your years with Cotton?

"The quality of electric service we provide is so much better than 10, 20 and 30 years ago.

"We are a long way from perfect but we have made tremendous strides in things such as right-of-way clearing and employee training and all have improved service."

## 8. Looking back at your career, knowing what you know now, is there anything that you would do differently?

"A lack of experience influenced some decisions along the way. I made some supervisory mistakes. Some decisions should have been different."

Langford didn't give any specifics, but indicated there were very few problematic situations.

"I've certainly enjoyed 99 percent of my days at co-op. I never dreaded coming to work."

## 9. What advice do you have for the new CEO, Jennifer Meason?

Listen.

"Listen to the members. They are the boss. The more engaged you are with the membership, the better the co-op will be."

He said that being mindful of the co-op members is important. "Decisions are no longer just hers, they are made by and for members."

He counseled for keeping members in of the loop. "Seek their input, plot a course to meet their expectations. Trust them and embrace their thoughts."

## 10. What are your plans for retirement?

"Well, I had several self-improvement things I wanted to do," Langford said, "but life is full of adjustments, and mine is no different.

"My plans now are to concentrate on my grandson, Avett, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor just before turning 2. That is my number one priority."

Langford said it has been a difficult year, but "we are making progress."

The cancer has responded to treatment. The ordeal is far from over but there are positives, on which the family has chosen to focus.

"We often count the miracles of the past year."

Among them, Langford noted, is the support that has embraced the family. "People all over the country have been praying for Avett."

We'll keep praying, for you, too, Warren Langford, and your wife, Roynell. We'll pray that your retirement will be a long and pleasant one involving an abundance of good times with Avett and your other grandchildren, Lennon, Drew and Brinley, and their parents, Dallas and Rick Park and Lucky and Autumn Langford.

Blessings upon you all.

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# Holiday with ice

*Thanksgiving storm could be first blast of long, wet winter*



Photo by Michelle Taylor

**By Karen Kaley**

How's your holiday season going so far? The long Thanksgiving weekend sure was ... interesting. For several hundred Cotton Electric members and quite a few Cotton Electric employees, it was anything but relaxing. Started out pretty wet, then it got really cold with more wet and then ... oh, my.

Who turned out the lights? Mother Nature, that's who. She and Old Man Winter got together and smacked down hard on the northwestern third of Oklahoma. When those two dump ice on the area, it is a one-two punch.

First, heavy ice brings down trees, branches and power lines. The photo above was taken by a line worker making repairs after the storm. Ice as thick as shown can add as much as 500 pounds to a span of power line.

Then, melting and falling ice will cause those same branches and lines to snap up suddenly, wreaking havoc on the rebound.

Those conditions never fail to bring power outages.

In the Cotton Electric service area, some 3,800 members lost power, some for as long as nine hours. Employees cut their long weekend short and reported for duty. Some braved

the elements, working out in the frozen outdoors to restore power. Some braved the overwhelming influx of telephone calls, trying to keep up with outage reports and offer a little information about what to expect.

We were the lucky ones. On Nov. 28, Cotton Electric was among 13 Oklahoma cooperatives experiencing storm-related outages. Hardest hit was Caddo Electric Cooperative, directly north of the Cotton service territory, with more than 15,000 members without power. Six days later, there were still some 3,400 Caddo members without power.

Cotton Electric has an aggressive right-of-way program that goes a long way toward limiting outage numbers. But, there is only so much we can do to soften the impact of wild Oklahoma weather, as was demonstrated in 2010 when Cotton saw numbers similar to those at Caddo this year.

Forecasters say this could be a long, cold, wet winter. We need look only a little north to take seriously the notion of preparing. Here are some things to consider:

- Be weather aware. If ice is in the forecast and accumulation is more than 1/8-inch, there will be outages. The more ice, the more outages. The

more outages, the longer it will take to restore power. Outages from the Thanksgiving storm took anywhere from two to nine hours to restore. Outages from the 2010 ice storm took as long as 13 days to restore.

- Outages must be reported either by calling or using the SmartHub app. If you call 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520, please keep in mind there are only 10 phone lines going into the Cotton Electric headquarters. You may get a busy signal or your call may be switched to an answering service or an automated system and you will need your account number to report your outage.

- The SmartHub app is a free download at [http://smarthubapp.com/how\\_do\\_I\\_get\\_it.htm](http://smarthubapp.com/how_do_I_get_it.htm). You will need your Cotton Electric account number to set it up on your phone or tablet the first time. Please remember to include a good callback number when using SmartHub to report an outage. This is the best way to report an outage during a large incident.

- Ice storm outages are long outages. Have phones charged up and fresh batteries loaded into flashlights. Make sure there are plenty of warm clothes, blankets and non-perishable foods in the house.

- During an extended outage, keep your refrigerator and freezer closed. With good seals, those appliances can keep food cold for 24 to 48 hours as long as warm air is not introduced by opened doors.

- Generators are a great temporary power supply as long as they are used properly. Never operate a generator indoors. Use it only to power certain appliances and not an entire house. This can create a deadly backfeed situation.

- Ice storm damage can be quite extensive and takes a long time to repair. Have an alternate location in mind if you or members of your family cannot tolerate more than a few hours without power.

- Keep in mind that we want your power back on as much as you do. We will restore it as quickly as safety allows. When we have widespread outages, first efforts are made to restore power to the largest number of members as quickly as possible. Then crews fix problems impacting smaller groups of members.

We deeply appreciate your patience and support during storm recovery. We hope we will continue to be lucky and the coming holidays will be warm, dry and uninterrupted.

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## Holiday Spending Can Help Teach Children About Money

During this holiday season, you'll likely be spending money, in various amounts and in various ways. And you can use this experience to teach your children about money management.

Here are a few ideas for doing just that:

Stick to a budget. Tell your children you've set aside a certain amount of money for gifts and holiday events, such as hosting parties, and that you won't exceed it. And if you have saved money throughout the year in a special holiday fund, let your kids know about that, too. This information should help impress upon them the importance of sticking with a budget and saving for a goal.

Discuss credit and debt. Ideally, you won't have to use your credit

cards to an unusual degree during the holiday season. If you do, though, explain to your children that using a credit card is not the same thing as "free" money, and that your goal is to pay off the card as soon as possible, so that you won't have to pay even more for your purchases in the form of interest payments.

Compare short- and long-term goals. Explain to your children that your holiday spending is the result of having saved for, and met, a short-term goal, but that you are also saving for long-term goals, such as retirement. Depending on the age of your kids, you might want to go into somewhat more detail, such as describing, in general terms, the different ways you save for the different goals. For example, for

your holiday spending, you might be drawing on money from your checking account – or, as mentioned above, a holiday fund, possibly kept in a low-risk, liquid vehicle – while for your long-term goals, you might be relying in part on your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). The key point to get across is that you have various financial goals in life with various means of working toward achieving them.

Introduce your children to investing. If you've already brought up the topic of saving for long-term goals, why not take it a step further and give your children a doorway into the investment world? Specifically, consider giving them a few shares of stock, possibly in companies with which they are already familiar, and help them follow

these stocks. One way of giving stocks to children is through a custodial account, which can be opened under the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (UTMA) or the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA). Keep in mind, though, that once your child reaches the age of majority – usually 18 or 21 – he or she gets full control of the money in the account. Plus, your gift is irrevocable.

Be generous. If you're going to make charitable gifts, let your kids know about it – or even let them help pick the charities. It will show them that one purpose of wealth accumulation is to give back to the world.

By providing some financial education to your kids this holiday season, you'll be giving them a gift that can last long after the festivities have ended.

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## Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the January issue, please submit information by Jan. 4, by calling 580-875-3351 or sending an email to [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).

### Live Nativity scene in Lawton park

Central Baptist Church of Lawton is presenting The Live Nativity from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 and 19 and 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at Elmer Thomas Park. This presentation includes an authentic replica of the traditional stable scene of the birth of Christ. There is also a cast of 30 men and women in historical costumes with live animals, including sheep, donkeys and a camel. Sponsored by Holiday in the Park and the City of Lawton, the event is free and open to the public.

### 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.

### CTHC hosts artists' exhibits

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is currently showcasing the art of Dylan Cavin, featuring ledgers, bank notes and other historical items transformed into works of art. His works will be on display through Jan. 6, 2016.

A photographic exhibition featuring the work of indigenous artists from around the world will open Jan. 28 and run through March 16. Our People, Our Land, Our Images, includes 51 historical and contemporary images, including the work of Cherokee Jennie Ross Cobb, the earliest known Native American female photographer.

Located just north of the Simmons Center at 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Cotton Electric members can present a Co-op Connections Card to get \$1 off the admission price, per card per visit.

### LCT presents 'Anne Frank'

"The Diary of Anne Frank," is Lawton Community Theatre's third production of the 2015-16 season. Performances are set for Jan. 22-24 and 28-31, 2016.

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic – a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. LCT's presentation is a stage adap-

tation by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett of the book "The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank.

For information, visit [LCT-OK.org](http://LCT-OK.org).

### Trail Dance returns for tenth year

The 2016 Trail Dance Film Festival will note its 10th anniversary as it 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. 29 and continues throughout the following day, leading up to the Golden Drover Awards Show. 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. Admission to the awards show is free.

For information, call Anthony Foreman, 580-467-8519, or visit [TrailDanceFilmFestival.com](http://TrailDanceFilmFestival.com).

### Magic Lantern offers classic films

Magic Lantern Film Society of Cameron University screens DVD presentations of classic films in the CETES Conference Center, Room B.

The Feb. 12 offering will be "The Goodbye Girl," the story of a dancer and her daughter, who have to share their apartment. The 1977 film adaptation of the Neil Simon play features Richard Dreyfuss, Marcia Mason and Quinn Cummings in starring roles.

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](http://Cameron.edu/magiclantern).

### 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 offers many activities

Wichita Mountains Area Senior Citizens offers a variety of activities and sponsors weekly and monthly events at the Legion Building near Medicine Park.

Potluck dinners, games and TV are offered every Monday from 5 to 10 p.m.

An Indian taco sale is held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Drinks and desserts are included.

A dance is held each Friday. Doors

## Photo of the Month



Our December JOY! winner is the first photo taken of 5-week-old Calhoun smiling at his mother. His parents are Cotton Electric members Jacob and Taylor Lovelace of Indianhoma.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for January is BEST SHOT. Entries can be emailed to [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto: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.

open at 6 p.m., live music begins at 7. For information about activities, visit [WichitaMountainSeniors.org](http://WichitaMountainSeniors.org).

All activities are held in the Legion Building 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.

### Honor Guard serves area veterans

Seeing a need in the area, several military veterans formed an honor guard in 2007 to provide services at funerals for all military veterans. The guard is made up of veterans from all branches of the armed forces and three veterans' organizations.

The uniformed guard furnishes a 21-gun salute, plays taps and folds a

flag for presentation to the family. The guard travels anywhere in Stephens, Cotton, Comanche and Jefferson counties, and has made special trips into Grady and Carter counties.

There is no charge for the service, though donations are accepted.

For information about joining the guard or securing its services, email [theschg@yahoo.com](mailto:theschg@yahoo.com) or visit the Stephens County Honor Guard Facebook page.

### CH Community Center available

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# Cotton earns communication awards

Each year, marketing department employees in electric cooperatives throughout the state take another look at the work they've done. They select the best examples of their communication pieces, and submit them for comparison and competition with their peers.

The 2015 newsletter contest sponsored by Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives solicited entries from Oklahoma cooperatives in several categories. Cotton Electric learned of honors in four categories during a recent awards banquet.

An Honorable Mention certificate was presented for the website, CottonElectric.com. The site was redesigned early in 2014 by Jennifer Meason, vice president of marketing and subsidiary services.

An Award of Merit was presented for a creative communication piece, a mug featuring a two-part lineman appreciation message. The thermal coating reveals the second message when the mug is filled with hot liquid.

An Award of Excellence was presented for a news feature written by Karen Kaley. Published in June 2015, the story described an energy audit done on a Cotton Electric member's home. The member made the recommended improvements and saw a significant decline in his power bill.

An Award of Excellence was also presented for the February 2015 issue of The Current for best overall content in the large cooperative division. The issue included stories about right-of-way clearing, how to report an outage using SmartHub, landscaping tips and how home insulation works. Feature stories were about Cotton Electric employee Josh Belcher, CECF grant recipient Smart Start and Co-op Connections partner Cosmetic Specialty Labs.

## Energy auditors look for all the holes that need plugging

By Karen Kaley

Blaine Smith opened his electric bill in January 2014 and was surprised. Winter weather had been fierce and he keeps his home pretty warm. He knew his bill would be high but hadn't anticipated it being quite that high. It was well over \$500.

Smith likes to pay his bill in person, so a few days later he went to the Cotton Electric office at Oak and 11th in Duncan.

Vickie, Laura and Stephanie sit behind safety glasses, but Smith didn't have to raise his booming voice when he said: "I'm not complaining, but... dang!"

As it is with most co-op employees trying to help a member get control of high bills, the women at the Duncan office suggested a Cotton Electric energy audit, which is a free service offered to all co-op members.

They gave Smith a pamphlet describing the audit as a thorough inspection of a home and all the features that can contribute to high energy consumption. There was also information about blower door and duct blaster tests, which have \$50 fees.

Smith decided to get the works. Perhaps investing the \$100 would save him \$100 on future bills.

Mike Stephens, the co-op's energy use advisor, and Trent Marlett, energy efficiency coordinator, went to Smith's house in April 2014. Stephens collected information and started the inspection while Marlett prepared the house for the blower door test.

The inspection of Smith's attic turned up one problem immediately. An air duct was damaged and pulled away from the air handler. Conditioned air had been blowing into the attic and the HVAC system had been working very hard to compensate.

This problem prevented the duct blaster test, but Stephens and Marlett went forward with the blower door test.

After all air vents were blocked off, a powerful fan was mounted into the frame of an exterior door. The fan pulled air out of the house, lowering the interior air pressure, and outside air pressure pushed through all unsealed cracks and openings.

Marlett pointed an infrared camera at a paneled wall in Smith's house.

"That was really cool!" was Smith's observation, which was correct in two ways. It was very interesting to see the blue lines of cold air running down the grooves in the paneling.

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Blaine Smith knows his home uses a lot of energy during winter months, but decided to take action after his January 2014 power bill arrived.

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## Right-of-way clearing continues

Responsible policies assure co-op members of safe, quality, affordable power

By Karen Kaley

Member Tommie is a passionate cheerleader for more energy efficient, cleaner, safer, and more reliable power. He's been a member for 18 years and has seen the cooperative grow from a small group of members to a large organization.

In this process, he provides not only all the time and labor in southeast Oklahoma, but the money to pay for the work.

Cotton Electric established a formal right-of-way (ROW) clearing program about 18 years ago, and that program has been up and running ever since.

Branches that are too close to power lines are a safety hazard and can cause power outages. It's also a fire hazard.

"It's not just the trees for safety purposes," says Stephens. "It's also about quality and reliability. Branches that are too close to power lines can cause power outages and can be a fire hazard."

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# Cotton Electric seeks addresses for returned capital credit checks

Capital credit checks amounting to \$500,000 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](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).

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Price, Henry M  
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 Roebuck, Olen  
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 Talbott, Coy  
 Talsma, Jason W  
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 Wetzel, Lori  
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 Wetzel, Jeremy P  
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# It's a year-end tradition at Cotton Electric to honor board members and employees for their years of service.



## Employee of the Year Jeff Hart

Jeff Hart has been named 2015 Employee of the Year recently.

Hart is Supervisor of Engineering Services and a 33-year employee. His nominator said, "Jeff speaks with members quite often and deals with difficult situations masterfully. He takes the time to listen and then explains the problem and the best solution. It's always in the member's best interest."

"Jeff is a joy to work with. There's nothing he wouldn't do for fellow employees or members .. and he does it with a smile." Congratulations, Jeff!



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20 years



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15 years



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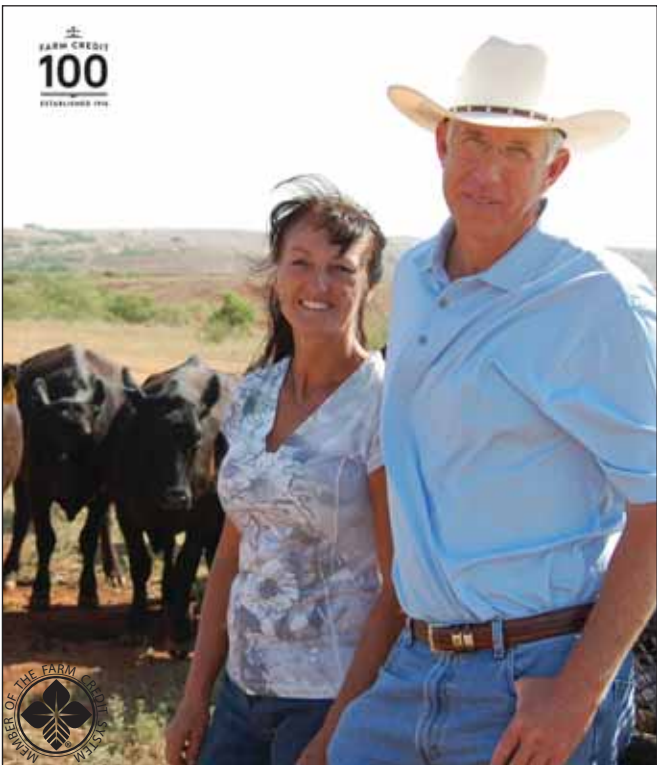
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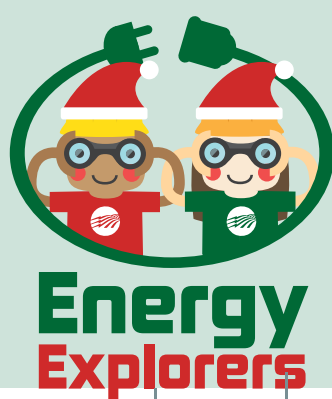
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**Dear Santa,**

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.**

**I live in \_\_\_\_\_.**

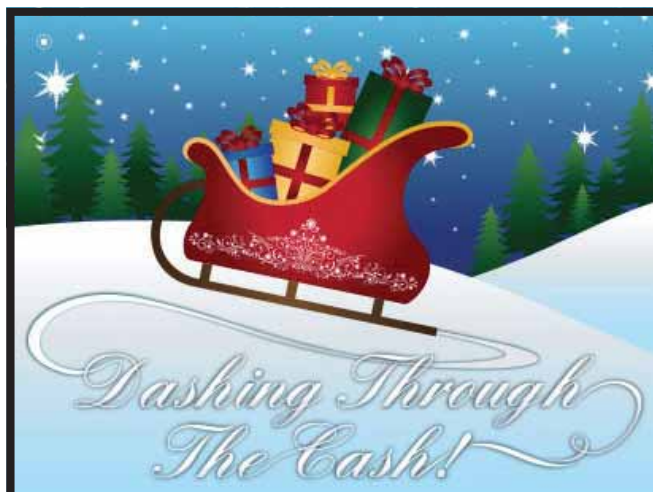
**This year, I have been very good and have tried to be more energy efficient by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I would really like it if you could bring me \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas.**

**Love,**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1. Characters in one inch of tape
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- 16. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 17. Brew
- 18. Rowdy carouser
- 20. Poetries
- 22. \_\_\_ salts, remedy
- 23. Expect eagerly
- 24. Obstructing the view of something
- 28. Denotes three
- 29. Expression of uncertainty
- 30. Greek portico
- 31. Bureau
- 33. Electric battery
- 37. Vapor density
- 38. Radioactivity unit
- 39. Strive to equal or match
- 41. Cologne
- 42. Carrier's invention
- 43. Highest in degree or quality
- 44. Female horses
- 46. Serbian
- 49. Publicity
- 50. Actress Lupino
- 51. Supporting structures
- 55. Jobs
- 58. Indian founder of Sikhism
- 59. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 60. Woman of charm and good looks
- 64. Order
- 65. Draft animal in desert regions
- 66. Unaccented syllable verse
- 67. Fail to keep pace

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- 68. Sheath or shirt-waist
- 69. Moss stalks
- 70. \_\_\_ Lilly, drug company
- DOWN**
- 1. Exclamation of praise
- 2. 200 island Pacific nation (alt. sp.)
- 3. Repeated
- 4. Hungers
- 5. School of Business, UCB
- 6. Bobby \_\_\_, NHL champ
- 7. Lease
- 8. More parched
- 9. Medieval merchant guild
- 10. Negative ions
- 11. Top
- 12. One of the Gershwins
- 13. Dekalitre
- 19. Imitate
- 21. Gentlemen
- 24. Dawn
- 25. A citizen of Chile
- 26. Bright stars
- 27. Codfish genus
- 31. Extremely unrefined
- 32. Diacritical mark
- 34. Correspondences
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Small cup
- 40. 12th Greek letter
- 41. Capable of being eliminated
- 45. 12th Jewish month
- 47. Rechristen
- 48. In a way, imputes
- 52. Hydroxyls + 2C
- 53. Follows sigma
- 54. Vegetable shrubs
- 56. South African village
- 57. Monetary unit of D.R. Congo
- 59. First Chinese dynasty
- 60. Divides evenly into (Math)
- 61. Household god (Roman)
- 62. Pakistani rupee
- 63. American time

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the service also provides help in resolving the issue.

"We're excited to partner with a top-flight company that will help safeguard our members at a price that any family can afford," said Scott Bialick, Touchstone Energy business development program manager.

Joel Ray, CEO of Dallas-based New Benefits which runs ID Sanctuary, said identity theft

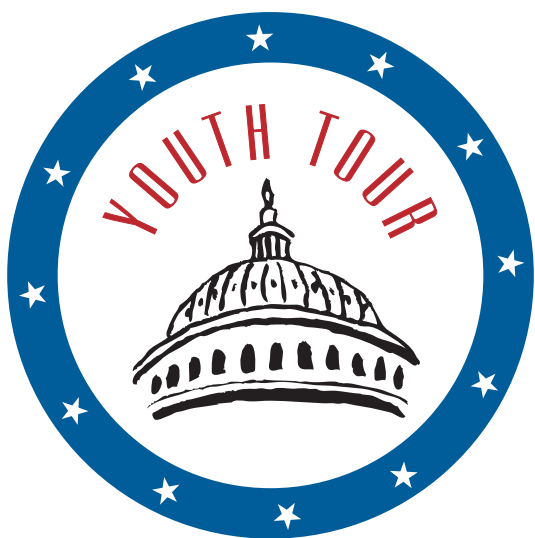
is the nation's "fastest growing crime" and that "consumers need to be more diligent in how they protect themselves."

"It is critical for consumers to safeguard their private information," Ray said.

New Benefits is no stranger to Co-op Connections. The company earlier partnered with Touchstone Energy on the card's legendary prescription drug benefit, which to date has saved co-op members some \$90 million.

"We're doing everything we can to look out for our members and go the extra mile to live the cooperative difference," Bialick said.

## Deadline to apply for youth-gear opportunities is Jan. 16



Cotton Electric Cooperative has a pair of opportunities available for students in the service area.

Area juniors can submit a 600-word essay for a chance to participate in the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour. This year's topic, "A message for the co-op member of 2035 or 1940," will be the key focus for all submissions. Students may choose to address a member of the future or the past.

The contest features three rounds: Essay submission, interview and oral presentation of the essay. The top four entrants win an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week in June.

Another summer opportunity is available for eighth-graders whose

parents are Cotton Electric members. This contest requires a short paragraph about why the entrant would like to attend the 2016 Youth Power Energy Camp the last week of May at Canyon Camp in Red Rock Canyon, southeast of Hinton.

Information packets with Youth Tour and Energy Camp contest rules and regulations, entry forms, cooperative information and basic details of the contest have been distributed to area English and Ag teachers and counselors. The registration deadline for entering both contests is Jan. 15, 2016.

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# Nuts make a great last-minute gift

During the fat-phobia of past years, nuts got a bad rap. Yes, they are high in fat and calories, but the fat is healthy fat and the calories are nutrient dense. Nuts contain fiber, protein, vitamins, minerals and plant sterols. Research has pointed to a relationship between nuts and lower risk of many chronic diseases. With less focus on total fat and more focus on the kind of fats we eat, nuts have come back in style.

Portion size is key to incorporating nuts into your diet without busting your calorie budget. If there was ever a food that fit the saying "too much of a good thing," it would be nuts. Just remember, a little goes a long way, no matter which type of nut you eat. In general, one handful of nuts is around an ounce or a serving and contains between 160 and 200 calories, depending on what nut you are eating.

Which nut is best depends on which nutrient you want to focus on. For example, almonds are high in calcium, pistachios are high in potassium, and hazelnuts are high in folate. If you eat



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

## Food For THOUGHT

nuts regularly, variety can help you get the most nutrients from nuts.

Nuts have recently become the target of flavor-creep -- you can now find nuts in a myriad of flavors, including chocolate, pumpkin, blueberry, wasabi, jalapeno, and coconut, just to name a few. Nuts are candied, enrobed, and



vidual has a nut allergy). You could encourage a friend or family member to try a type of nut he or she has never had before, make your own flavored nuts at home using special herb and spice blends, or spend a little extra on nuts that are more expensive due to processing requirements, like pecans. If you live in an area where nuts are grown, check around for farms that will let you pick nuts and take them with you.

Nuts can be stored at room temperature for up to a month, but then they need to be refrigerated or frozen to avoid going rancid. If they taste somewhat stale after storage, toast them on a baking sheet in a 350-degree oven for 10 minutes or microwave them for a minute to a minute and a half. If you are the recipient of nuts for Christmas, you can portion them into smaller containers and store them in the refrigerator or freezer. No need to polish off the whole container; spread the health benefits of nuts throughout the new year.

roasted, too. It is important to read the nutrition facts label on products like this, because the flavoring process may add nutrients that negate the health benefits of nuts and increase the amount of calories they provide. Be particularly attuned to added sugar and salt in flavored nut products. Compare the flavored product to an unflavored version to uncover what ingredients were added during flavoring.

If you are still short a few gifts, consider giving nuts (unless the indi-

### Brownies & Bars:

Amber Powers, Teen Leaders

#### Peanut Butter Smacks

- |                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup milk chocolate pieces |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 3/4 cup chopped nuts        |
| 1 t. ground cinnamon     | 1 t. vanilla                |
| 1 cup butter, softened   | 1/2 cup peanut butter       |

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line pan with foil and grease. In large mixing bowl stir together flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Add butter, peanut butter and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer until mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 1/2 cup of chocolate pieces and 1/2 cup of nuts. Press mixture into pan and bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining chocolate pieces and spread melted chocolate with a butter knife. Sprinkle with remaining nuts. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut bars and enjoy. Yield: 36 bars




The 2015 Stephens County Cook Off featured 15 categories. Some of the winning recipes were published in the November issue of The Current. The remaining recipes are here and on Page 12.

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**Cakes:**

*Clara Black, Grandview*

**Banana Pudding Cake**

- 2 boxes banana cream pudding
- 4 cups milk
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs
- 3-4 bananas, sliced thin
- 20 vanilla wafers
- 1-2 large tubs whipped cream or Cool Whip

Bake cake as directed on the box. (You can use round pans to layer or rectangular for sheet cake.) Let cake cool on rack. Make pudding as directed on box. Poke small holes in top of the cake (use end of wooden/plastic mixing spoon). Layer on top of cake the pudding and bananas (can also add crushed vanilla wafers). If layering, add second cake and repeat process. Place in refrigerator for 15 minutes to allow pudding to settle. Remove from fridge and cover with whipped cream and decorate with wafers. You can also use icing bag/Ziploc bag with corner cut off for further decorating with whipped cream. This method would allow for more intricate decorating designs. Serves: 12

**Soup, Stew, Chili:**  
*Murray Powers, Teen Leaders*

**Savory Beef and Venison Chili**

- 1/2 lb. ground venison
- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 2 onions, diced
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 T. jalapeno, finely chopped
- 1-14 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 2-8 oz. cans tomato paste
- 2 T. cumin
- 2 T. chili powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1/2 t. cayenne pepper

- 1/2 t. paprika
  - 1-14 oz. can kidney beans, drained
  - 1-14 oz. can black beans, drained
  - 1 cup water
- Cook ground meat with the onion in a Dutch oven until the meat is no longer pink. Drain excess grease and add the peppers, tomatoes, seasonings and water; bring to a boil. Add beans, cover and simmer for 1-2 hours. Serve with toppings such as the following: sour cream, green onion, cheese and saltine crackers. Enjoy! Serves: 20-30



# 4-H recipes rock!

**Candy & Novelty Items:**  
*Justin Bowden, Velma-Alma*

**Justin's Muddy Buddies**

- 1-12.8 oz. box chocolate-flavored Chex cereal
- 1 cup roasted, slightly salted peanuts
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 16 oz. chocolate chips
- 1 cup peanut butter chips
- 1 cup Reese's pieces
- 8 oz. Reese's miniatures (halved)

Combine cereal and peanuts in a very large bowl. Divide powdered sugar into 2 large, gallon size Ziploc bags. Line a large baking sheet with wax paper. Mix chocolate and pea-

nut butter chips together, melt in the microwave according to package. Drizzle the melted chocolate, peanut butter mix over the top on cereal/peanuts and toss gently to combine. Make sure it is coated well. Gently fold in Reese's miniatures. Transfer half of the chocolate-coated cereal mixture into one bag with powdered sugar and half into the remaining bag. Close each bag tightly and gently shake until mixture is fully coated. Repeat with remaining bag. Spread the contents of both bags onto the wax paper on the baking sheet. Let set for 15 minutes. Sprinkle on the Reese's pieces and Reese's miniatures. Toss gently to combine. Store in an airtight container for up to a week. Enjoy with a buddy! Serves: 24

**Breads:**

*Hannah Riley, Empire*

**Mayonnaise Rolls**

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 4 T. mayonnaise
- Honey butter or cinnamon butter, optional

Combine all ingredients, mixing well, and pour into greased muffin tin. Bake at 400°F for 22 minutes. Serve with flavored butter.

**Main Dish Casseroles:**

*Carson Baker, Central High*

**Easy Smothered Steak**

- 2 lbs. round steak
- 1 lg. onion, sliced
- 1 pt. sliced mushrooms
- 1 pkg. ranch dressing mix
- 2 cans golden mushroom soup
- 1 pkg. brown gravy mix
- 1 cup water (more if needed)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Season steak with salt and pepper as desired. Place steak in slow cooker. Put onion slices and mushrooms on top of steak. Sprinkle dry dressing mix over vegetables. Add both cans of soup to slow cooker. Whisk together gravy mix and water and add to slow cooker. Add additional water if needed to cover meat. Cook on low for 8 hours or high for 4 hours. Serves: 6

**Two more winning 4-H recipes will run in the January issue of The Current**



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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**December 19, 2015**  
**Saturday, 10:00AM**  
**Home with 34.98 Acres**  
**2141 Highway 81 South**  
**Ryan, Oklahoma**

**Gary Criswell Auction Service & Real Estate, Inc.** has been commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Allred (Dennis and Cindy) to offer at Public Auction their Real Property (Home) and a variety of their Personal Property. Also included in the Auction is Consignment from the Royce and Joy Wisdom Revocable Trust including a 2003 Wilderness 5th Wheel Travel Trailer (24 feet), 1979 Cajun Bass Boat with Trailer and a 115 HP Johnson Motor and a Two Wheel Trailer 5'x8'.

**Real Property** consists of a 3 Bedroom Sheet Metal Home (Approximately 1,761 Square Feet) with a Large Living Room, Dining Area, Kitchen with a Breakfast Area, Utility Room and 1 1/2 Baths.

**Additional Improvements include** a nice Loafing Shed-Sheet Metal Building (27'x30'), 2 Wooden Storage Buildings and a Chicken Coop. All situated on a nice 34.98 Acres (Fenced and Cross Fenced) with 2 Ponds in a Good Location with Highway 81 Frontage.

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**Auctioneer's Note:** The Sheet Metal Home and some of the Outbuildings sustained moderate to heavy damage as a result of a Super Cell wind on 11-8-2015. The Home Place with a number of improvements are in a good location with a nice fenced entrance on front of property (Dry Creek Ranch). The Personal Property will sell following the Sale of the Home. The Real Property will be offered "As-Is-Where-Is." Mr. and Mrs. Allred 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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	2015	2014
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Cost of Purchased Power	3,192,684	4,126,090
Taxes	98,810	117,265
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	921	1,108
Average Farm and Residential Bill	114	123
Average Farm and Residential kWh	877	1,000
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,215	18,264
Miles Energized	5,125	5,149
Density Per Mile	3.54	3.55
New Service Connects YTD	288	303
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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
01/04/16	01/26/16
02/01/16	02/23/16
03/07/16	03/29/16
04/04/16	04/26/16
05/02/16	05/24/16
06/06/16	06/28/16
07/04/16	07/26/16
08/01/16	08/23/16
09/05/16	09/27/16
10/03/16	10/25/16
11/07/16	11/29/16
12/05/16	12/27/16

## Cycle 2 — Blue Bill

Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/11/16	02/02/16
02/08/16	03/01/16
03/14/16	04/05/16
04/11/16	05/03/16
05/09/16	05/31/16
06/13/16	07/05/16
07/11/16	08/02/16
08/08/16	08/30/16
09/12/16	10/04/16
10/10/16	11/01/16
11/14/16	12/06/16
12/12/16	01/03/17

## Cycle 3 — Red Bill

Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/18/16	02/09/16
02/15/16	03/08/16
03/21/16	04/12/16
04/18/16	05/10/16
05/16/16	06/07/16
06/20/16	07/12/16
07/18/16	08/09/16
08/15/16	09/06/16
09/19/16	10/11/16
10/17/16	11/08/16
11/21/16	12/13/16
12/19/16	01/10/17

## Cycle 4 — Green Bill

Bill Date	Past Due Date
01/25/16	02/16/16
02/22/16	03/15/16
03/28/16	04/19/16
04/25/16	05/17/16
05/23/16	06/14/16
06/27/16	07/19/16
07/25/16	08/16/16
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**JD 9400** (V) #3705  
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239 Hrs, 540 PTO, 12x12 Shuttle, W/cutter,blade&ldr



**NEW HOLLAND TC35D** (V) #4580  
990 Hrs, Hydro Trans, MFWD, 540 PTO, 16LA Ldr



**NH WORKMASTER 45** (C) #4408  
64 Hrs, 8x8 Non-Synch Trans, 4WD, 540 PTO, Warr-Dec 31



**NH BOOMER 8N** (R) #4389  
86 Hrs, CVT, 4WD, 72"bkt, 40 PTO hp, w/ldr&72" bkt



**JD 650 PLOW** (V) #4390  
36' tandem offset disk, Tires:111-15@45%



**KRAUSE 4995-36W** (V) #4340  
Tandem Disk, Field Ready, Tires Good



**HIDDEN VALLEY 6200** (V) #4636  
35", 9" Sp, 11" Sweeps, Spike Harrow w/Rolling Basket



**SUNFLOWER 9435** (R) #3653  
2012 Mdl, 30', 7.5" Sp, 500gal LF, Kept in Barn



**MELCAN 9310 Chisel** (V) #4660  
15' extends to 19' 22", B Bar Harrow, No known repairs



**KRAUSE 4995-36W** (V) #4340  
Tandem Disk, Field Ready, Tires Good



**NH BR780A** (V) #4278  
Apprx 5000 bales, Tires@70%, 1000 PTO



**NH 1441** (C) #3946  
15'7" Disc Hdr, Good Hdr Cond, 2 Pt SwivelHitch



**NH BR7090** (V) #3698  
6300 bales, Pick-Up/Rollers & Bearings Good, 1000PTO



**NH C238** (R) #4582  
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