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Is your house leaking money?

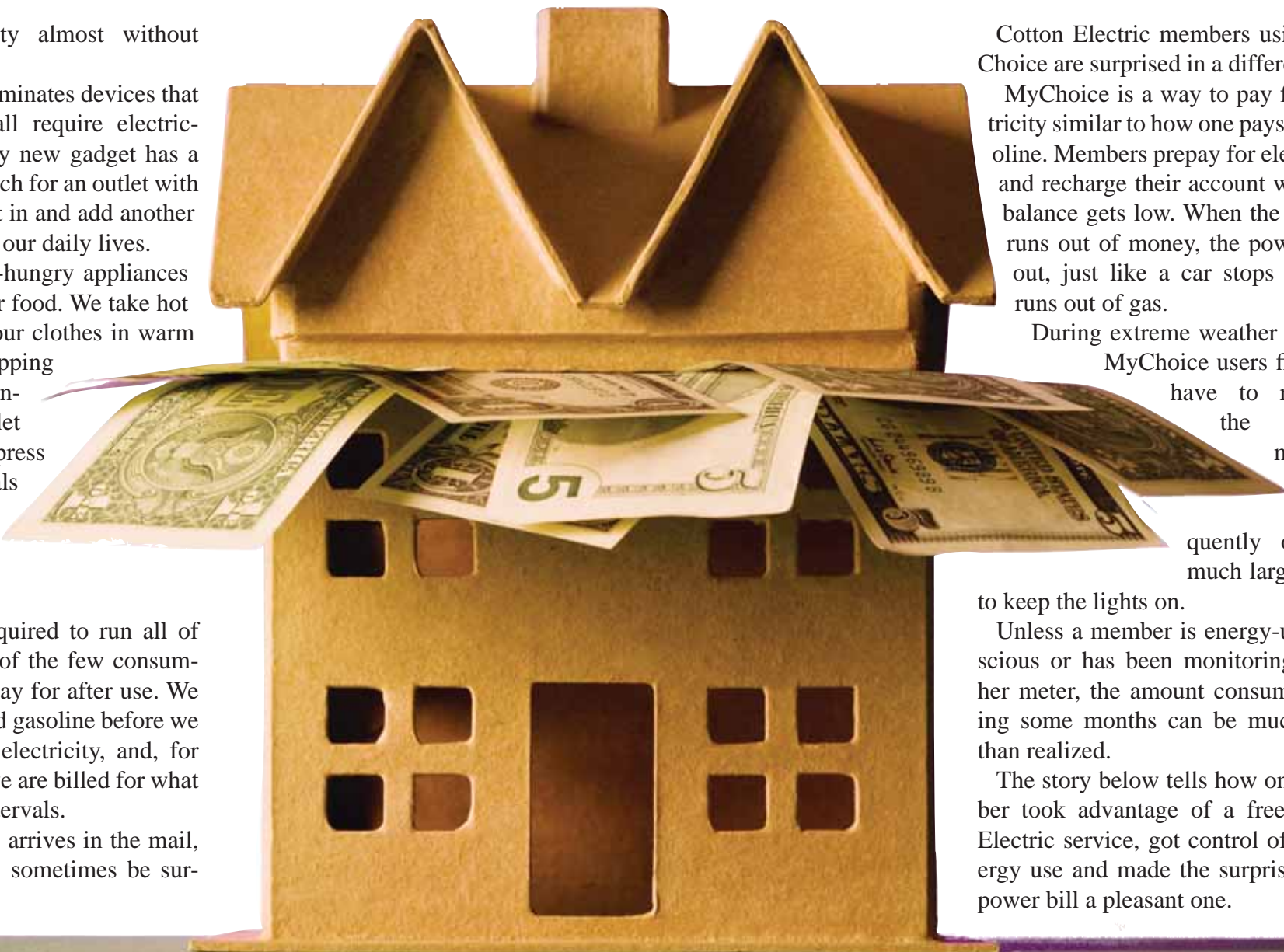
We use electricity almost without thought.

Artificial light illuminates devices that surround us, and all require electricity to operate. Every new gadget has a power cord. We search for an outlet with an open spot, plug it in and add another energy-consumer to our daily lives.

We install energy-hungry appliances to cook and cool our food. We take hot showers and wash our clothes in warm water before popping them into a heat-generating machine to let them tumble. We press buttons and twist dials to ensure we are cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

The electricity required to run all of those things is one of the few consumables we typically pay for after use. We pay for groceries and gasoline before we use them but with electricity, and, for some of us, water, we are billed for what we use at regular intervals.

And when the bill arrives in the mail, the bottom line can sometimes be surprising.



Cotton Electric members using MyChoice are surprised in a different way.

MyChoice is a way to pay for electricity similar to how one pays for gasoline. Members prepay for electricity, and recharge their account when the balance gets low. When the account runs out of money, the power goes out, just like a car stops when it runs out of gas.

During extreme weather months, MyChoice users find they have to recharge the account much more frequently or with much larger sums

to keep the lights on.

Unless a member is energy-use conscious or has been monitoring his or her meter, the amount consumed during some months can be much more than realized.

The story below tells how one member took advantage of a free Cotton Electric service, got control of his energy use and made the surprise of his power bill a pleasant one.

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 glass, 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.

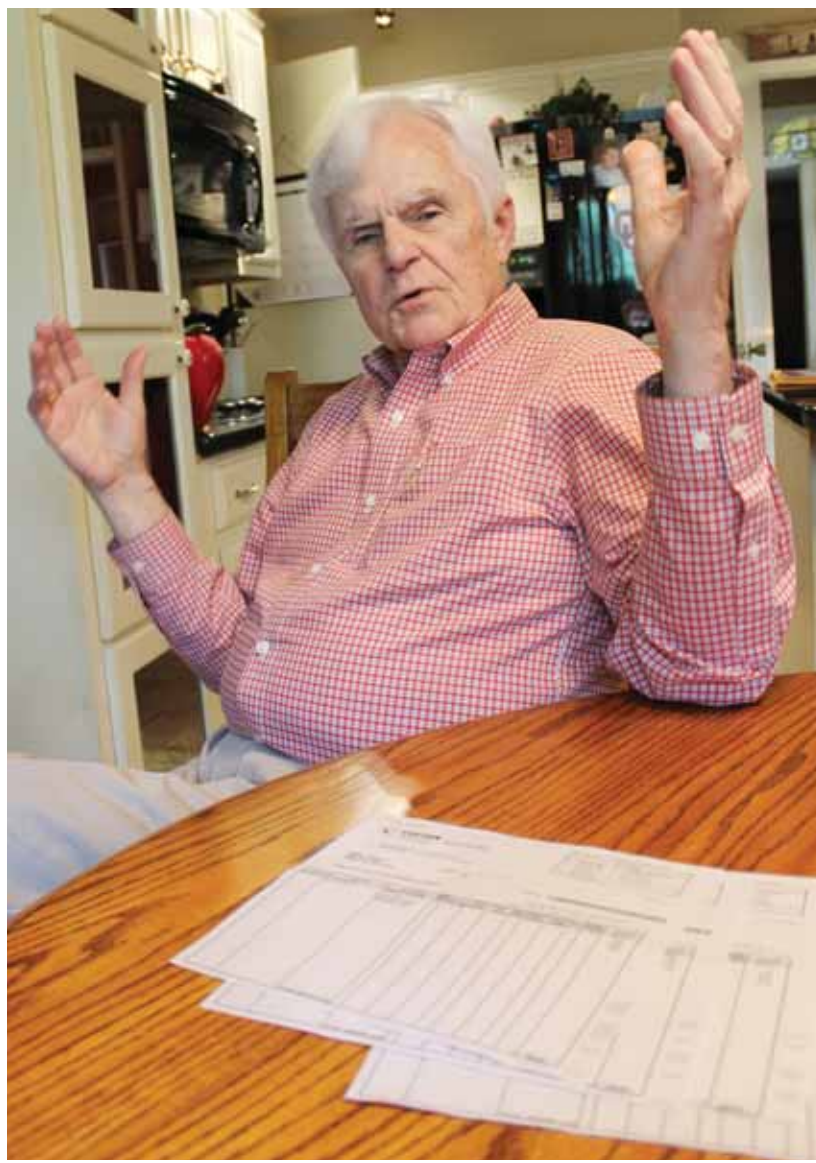
This problem prevented the duct blaster test, but Stephens and Marlett went forward with the blower door test.

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.

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after June 1, 2015, is \$0.00934 per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$14.01 on the June bill.

May 2015 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	80	49	65	16	79	64	72
2	82	53	68	17	85	61	73
3	82	56	69	18	89	61	75
4	82	61	72	19	77	67	72
5	69	59	64	20	69	56	63
6	83	59	71	21	70	53	62
7	75	60	68	22	59	55	57
8	77	61	69	23	83	59	71
9	75	64	70	24	78	61	70
10	80	60	70	25	76	56	66
11	71	50	61	26	81	56	69
12	74	50	62	27	83	60	72
13	66	59	63	28	85	64	75
14	83	62	73	29	84	64	74
15	83	63	73	30	77	61	69
				31	80	55	68

Source: srh.noaa.gov/om/

Average Daily High: 78 Average Daily Low: 59

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Independence Day holiday. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of The Current should arrive in mailboxes on or about July 13, 2015.

Contact Us

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

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

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

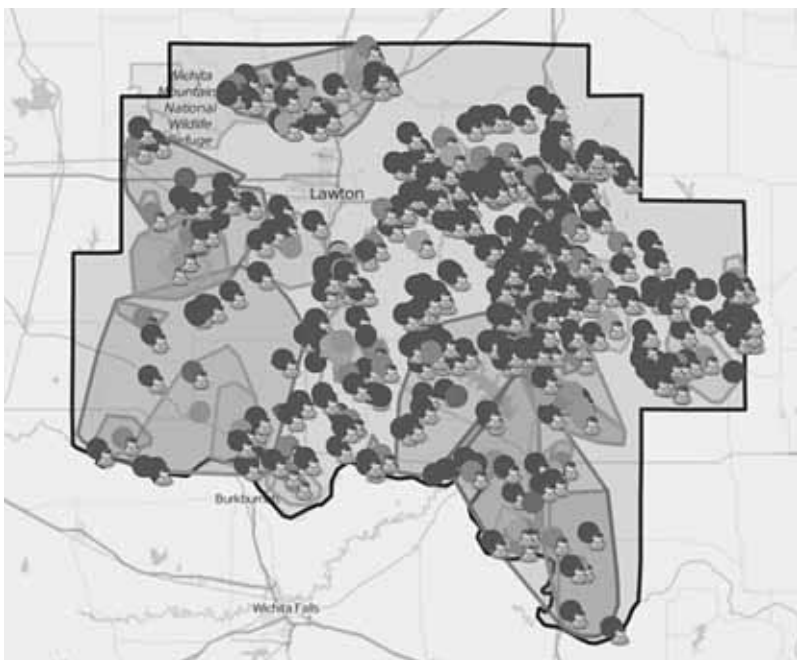
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Electric co-ops strive to be more resilient

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Jennifer Meason



Cotton Electric received 1,629 outage reports during May 2015. Most reports were made by phone, but some members used the SmartHub app. Most outages were related to weather extremes.

May storms brought much-needed rain to our drought-stricken state, breaking the 1941 record for rainfall. Along with the rain, storms also brought high winds and tornadoes that broke more than 70 poles and wreaked havoc throughout our service territory. During the month of May, we had a total of 438 outages affecting 17,438 of our 22,147 meters. Factor in flooding, lightning and a few critter-related outages, and you have a very busy month for line crews.

Disasters, whether caused by nature or accidents, exact an enormous cost both in economic and human terms. At Cotton Electric Cooperative, our goal is to become more resilient because we know you depend on us to keep the lights on. We take steps to lessen potential damage. We also take steps to ensure we recover quickly.

Our resiliency efforts are multi-faceted, involving every aspect of our operations – from the customer service representative in the call center to the linemen in the field, from the engineers in the control room to the communicators keeping the media and members updated. For example, at Cotton Electric, we are ex-

ploring, evaluating and deploying new technologies to help speed up the process of power restoration. Earlier this year, we launched the SmartHub app that allows members to view and report outages using their smartphone or tablet. The cooperative also uses social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter to keep members updated during outage situations.

Electric co-ops serve the most rugged, remote terrain in the country, covering more than 70 percent of the nation's landmass. We have learned how to restore power in incredibly difficult circumstances, and now, we're restoring power even faster. Collectively, electric co-ops have reduced the average time without power their members experience from 142 minutes in 2011 to 105 minutes in 2013, a 26 percent decline.

But as we all know, getting the power back on is really just the beginning of recovery, especially following large-scale disasters such as floods and tornadoes. We don't know what to expect from Mother Nature during the rest of 2015, but I can promise you this: Cotton Electric is working hard to prepare for whatever blows our way.

Robinson appointed to represent District 7

Steven R. Robinson of the Cache area has been appointed trustee for District 7 in the Cotton Electric Cooperative service area. He fills a seat held by Marvin Scherler for some 46 years until his passing in December 2015. Robinson will fill out the remainder of Scherler's term, due to expire in 2016.

The business and affairs of Cotton Electric are managed by a board of nine trustees representing geographical districts with similar densities of service. The southern two-thirds of District 7 are in the western half of Cotton County and the rest extends into Comanche County.

"I am excited to be working with the co-op," Robinson said shortly after attending his first board of trustees meeting on May 26.

He had also taken part in an audit committee meeting the week before



Steven R. Robinson

and completed a portion of his director's training online.

"The cooperative business is more

complicated than I thought," Robinson observed.

Describing himself as a typical Cotton Electric member who just wants the power to work as expected, he said he has discovered there is so much more to consider: Employees, weather, safety, growth expectations, power supply, inventories and budgeting resources.

He described it all as fascinating and said he is eager to learn more.

"I am looking forward to the challenge. I am grateful for this opportunity to learn from the management and trustees of Cotton Electric."

He said he was impressed by the co-op's friendly employees and the leadership they have in CEO Warren Langford.

A Cotton Electric member most of his life, Robinson grew up in Indiano-

ma, graduating from Indianoma Public Schools in 1986. During the time he was at Indianoma, he recalled the installation of a satellite dish bearing the Cotton Electric logo donated to the school during the 1980s.

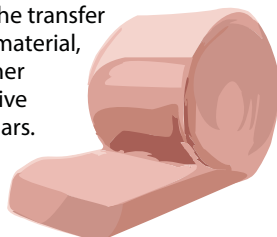
Robinson has a bachelor of arts degree in English and a minor in business from Cameron University. He also worked toward a master's degree before being accepted into law school. He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1995.

Robinson currently is self-employed as an attorney and financial adviser in Lawton. He has combined these two areas of expertise to serve the financial and legal needs of his clients.

He and his wife, Stacy, live near Cache, where she is a teacher. The couple has two daughters, Lily, 11, and Sara, 7.

Comparing Insulation VALUE

Adding insulation? Check the material's R-value—the ability of insulation to resist the transfer of heat. R-value depends on material, thickness, and density. A higher R-value indicates more effective insulation, saving energy dollars.



Compare R-values and common uses for several types of insulation:

Type of Insulation	R-value per inch (range)	Common Uses	Installation Method
Batts, Rolls			
Fiberglass	3.17 (3.0-4.0)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Rock Wool	3.17 (3.0-3.7)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Cotton	3.2	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Loose, Poured, or Blown			
Fiberglass	2.2 (2.2-4.0)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Rock Wool	3.1 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Dry Cellulose	3.2 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Blown by machine
Wet-Spray Cellulose	3.5 (3.0-3.7)	Wall cavities	Sprayed into cavities
Perlite	2.7 (2.5-4.0)	Hollow concrete block	Poured
Polyurethane	6.2 (5.8-6.8)	Wall and ceiling cavities, roofs	Foamed into cavities
Open-cell Isocyanurate (Icyne™)	3.6	Wall and ceiling cavities	Foamed into open or closed cavities
Magnesium Silicate (Air Krete™)	3.9	Wall cavities	Foamed into open cavities

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, E Source

How to address a home's thermal envelope

By Mike Stephens

Every home has a thermal boundary, a layer or envelope that controls the transfer of heat between the interior and exterior.

Air infiltration or air movement is responsible for one-third to one-half of heat transfer in most homes. This heat transfer happens at the ceilings, floors, walls, windows and doors. How well these areas are sealed, caulked and insulated determines the amount of energy needed to condition a home's air.

Only 8 percent of Oklahoma's annual weather is considered extreme. Even the most insulated home can't prevent these conditions from penetrating the home's thermal boundary.

To keep energy cost to a minimum, start with low-cost improvements addressing air leakage anywhere there is a draft.

Add weather-stripping to doors, caulk around windows and any other intrusions that penetrate the home's envelope, such as fireplace dampers, dryer vents, ventilation fans, recessed lights, attic hatches and whole-house fans to name a few.

The Department of Energy (DOE) recommends a home's insulation value to be an R-38 to R-49 in the attic, an R-25 floor and R-13 to R-19 wall insulation. These R values help keep the heat transfer to a minimum, while increasing the comfort level in the home.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Circulate savings! Ceiling fans are a great way to keep cool during summer months and can even allow you to raise your thermostat setting about 4 degrees without affecting your comfort.

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	2015	2014
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$4,623,501	\$5,277,124
Cost of Purchased Power	3,540,226	4,056,179
Taxes	103,710	117,341
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	1,000	1,088
Average Farm and Residential Bill	99	116
Average Farm and Residential kWh	799	933
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,238	18,158
Miles Energized	5,146	5,137
Density Per Mile	3.54	3.53
New Service Connects YTD	95	98
Services Retired	54	67



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Mission Statement

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

Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the July issue, please submit information by July 1, by calling 580-875-4255 or send an email to info@cottonelectric.com.

GoldSkye hosting free Saturdays

Families looking for budget-friendly fun should plan a day at GoldSkye Ranch Resort, where Saturdays are free days through the end of September.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., families can enjoy the swimming pool and waterpark, play basketball or volleyball, or go fishing. There is a small charge for horseback riding and the paddleboats.

The resort is located between Fletcher and Sterling. Visit GoldSkyeResort.com to see a map and find more information.

Don't miss Pork in (Medicine) Park

Pork in the Park is a chance to show off grilling skills on June 13 and 14 in Medicine Park. Chicken, pork ribs or shoulder or beef brisket can be cooked up for cash prizes. Details and entry forms are at MedicinePark.com.

Another June event in Medicine Park is Grease Monkey's Rat-Rod Show. Custom vehicles will be on display June 20 and 21.

Tour of Wichitas in June 20

Tour of the Wichitas Bike Ride leaves Fort Sill at 8 a.m. June 20 and takes riders through Fort Sill and the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. This "smell the roses" ride is an excellent way to become acquainted with the refuge. See TouroftheWichitas.com for information and ride maps.

Geronimo car show returns

Fire up the jalopy and head to Geronimo's Car Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 20. Activities include Power Wheel and bike races for kids, and a car cruise for adults.

In addition to a giant inflatable slide and obstacle course, J Bar T Quarters-N-Paints will have horses at the arena. Cody Newby Band will provide live music from 1 to 3 p.m.

For information, call Geronimo City Hall, 580-353-5511.

Fashion show is fundraiser

Devastating fire demolished a business in downtown Walters this past January. A fashion show is the latest fundraising event to help rebuild Flip-flops Salon and Gifts.

The Rodeo Fame Fashion Show

fundraiser will be 7 p.m. June 27 at the Nazarene church in Walters. The show will feature local children modeling cowboy fashions and selling subscriptions to Rodeo Fame. As a bonus, the kids get to keep the clothes.

Rodeo Fame is a quarterly magazine focusing on the professional cowboy lifestyle.

Founder's Day full of fun

There are several activities planned in Duncan to celebrate Founder's Day on June 27. They include:

5K run – Registration and packet pickup begins at 7 a.m. at Fuqua Park. A one-mile fun run begins at 7:30., and the USATF-sanctioned 5K run starts at 8. The event is a fundraiser for the Oklahoma chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Queen crowning and home tour – Stephens County Historical Museum crowns the Founder's Day queen at 10:30 a.m. in Antique Marketplace Tea Room. Historical home tours begin at 1 p.m.

Foreman Prairie House open house – Events recognize Duncan's birthday, when the first train came through in 1892.

Antique tractor parade and show – Registration begins at 9 a.m. at 12th and Walnut. Parade is at 9:30 a.m. on Walnut from Seventh to 12th. Tractors will be on display for public viewing until noon award ceremony for Oldest Tractor, Founder's Day Queen's Choice and Under Construction.

Art Walk – Artists, performers, kids' zone and food vendors are part of this inaugural event, a partnership between Chisholm Trail Arts Council and Main Street Duncan.

Noon Lions plan 35th open rodeo

Duncan Noon Lions will present the 35th annual open rodeo at 7:30 nightly June 25, 26 and 27 in Claud Gill Arena, just south of the Stephens County fairgrounds.

Admission price at the gate is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children.

Proceeds from the event are used in Stephens County to promote vision conservation, provide scholarships and support other local charitable efforts.

Lawton's Freedom Festival is July 4

Freedom Festival is a free, family-oriented celebration of Independence Day in Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton. Planners have a day full of activities lined up.

Photo of the Month



Our Furry Friends contest was so popular, we thought we would feature another of the entries. This shot of horses grazing at the RHR Arena Cowboy Church near the Slick Hills was submitted by Cotton Electric member Mark Conklin Sr. He said his 5-year-old grandson, Gunner Gauge Wilmore, just loves to be around horses. "The equine caretaker, Dean Bryant, is kind enough to allow my grandson to help feed the horses."

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for July is Independence Day. 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.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. for a car show. The car show begins at 10 a.m., the same time as an animal adoption event.

Live entertainment on the Lake Helen Stage begins at 11:30 a.m. Performers include Lawton Harmony Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, Southern Journey Band, Samantha Rose, Crossettowne Groove, Perry Gaskins Band, Snake Oil Salesman and Big Pete Piehnik. The 77th Army Band,

"The Pride of Fort Sill," is the final performer of the night, just before one of the largest fireworks displays in Oklahoma.

Other features include bounce houses for kids and food vendors. Check out Lawton/Ft. Sill's Freedom Festival Facebook page for more information.

More Community Spotlight on Pages 8 and 9

How are we doing?

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve service to our members, Cotton Electric Cooperative is conducting a membership survey.

The survey is done via telephone by FGI Research, Inc., a large market research firm based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The calls will be placed between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Telephone interviewers will identify themselves as calling on behalf of Cotton Electric. All telephone interviews will originate from FGI Research's call center with a caller ID phone number with a 919 area code.

Your feedback is important to us and we appreciate your help in this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jennifer Meason at (580) 875-4217.






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2015 Youth Tour essay topic: Life in rural southwest Oklahoma without Cotton Electric Cooperative

'Good ole days' were challenging; not so with today's good days



Rachel Simon
Walters High School

Editor's note: Four area high school juniors recently won a trip to Washington, D.C., in Cotton Electric's annual Youth Tour essay contest. Each of the essays will appear in The Current.

"Back in the good ole days..." is a phrase I recall my great-grandpa always saying before telling my cousins and me stories about life prior to electricity and electronics. My great-grandparents had to face many struggles and difficulties, such as washing clothes by hand or cutting down trees for firewood to be able to cook on the wood stove. But things have changed for the better now for our rural citizens. Life in rural southwest Oklahoma wouldn't be the same without Cotton Electric Cooperative lighting their way.

In the early 1900s, my great-grandparents and their daughter, my grandma, lived in a house without electricity. Back then, electricity was looked at as a luxury. People had to do things that most can't imagine doing today, such as when "trees needed to be cut down and chopped into 4-foot lengths" which was required for wood stoves.

Another example is that it would be difficult to go without heaters and air conditioners today. I remember my grandma telling me about the summers when she was younger. The heat would be scorching and they would open windows for air-conditioning. She mentioned that dirt would always blow in, but I never noticed it in the

carpets at her house. Yet my family and I are currently moving into that house, and while renovating we found a lot of that dirt underneath the carpets. This is proof that they had to use opened windows for air circulation for many years.

When Cotton Electric Cooperative was organized in 1938 by C.W. Cox, many things began to change for the better. To begin his mission, Cox enlisted the aid of Walters businessmen, community leaders, and progressive farmers to explore the possibilities of establishing a rural electric cooperative at Walters and traveled to Washington, D.C., to encourage the idea.

In August of 1938, this job, which had once looked enormous, began to move a lot quicker because Stephens and Jefferson counties decided to be a part of the cooperative. Things began to completely fall together soon after when the \$5 membership fee was established and Cox was hired as the first manager. For some people, the \$5 was hard to save because they were still reeling from the Great Depression, but most farmers were able to eventually find a way to afford it.

On Sept. 15, 1938, the cooperative made its headquarters in Walters, and it has remained there ever since.

After more work and persistent effort, they turned on electricity to 150 homes on Aug. 26, 1939. People began to welcome things such as radios, refrigerators, and irons into their households. This was the

beginning of a revolutionary lifestyle.

Cotton Electric Cooperative has continuously upgraded and advanced yearly since they started. By the 1950s, the number of members had grown at an extraordinary rate and the first issue of The Cotton Electric Current was published, which is the cooperative's broadsheet newspaper. They also added linemen maintenance rooms in Velma, Chattanooga, Medicine Park, Duncan, and Waurika.

In the '90s, the co-op attached a testing laboratory for insulated safety gloves and other rubber goods. They tested this equipment not only for themselves, but for other utilities, too. Cotton Electric later began to test bucket trucks along with the rubber products.

Since the year 2000, Cotton has been helping out schools. They do volunteer work for the schools and many other contributions as well. These upgrades plus many more have brought Cotton Electric to the attention of new members who have joined knowing about all of Cotton's helping work.

In conclusion, our lives today in rural southwest Oklahoma wouldn't be as pleasant without Cotton Electric Cooperative. Things have definitely changed since the time my great-grandpa told stories about, those "good ole days." The co-op has made the way we rural residents live much easier. We will be forever grateful for the good days of today.

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Celebrate Father's Day by Investing in Your Children's Future

Father's Day is almost here. If you're a father, especially one with young children, get ready to add to your collection of homemade cards, ties, golf tees or other such gifts designed to please you. Your greatest gift, of course, is your children — and you would doubtless get great satisfaction from knowing that you've provided them with financial resources that can benefit their lives in many ways. So why not use this Father's Day as a starting point for investing in your children's futures?

Here are a few methods for doing just that:

UGMA/UTMA — If you would like to buy and sell securities for the benefit of a child, you will need to open a custodial account known as either an UGMA (Uniform Gifts to Minors)

or UGMA (Uniform Gifts to Minors) account. You would serve as the custodian for this account, giving you control of it until your child turns either 18 or 21, at which point he or she would take over ownership. Investment income from an UGMA/UTMA account can receive some favorable tax treatment: As long as the child is under age 19 (or under age 24 and a full-time student) and does not have earned income providing more than half of his or her support, the first \$1,050 of investment income is tax free, and the next \$1,050 will be taxed at the child's tax rate, which is typically 10%. Investment income above \$2,100 will be taxed at your tax rate.

Roth IRA — Even young children can contribute to a Roth IRA, as long as they have some type of earned in-

come from babysitting, mowing lawns or any other type of work. Your children can fund a Roth IRA with virtually any type of investment — stocks, bonds, government securities, and so on — and withdrawals of contributions are tax free. Roth IRA earnings are also tax free, providing the investor is at least 59½ and has had the account for at least five years. A Roth IRA can be used to help provide retirement income for your children, but it also offers penalty-free withdrawals of earnings when the money is used for a first-time purchase of a home.

Grantor Trust — If you'd like to give your children a sizable financial gift but still maintain some control over when they receive the money and how they can use it, you might want to con-

sider working with a legal professional to establish a Grantor Trust. You could name yourself as the trustee and decide, for example, to designate the funds in the trust exclusively for college expenses. You can give up to \$14,000 per year to the trust without incurring gift taxes. (In fact, you can set up as many trusts as you like and give \$14,000 to each of your children in this manner.)

Before you decide on any of these plans, consult with your legal, tax and financial professionals to make sure the arrangement you've selected is suitable for your needs. However you choose to help your children, your generosity will make all the Father's Days to come even more meaningful for you — so consider taking action soon.

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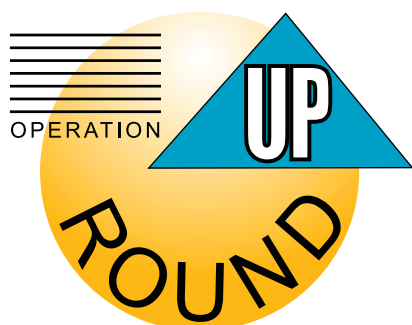
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CTAC promotes cultural growth

By Karen Kaley

Seeds of creativity live within everyone.

Germination comes when toddlers first make a stack of objects or sort them by size or color. They begin to arrange them in a way that pleases their eyes.

Eye-hand coordination strengthens, and the potential grows. Grasping a crayon and learning to control the way it distributes color is a wondrous moment, though the parent scrubbing the wall may disagree.

Medium possibilities expand. Mud squishes between toes in an interesting way. Grandma's piano makes different sounds according to where and how hard the keys are pounded.

In school, creativity can blossom. Handprints become turkeys. Macaroni becomes mosaic. The intricacies of handwriting take on a personal flourish. Numbers line up in a well-ordered column and form equations that are beautiful in their simplicity.

Well-nurtured creativity can result in a well-rounded individual who wants the world around him or her to be filled with products of the arts. That person may go so far as to take a job or volunteer in the local community in efforts to promote the arts.

Darcy Reeves and Me Lissa Lansford are two such people. Reeves is the executive director, the only paid employee of the Chisholm Trail Arts Council. Lansford is the president of the CTAC board of directors.

CTAC has been in Stephens County for nearly 40 years, promoting the arts through festivals, concerts, workshops and in-school partnerships, among many other things.



Darcy Reeves, executive director of Chisholm Trail Arts Council, and Me Lissa Lansford, CTAC board president, accept a \$1,000 CECF grant from Bryce Hooper, Cotton Electric's director of marketing and economic development. The grant will underwrite Kids Corner during Art Walk on June 27 in downtown Duncan.

Why? "Because, it's vital to a healthy community, town, city and state," Reeves said.

"Because a healthy culture will bring people to our town," Lansford said.

CTAC representatives know that the best way to foster the arts is to expose young people to a wide variety of experiences. While the largest portion of CTAC's annual budget goes toward the CTAC Live concert series, the largest investment of CTAC time and effort is aimed at the youngsters.

Some of the concerts include a free matinee or a master's class for area schoolchildren. CTAC's ArtSmart and Artist in Residence programs work with students in schools. The Arts Explosion summer program is a popular weeklong day camp offering a variety of disciplines, such as pottery, painting and papier-mache.

Adults and teens are not left out. Arts Explosion expanded a few years ago to have evening adult classes. This year's sessions, July 13 through 17, will include

afternoons of teen offerings in sculpture mosaic and weaving.

Another debut for 2015 is the Art Walk to be held in conjunction with other June 27 Founder's Day activities in downtown Duncan. CTAC is bringing in fine artists who work in sculpture, woodwork, photography, jewelry and painting. There will be demonstrations and affordable artwork for sale.

For children, there will be Kids Corner. This "Art in Action" spot will give youngsters an opportunity to create papier-mache poppies, origami or fingerprint designs.

They will walk away with the fruit of their creativity, a small art project and that big reward that comes from making something by hand.

Nurturing creativity in children is important to the wider community and to the area that is served by Cotton Electric. Kids Corner is underwritten by a \$1,000 grant from Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation. It is the fifth grant issued to CTAC over the past nine years, for a total of \$5,260. All but one of the grants was for

CTAC projects that focus on children in southwest Oklahoma.

Because you never know which seed of creativity will sprout, grow and blossom with just a little bit of nurturing.

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When Mike Stephens, Cotton Electric's energy use advisor, first visited Blaine Smith's attic, he found inadequate insulation and a duct that had been damaged and pulled away from the home's HVAC air handler.

Audit finds ways to improve energy use

Continued from Page One

"You need to caulk that," was Marlett's simple suggestion.

There were many suggestions as a result of the audit and tests. All were put in a three-page report for Smith, who called his favorite contractor.

"I handed them the report and told them to fix things. They knew exactly what to do."

The report suggested regular service for Smith's 12-year-old, low-efficiency heat pump. Smith went a step further and invested in a new, high-efficiency heat pump.

That lowered his power bill some, but the real difference came when his insulation was addressed. The report indicated insulation in the attic was inadequate and incorrectly installed. There were some areas that had no insulation at all.

Smith said this was where the true value of the audit was for him.

"I could have looked around in the attic but I wouldn't have known what I was looking at. I would have seen what insulation there was and thought I was covered."

After the heat pump was installed and duct work repaired, caulk was applied to windows, doors and

the paneling. Insulation was blown in, enough to properly retain conditioned air in the house.

There was enough insulation that some dribbled out when Stephens returned a year later and pushed the attic cover open.

"That didn't happen when I was here last time," he said, brushing insulation out of his hair.

Smith said he was ecstatic about the information the audit provided and the difference the improvements made.

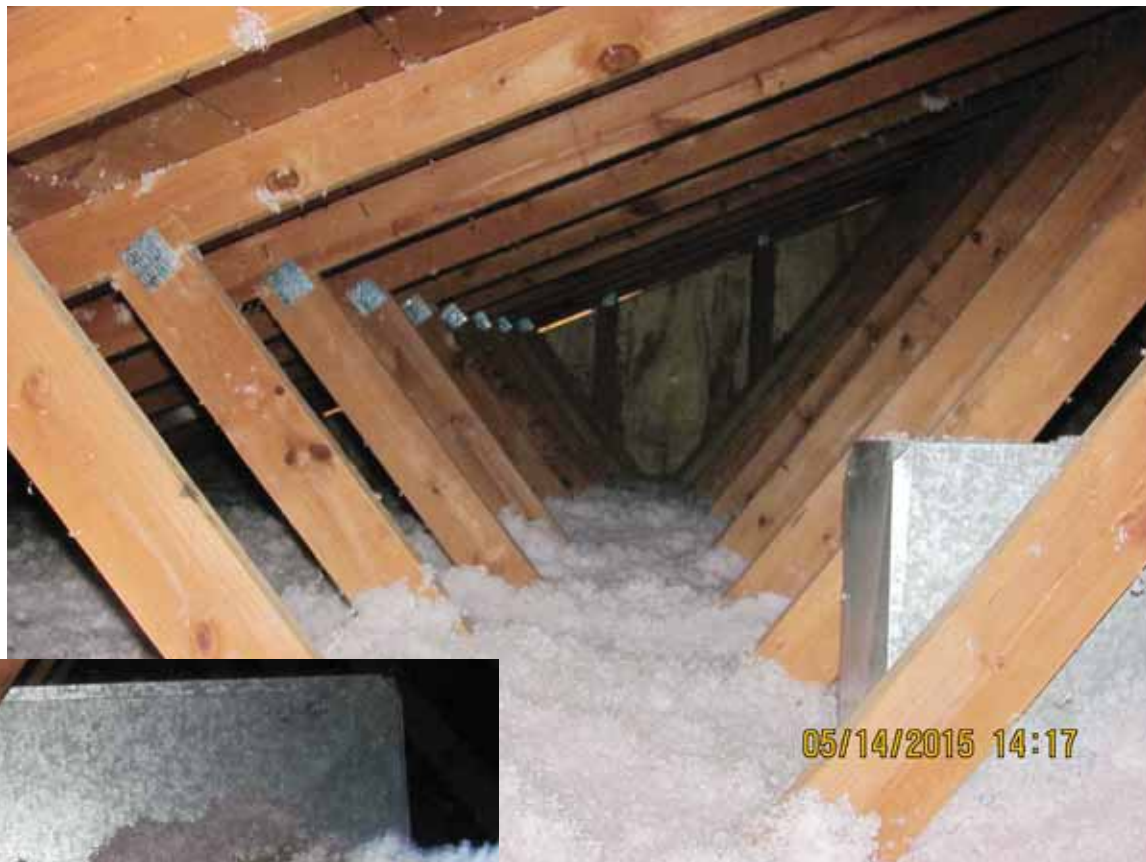
"The real proof is in my bills," he said, spreading them out on a table. During the next cold month, his bill was lower by more than \$200.

Back at the co-op, Stephens did some calculation taking things like weather conditions into consideration. In the end, he had to concur: The improvements Smith made had dropped his average daily kilowatt-hour consumption from 171 to 87.

At about 10 cents per kWh, that's \$17.10 and \$8.70 a day. Over 30 days, that's \$513 and \$261.

Smith is delighted with those figures.

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On his return visit a year later, Stephens found the insulation in the attic had been supplemented to a level that would retain conditioned air in the Smith home more efficiently. At left, a new air duct is securely attached to the air handler.



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Supporting local rodeo often means supporting local community, too

By Karen Kaley

It's summertime and rodeo season is well under way. On any given weekend in Oklahoma, fans and participants can find a venue for bronc bustin' and bull ridin' and calf ropin' within a 100-mile radius.

The spectacles feature pampered horses transported in trailers sometimes more valuable than their owners' homes. Bovine participants offer performances that belie how well they are cared for.

Families turn out in their Western finery of pearl-snap shirts, razor-creased starched denims and best-fitting boots. Rhinestones adorn belts sporting oversized buckles, and elaborate bands encircle straw cowboy hats shaped perfectly for each head they cover.

Under all that flash and horseflesh, there is often a cause, a reason for paying the admission or entry fee that has very little to do with the show and a lot to do with supporting a community. One might say it is part of the cowboy way of life.

One great example is the Chisholm Trail Ram Prairie Circuit Finals (CTRPCF) rodeo, an October event for the past three years in Duncan.

Like many of these



Chisholm Trail Ram Prairie Circuit Finals organizers presented checks in January to Stephens County Youth Shelter and Taylor LeNorman/Mc-Casland Cancer Center.

events, organizers work behind the scenes all year. In January, they invited representatives from the Stephens County Youth Shelter and the Taylor LeNorman/Mc-Casland Cancer Center to a special gathering.

With rodeo-worthy flourish, CTRPCF organizers made show of giving both organizations really big presentation checks, along with checks they could take to the bank.

CTRPCF had made donations to the Youth Shelter every year, and the \$7,500 donated in 2015 brings the three-year total to \$12,800.

The third time the rodeo was in Duncan

was really a charm, and CTRPCF was able to expand the generosity with a \$1,500 donation to the cancer center.

Rodeos large and small often give back to the community in some way, carrying forth a fine tradition of cowboy responsibility and integrity. Here are a few more examples:

Duncan Noon Lions Open Rodeo – Held the last full weekend each June, over 35 years' worth of proceeds from this rodeo have purchased about 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses for those in need, funded numerous scholarships and supported other community organizations and events.

Elgin Stampede – Held the second weekend in July, membership fees are going toward construction of a new hall in the community.

Walters Round-Up Club Rodeo – Also in July, proceeds fund scholarships for local students.

Lawton Rangers PRCA Rodeo – This August event also funds scholarships.

Buying a ticket to watch or paying an entry fee to participate in a rodeo can mean so much more than taking part in a cowboy event. It's taking part in supporting your community.

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Cooper Phillips, left, Cody Fishgrab, Coy Kern and Connor Kern will represent Oklahoma at the Royal Highland Livestock Show in Scotland.

Central High 4-H team traveling to Scotland

Four members of the Central High 4-H livestock team and their sponsor have been invited to serve as judges for the Royal Highland Show this summer in Edinburgh, Scotland. This will cap off a winning season for the Central High 4-H chapter.

The team won livestock judging contests at the Tulsa State Fair and the Oklahoma State Fair during the fall. They were the champion team at the state 4-H contest in the spring.

They traveled in January to Denver to compete in the National Western 4-H Livestock Contest. They placed third.

The group from Central High is one of 12 teams from across the United States invited to participate in the Royal Highland Show. The team, consisting of Cody Fishgrab, Coy Kern, Cooper Phillips and Connor Kern, and adviser R.J. Curry, will arrive in Glasgow on June 18 and embark on a very full schedule.

During the 11-day stay, they will tour museums, St. Andrews golf course, and beef and sheep operations in Glasgow. They will spend a few days in Ireland, touring dairy production and visiting beef and sheep herds.

Central High school has established an account for those wishing to help the team with trip expenses. A tax-deductible donation to the Central High Livestock Team can be mailed to 7202 W. Broncho, Marlow, OK 73055.

Community Spotlight

Town of Velma celebrates summer

Garage sales, karaoke and fireworks are among the big plans on tap for the Town of Velma's first annual Super Summer Celebration scheduled for June 26 and 27.

A town wide garage sale will be held both days. Maps are available at Town Hall.

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. for the Velma EMS Community Run. Runners take off at 7:30. Call Patricia for information at 580-606-7753.

Vendors will be set up both days at L.L. Humphrey Park, where there will also be music. Karaoke will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday. Local talent will entertain during the day, and a free concert featuring Common Tyme and the Brad Good Band will begin at 7 p.m.

A fireworks display will cap off the weekend at 10 p.m. Saturday.

CCC, WPA refuge memories sought

Friends of the Wichitas and the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge are looking for families who have, or had, a family member who worked with the CCC or WPA on Refuge projects to share their stories or photographs.

Volunteers will do one-on-one interviews and scan photographs of construction and CCC or WPA workers.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. July 19 at the Environmental Education Center on the north side of Quanah Parker Lake. Email ellenfj@sbcglobal.net for information or call 405-701-3723.

Boots & Bling Scoot takes off on July 11

Grab your running shoes and wear all white to participate in the annual Comanche County Boots & Bling Scoot on July 11 in Medicine Park. For the

5K color run, runners will be doused with bright colors for each kilometer. There will also be a one-mile fun run.

Early registration forms are available at www.SignMeUp.com/106349 or the Comanche County Boots & Bling Facebook page. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. with the fun run taking off at 8, followed by a Survivor Stroll and the color run.

For information, see the Facebook page or email bootsnblingscoot@gmail.com.

CTAC Arts Explosion returns July 13-17

Arts Explosion 2015, Chisholm Trail Arts Council's annual weeklong summer arts program, features workshops for all age groups. Sessions will be July 13-17 at the Stephens County fairgrounds.

A day camp for students who have completed third, fourth and fifth grades will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in five offered classes. Registration fee is \$70 for students registering before July 11, and \$80 for those registering on the first day of camp.

Teens from sixth grade and above can sign up for a trio of sessions that will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is \$40 in advance or \$50 on the first day.

Adult programs will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. July 13 through 16. Registration fee is \$25 per class or \$60 for all three.

Brochures describing all workshops can be downloaded at ChisholmTrailArts.com.

The week ends with a Friday night exhibition of finished projects. Family and friends can admire the works of art from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

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Community Spotlight

Walters rodeo begins with parade

All individuals, horse riders, clubs and organizations are encouraged to walk, ride a horse or drive a float in the annual rodeo parade kicking off the Walters Round-Up Club Rodeo and Comanche Homecoming Pow Wow.

Parade lineup begins at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Broadway and Nevada for all entries except riding clubs, which will gather at Nevada and Sixth. Judging for floats, Best Dressed Cowgirl, Cowboy, Indian Girl and Indian Boy, and Best Decorated Bicycle will be during the hour before the parade kicks off at 5 p.m.

The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. nightly, July 16-18, at the Max Phillips Rodeo Arena west of town.

The pow wow, held July 17-19 in Sultan Park, features numerous dances and contests for all age ranges. For information, call 580-350-7374.

For parade information, call 580-875-3335. For rodeo information, call 580-252-6670.

Dehydrator bike ride set for July 25

The 25th annual Dehydrator is a bicycle ride with varied mile routes. Riders leave at 7 a.m. July 25 from the Simmons Center in Duncan.

Entry fees are \$25 per person, \$40 per tandem team, non-refundable. A free T-shirt goes to the first 500 entries. A \$5 late fee will be assessed on entries after July 18.

For information and registration forms, visit the-dehydrator.org.

Velma plans 125th Old Settlers Picnic

The Old Settlers 125th Annual Picnic will be at Humphrey Park in Velma. Festivities kick off with a ranch rodeo at 7:30 p.m. July 29. Activities will continue through Aug. 1.

A rodeo will be held at 7:30 each night. Team roping slack begins at 9 a.m. July 30 and 31 and steer tripping is at 1 p.m. July 31. The final day begins with a parade at 11 a.m., rodeo at 1 p.m.

Admission is free to all events, including the dance featuring a live band Friday and Saturday nights.

For information, call Chad Cowan at 580-444-3726.

If you would like your community event listed in the July issue, please submit information by July 1, by calling 580-875-4255 or send an email to info@cottonelectric.com.



Area Rodeos

Duncan Noon Lions, June 25-27
Elgin Stampede, July 8-11
Walters Rodeo, July 16-18
Velma Picnic, July 29-Aug. 1
Lawton Rangers, LO Ranch Arena, Aug. 5-8
Great Plains Stampede Rodeo, Altus, Aug. 20-22
F&F Rodeo Finals, Stephens County fairgrounds, Aug. 19-22
Oklahoma High School rodeo, Stephens County fairgrounds, Oct. 2-3
Prairie Circuit Finals, Stephens County fairgrounds, Oct. 15-17

Walters 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.

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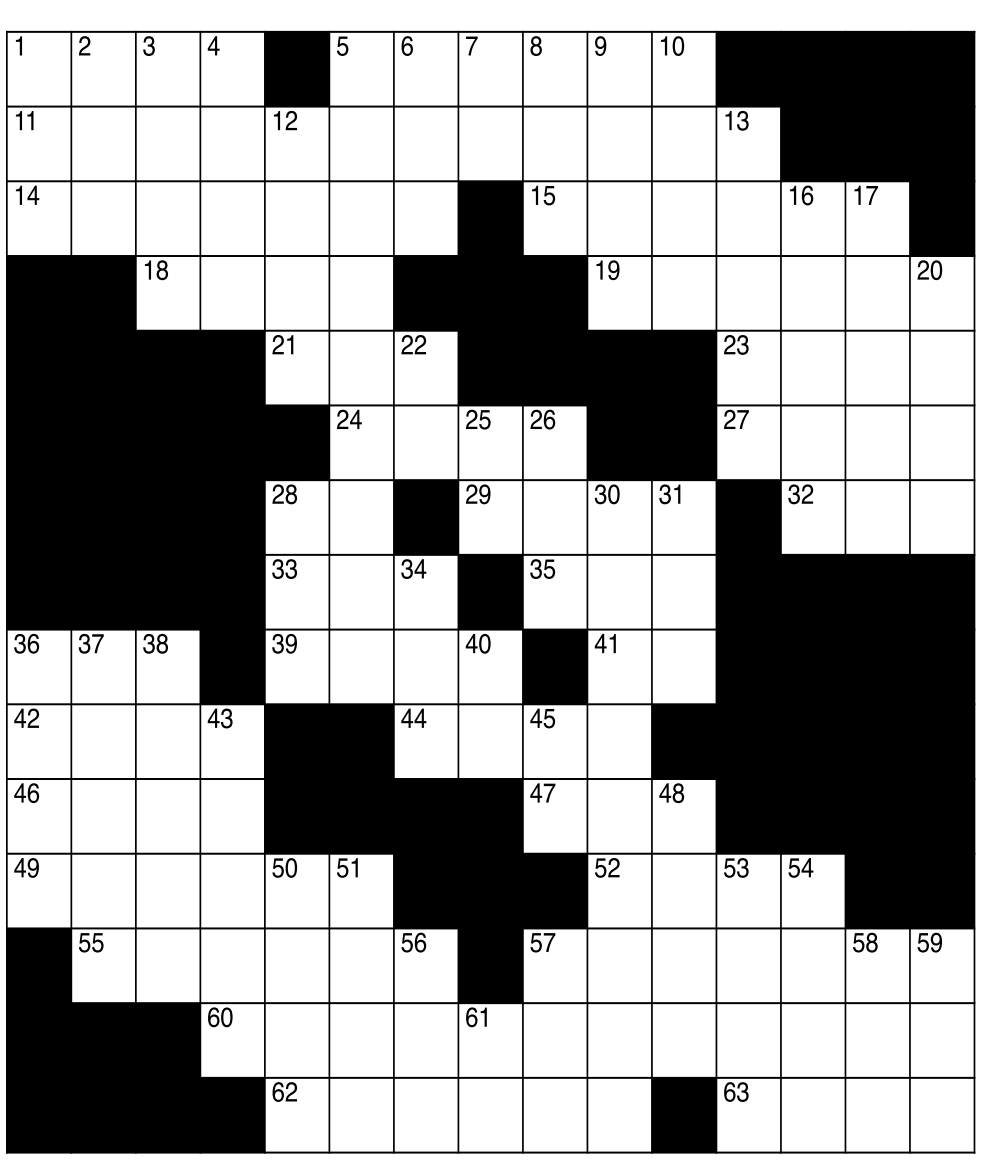
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11. DWTS' Italian judge
14. Slender tower with balconies
15. ___ Aires
18. Practice fight
19. Forged using a metal bending block
21. Male parent
23. National Asset Mgmt. Agency
24. Not this
27. Middle East chieftain
28. 7th tone
29. A role of insulation
32. Midway between S and SE
33. The longest division of geological time
35. Oolong, green or Earl Grey
36. Disorderly crowd
39. Children's author Blyton
41. A radio band
42. Assist in some wrongdoing
44. Measures speed of rotation (abbr.)
46. Bring up children
47. Mitt's spouse
49. Light, narrow paddle boats
52. Unstressed-stressed
55. Oriental water pipe
57. Miser
60. "The Hobbit" director
62. Traditional German frock
63. This (Spanish)



DOWN

1. Defensive nuclear weapon
2. ___ Lanka, country
3. Play on words jokes
4. Finger click
5. Repeating
6. Toddler
7. Article
8. Women's ___ movement
9. Promises to pay
10. A ball of yarn or thread
12. Towards the mouth or oral region
13. Fatuous
16. Old Irish alphabets

17. Slang for trucks with trailers

20. Defy
22. Dear husband (abbr.)
25. A blood group
26. Make lacework
28. Golf ball support
30. Having a particular scientific skill
31. Chit
34. Head louse egg
36. Pomace
37. West Indian sorcery cult
38. A. Hutton drew this Br. comic
40. Popular 1950's hairstyle

43. A unit of girl or boy scouts

45. 3.6% of the earth's crust
48. Drug agent (slang)
50. Supplemented with difficulty
51. Self-immolation by fire ritual
53. Br. slang for donkey
54. Supervisor
56. Of she
57. Research doctorate in law
58. Took possession
59. Point midway between NE and E
61. Care giver degree

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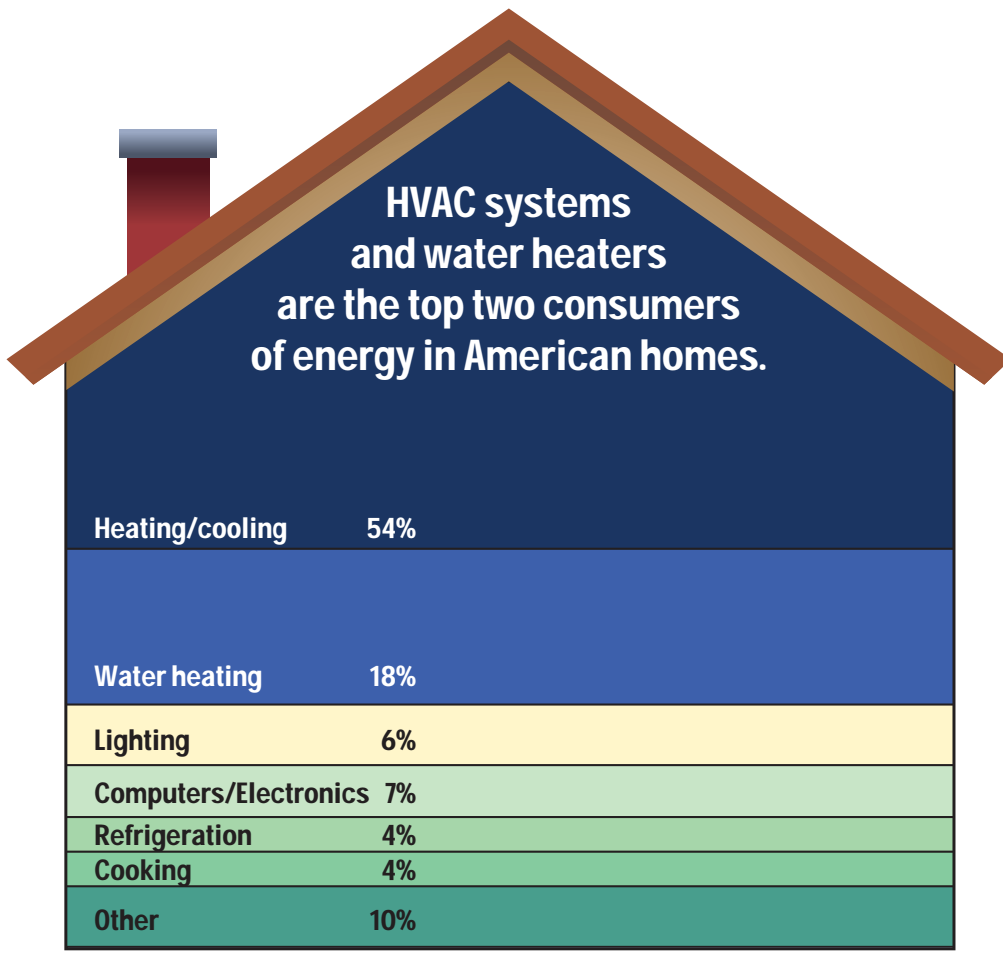
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Program ends July 16, 2015

Co-op is phasing out water heater rebates

By Trent Marlett

I have written quite often about water heaters and ways to use them more efficiently. I have focused on water heaters so much because they are a rather large slice in the home energy use pie.

However, the biggest consumer of energy in a home is the HVAC system. Heating and cooling account for as much as half of a home's energy use. The second-largest residential energy consumer is the water heater.

Cotton Electric has targeted these two energy guzzlers with a rebate program, offering incentives to encourage members to make energy-efficient choices when installing new or replacing older less-efficient models.

In the case of water heaters, there were two requirements in order to qualify for a rebate. The appliance had to have a capacity of at least 40 gallons and an energy factor (EF) of .93.

The second requirement was because water heaters have been available with an EF that ranged from .89 on the low end and .95 on the high end. The rebate was designed to encourage choosing a more efficient water heater.

Well, things have

Simple Savings

changed. A new energy standard has gone into effect, and Cotton Electric is phasing out the water heater rebates.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy issued standards for water heaters about five years ago, and one of them went into effect this year on April 16. The regulation that states that from that date forward, all electric water heaters will be manufactured at a minimum EF of .95, a figure higher than that of the Cotton Electric rebate requirement.

In other words, once retailers sell all lower-efficiency water heaters currently in stock, only high-efficiency water heaters will be available.

To encourage our members to continue to choose an energy-efficient unit while the low-end water heaters are still out there, we will continue to offer the rebate through July 16, 2015.

If you have an old water heater that you are on the fence about replacing, now would be a good time to make that purchase. The rebate is

\$50 when replacing an existing unit.

If you are building a new home, buy your water heater and have it installed now. The rebate is \$200 for new construction.

If you choose an electric 40-gallon water heater that has an EF of .93 or greater, get it installed before July 16. Then give me a call at 580-875-3351 to set up a rebate inspection.

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Employee Spotlight Chad Cowan



Dirty job

Unusually wet spring means lots of shovel time for Chad Cowan

By Karen Kaley
When we think of linemen, the image that comes to mind is often that of the pole climber. There is another side of the line work. It's not the dark side of keeping the lights on, but it certainly is the dirtier side.

“Just about anyone can walk in the linemen’s office and pick out where the underground guys work,” Chad Cowan said. “There’s more dirt under our desks.”

It’s just a given when working on the underground crew.

“We play in the dirt every day,” the journeyman lineman said with a grin.

Well, they don’t really play. Cowan and heavy equipment operator Darrell Loveday approach their work with all the seriousness that working with electricity requires.

A lineman working underground is a ditch digger more often than a pole climber. When he works around electricity, Cowan uses non-conductive rubber gloves, but his glove of choice is usually leather or thick canvas, protecting his hands as he wields a shovel.

Cowan said he and Loveday put in a lot of shovel time during the recent unusually wet spring.

“There were certain situations where we got the trencher out, but it makes a big mess when the ground is that wet.”

So, it was shovels for many weeks, which meant only repairs of existing underground line and no new installations.

“There are only so many things we can do with a shovel,” Cowan said.

While orders for new line were set aside, calls for repairs started pouring in with the rain. Water seeped into tiny nicks in underground line in-

sulation, causing wire to corrode and burn. Members were calling in reports of half-power or no power.

The source of the nicks is hard to detect, but Cowan said gophers are often the culprits.

“Gophers follow the loosened dirt around an underground line. The gopher will chew on the wire, make contact and the electricity will bite him.

“All this moisture gets in the spot where he chewed through and corrodes the wire. Faults like that may be there a while and they usually show up when we have all this rain.”

Finding the fault on an underground line is tricky, Cowan said.

“When overhead line goes bad, it’s easy to see problems and fix them. When underground goes bad, we can’t drive down the road and see the fault. The process of elimination is more time-consuming. We’re kind of operating in the blind.

“Most of the time, with overhead you can find the problems and have everything fixed before you can even find the problem with underground.”

Cowan uses devices that help detect underground faults. One uses a probe attached to a dial on a metal A-frame. An electrical pulse is sent through the line, and the dial’s needle jerks in the direction of the fault. Cowan moves the A-frame a few feet or a few inches or turns it 90 degrees, looking for the spot where the needle holds to zero.

A Cotton Electric flag marks the spot to dig. Time to get the shovels.

The way Cowan and Loveday dig changes when they get 2 or 3 feet down. There is a ribbon of caution tape and the



Chad Cowan repairs a faulty segment of underground line.

line is not far beneath.

“We’re looking for a big white area,” Cowan explains as he carefully works around the buried line.

“Where the bad spot is, the ground will be white. If it’s really bad, you can smell it in the dirt and the ground will be hot.”

They find the white dirt and dig to clear enough of the wire to repair it by splicing in a new section. Loveday hands Cowan a tube that slips over the two ends. Cowan uses a small blowtorch to apply heat, and the plastic shrinks to seal the splice.

They discuss the heat-shrink material and how well it works.

Loveday says, “Whoever came up with that idea is not sitting in a ditch.”

Cowan agrees as he pulls himself up out of the ditch and says, “Yeah, he’s sitting on a beach somewhere ...”

Loveday grabs his shovel and completes the thought. “... sipping a margarita.”

They make fast work of refilling the hole, leaving a generous mound they know will sink with the next heavy rain.

Cowan took on the underground chores not

quite a year ago. He has worked in line operations since March 2005, nearly all of that time in the Velma area where he was raised.

He and his wife, Jenny, are raising children of their own in Velma. Gracie, 14, is a sophomore and Sadie, 12, is a seventh-grader. The family is involved in the community, and Chad is the current president of the Old Settlers Picnic committee.

Between that and his daughters’ activities, he has little time for the team roping he enjoys. He still gets a good work out, though.

He has a job that gives him plenty of time to dig and play in the dirt.

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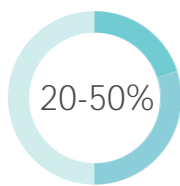
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Energy Saver 101: Everything You Need to Know About

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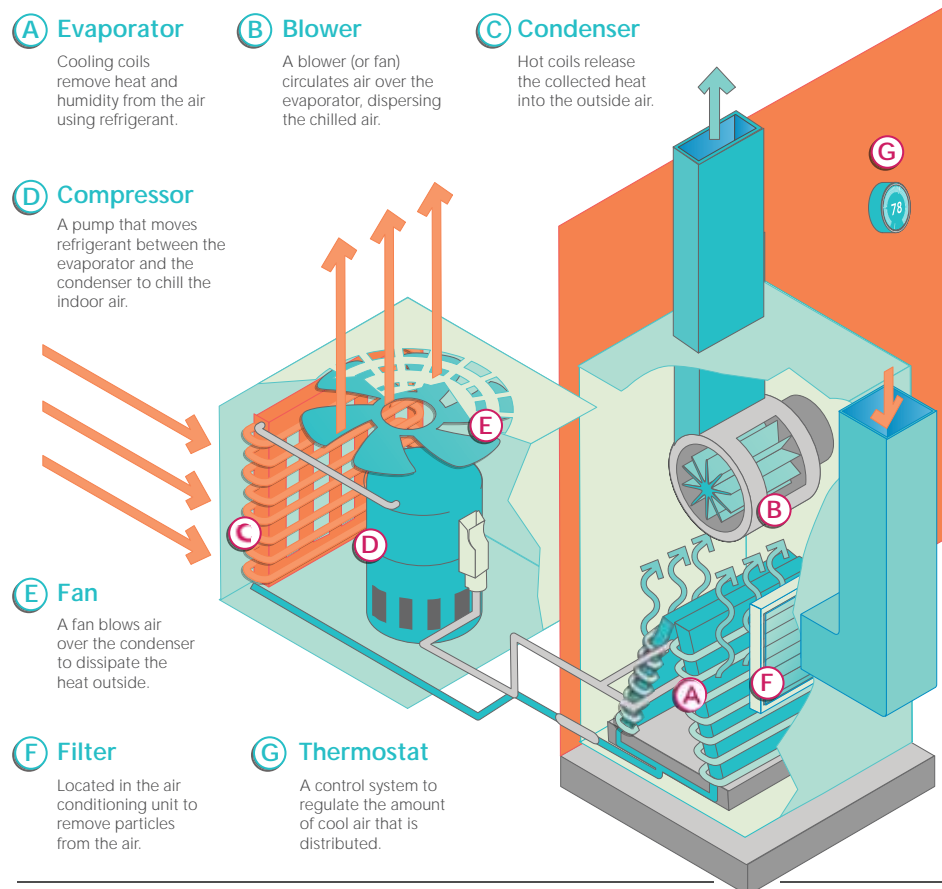
You can reduce air conditioning energy use by 20-50 percent by switching to **high-efficiency air conditioners** and taking other actions to lower your home cooling costs.

ENERGY-SAVING TIP:

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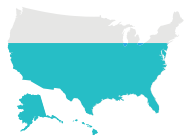
How an Air Conditioner Works:

Similar to how a refrigerator works, air conditioners transfer heat from a home's interior to the warm outside environment.



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The percentage of the average household's energy use that goes to space cooling.



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The amount it costs homeowners every year to power their air conditioners.

Maintaining Your Air Conditioner

<p>Annual maintenance can help improve your comfort and the efficiency of your air conditioner while prolonging the life of your unit.</p>	<p>Routinely replace or clean your air filters -- it can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent.</p>	<p>Check your air conditioner's evaporator coil every year and clean it as necessary.</p>	<p>If your coil fins are bent, use a "fin comb" to straighten them.</p>
<p>If you have a split system, be sure to clean debris and leaves from the fan, compressor and condenser.</p>	<p>Occasionally pass a stiff wire through your unit's drain channels to prevent clogs.</p>	<p>For window air conditioners, inspect the window seals to keep cool air from escaping.</p>	<p>Hire a certified professional when your unit needs more than basic maintenance.</p>

Common Air Conditioner Problems

Your unit isn't cooling properly

- Refrigerant**
Your refrigerant could be low or leaking. Call a trained technician to repair the leak and recharge the system.
- Sensor Problems**
If you have a window unit, the thermostat sensor could be knocked out of position. Carefully bend the wire holding it in place to properly position it.
- Thermostat Issues**
Check your thermostat to make sure it is set properly and it is reading the correct temperature.
- Drainage Problems**
Check your unit's drain to make sure it isn't clogged.
- Dirty Filter**
A clogged filter restricts airflow through the unit, decreasing its efficiency and reducing its ability to effectively cool the air.

Your unit isn't turning on

- Electric Control Failure**
Your compressor and fan controls could be worn out from having your system turn off and on too frequently. Contact a professional to check your unit's electrical connections.
- Thermostat**
Make sure your thermostat is working -- it might need new batteries or might need to be replaced entirely.

Limited airflow

- Ductwork Problems**
Your ducts could be leaking air or be clogged or constricted. Work with a professional to clean and air seal your ducts.
- Dirty Filter**
A clogged filter restricts airflow through the unit, decreasing its efficiency and reducing its ability to effectively cool the air.

Tips for Lowering Your Cooling Costs

- Install and set a programmable thermostat -- it could help you save up to 10 percent on heating and cooling costs a year.
- Use a fan. Ceiling fans will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.
- Insulate your attic and walls, and seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.
- Insulate and seal ducts -- air loss through ducts accounts for about 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption.
- Don't heat your home with appliances. On hot days, consider using an outdoor grill instead of your oven.
- Install energy-efficient window coverings that let natural light in and prevent solar heat gain.
- Buy an ENERGY STAR-qualified AC unit -- on average, they're up to 15 percent more efficient than standard models.
- Use the bathroom fan when taking a shower or bath and a range hood when cooking -- this helps remove heat and humidity from your home.

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Summertime peaks just around the corner



During the third week of June, we enter the "peak period," the part of the year when energy consumption soars. As temperatures rise, so does the demand for power to run things like air conditioners and pool pumps in addition to appliances used year-round. The higher the demand, the higher the cost of generation and the higher the price paid by co-ops and their members.

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) is a generation and transmission cooperative. It provides power for Cotton Electric and other Oklahoma and New Mexico co-ops.

In an effort to help the co-ops hold down costs for members, WFEC sends out Peak Alerts on days that highest demand is predicted, particularly between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Alerts may be issued during the "peak period," June 20 through Sept. 9, except on holidays and Sundays.

"Our goal is to call a peak day on the three highest load days of the season," said Alan Derichsweiler, manager of Control Area Services for WFEC. "We try to limit the number of called days to 20 or less. Typically, the number of called days is about nine." The last two summers have

been somewhat mild. Five alerts were issued in 2014 and only three in 2013.

Peak alerts are opportunities to control demand, which can mean lower power bills.

Cotton Electric members may be familiar with the Beat the Peak program. Members will be asked to conserve energy between 3 and 7 p.m., a time period adjusted forward one hour from previous years.

The illustration below shows some ways to help Beat the Peak or curb energy consumption between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on peak alert days.

Turn off appliances, computers, televisions, game systems and other electric devices that are not being used.

Close curtains and blinds to prevent the sun from heating up your home.

Learn more about your home's overall energy efficiency and find sources of energy waste. Take the Energy Efficient Home Tour at TogetherWeSave.com.

Install compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and turn off lights when not needed.

Using an outdoor grill has a double advantage: It avoids the use of your range or oven and avoids heating up the house, which saves on air conditioning.

Water the lawn after 7 p.m. to avoid running the water pump.

Avoid running the pool pump during the four-hour peak period.

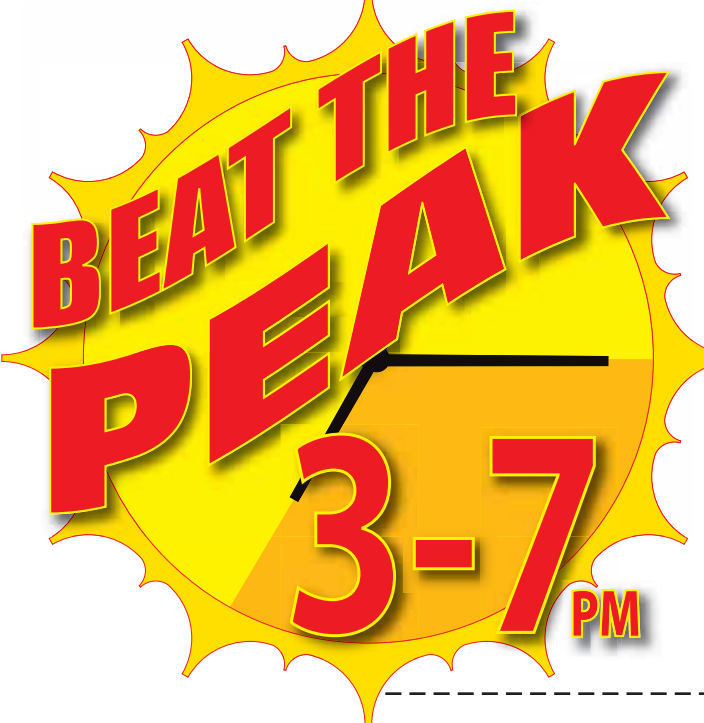
Appliances that are controlled by thermostats should not be turned on all at once. These appliances require more electricity when heating up than during ongoing operation. Staggering the start up times by 15 to 20 minutes will help reduce your demand.

Delay using hot water so that the demand for your water heater is less during the peak times, especially if you have a tankless water heater, which can account for up to 36 kW of demand.

Use washing machines, dryers and other major appliances during low energy use times of day. If you must use them during the peak period, try to limit usage to one appliance at a time.

Set the thermostat to 78 degrees on your air conditioning equipment or heat pump during the peak time frame. Another option is to increase the setting on your thermostat by two to three degrees during peak time.

Conserving energy on hot summer days can lower power costs for the coming year



Did you know that the time you use your appliances and electronic devices can affect your electric bill?

During summer months, the demand for power between **3 p.m. and 7 p.m.** is much greater than the rest of the year and the price is much higher.

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Jimmy Brooks said he plans to continue offering top quality, locally-produced meats at Burton Meat Market.

New owner offers excellent, local products at Burton Meat Market

By Karen Kaley

Follow Jimmy Brooks around as he describes the wonderful things Burton Meat Market offers, and you will discover two things: The good-natured man feels nearly everything in the store is “an excellent product” and that you are hungry.

Jimmy and his wife, Renee, recently purchased the business that has been serving the Stephens County area for some 30 years. They are the third set of owners, and boast the Burtons themselves as some of their regular customers.

Jimmy has a 17-year background in meat cutting in other southern Oklahoma towns. The Brookses have lived in and around Duncan for many years but non-butcher jobs have kept him on the road quite a bit. When Jeff Walker was ready to sell the meat market after 17 years of ownership, Jimmy Brooks was ready to get off the road and begin serving the area where he has raised his kids and they are raising their kids.

He couldn't be happier. A friendly fellow, he strikes up a conversation with all his customers, asking if they would be interested in this or that product he is considering and offering a grand tour. The shop at the south end of Chisholm Mall in Duncan is small but packed with a huge

Burton Meat Market
10% discount on meat purchases over \$20



selection of foods, most from right here in Oklahoma.

He starts a tour at the meat case. He is quick to point out the quality of this product will not change. Citing the long tradition of top-quality beef offered by Burton Meat Market, Brooks said the only thing different might be an expanded selection of pork and chicken.

The beef is fresh-cut daily. Pork is fresh-cut twice a week. What doesn't sell after a couple of days goes to his freezer.

Around the corner from the fresh meats is a deli case. Salami, pepperoni, bolognas, turkey and hams prepared in various ways are available.

There are five varieties of cheeses and every one of them “an excellent product,” Brooks says.

He turns around and with a sweeping gesture pronounces 90 percent of what is displayed at the middle showcase is a Made in Oklahoma certified product. Nearly every product is one that will enhance any meal.

Aside from a wide selection of locally popular Dorian products, there are barbecue sauces by Sweet Spirit Foods and Cook Shack. There are peppered jellies by

Suan and hot sauces by Doggone Good. Salsas come from Tow Head and A&J.

Burton Meat Market carries honey from Murphy Farms in Cotton County and from another producer in Asher, OK.

“You will not find a better pickle,” Brooks says as he passes a shelf full of them and then he moves to some organic products.

All along the way, he gives his signature stamp of approval, “an excellent product,” to everything except the Ziegelmeier's pecan butter, which he say is “just plain decadent.”

He points to chocolate sauce and jams, motions at the Kettle Corn popcorn, a new product, and then turns again to address the large freezer section.

There are some products made by Burton Meat Market: barbecue, chili, pulled pork and sausage. Brooks has the rest of the freezers full of “what I like to call kid-friendly products.”

He counts off on his fingers, “Chicken strips, steak fingers, popcorn shrimp, beef patties for chicken fry ...”

There are dessert items and hot links and some frozen vegetables.

At the far end, toward

the back of the market, is a refrigerated section with more local products. Gallon- and quart-size jugs have fresh goat's milk. There is goat cheese and cheese-cakes that come in every other week and sell out quickly.

Burton Meat Market also offers locally produced organic eggs and hopes to bring in local fresh produce before too long.

Hungry? Take your taste buds and your Co-op Connections Card to Burton Meat Market to get a 10 percent discount on meat purchases over \$20. They open at 8:30 a.m. and are there until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Call ahead at 580-255-1421, and they will have your order ready to pick up at a drive-up window.

Burton Meat Market and its new owners are definitely “an excellent product.”

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Saturday Morning
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Duncan, Oklahoma
Gary Criswell Auction Service & Real Estate, Inc. has been commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson (Edward and Kimberly) to offer at Public Auction the Real Property situated at 4245 El Rancho Drive, Duncan, Oklahoma.
Real Property consists of a nice 3 Bedroom Brick Home (Approximately 1,790 Square Feet) with a large Living Room, Dining Room, Office, large Kitchen, large Utility Room and 2 Full Baths.
Additional Improvements include an attached 2 Car Garage, and a Farm Implement Building (20'x30'), fair condition. All situated on a nice lot (100'x300') with a nice front Yard and a large Backyard in a good location.
Terms of Sale: 10% Earnest Money on Real Property on the day of Sale. Balance due at Closing upon delivery of Title and Deed.
Preview of Real Property will be held Friday afternoon, June 19, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Announcements made day of Sale supersede all other advertisements. Please plan to attend this Public Auction Saturday morning at 10:00 A. M. (June 20, 2015).
Auctioneer's Note: Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have purchased another Home and are selling this Real Property. This Home will make a nice Home for a Family or a great Investment Property. Please see to Appreciate! The Real Property will be offered “As-Is-Where-Is.” Mr. and Mrs. Jackson 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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Major fast-food chains turning a new leaf?

Several major fast-food chains – Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Chipotle, Panera Bread – have announced plans to remove a variety of unfavorable ingredients from their foods. On the elimination list are partially hydrogenated oils, high fructose corn syrup, unsustainable palm oil, artificial ingredients including artificial dyes and flavors, genetically modified ingredients, and human antibiotics.

News reports reveal that consumer demand is the driving force, especially from millennials.

What does this mean for your daily food routine?

This is definitely a step in the right direction. We eat more than 30 percent of our meals away from home.

These changes are being implemented in all food offerings at the es-



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establishments that choose to do it, meaning no matter what you choose, you will benefit from these changes.

Ideally, these fast-food chains continue to make modifications to their menus to eliminate the excess sodium, fat, added sugars, and calories that most of their food items still contain. Perhaps in the future we will see fresh vegetables and dip replace french fries and chips?

Unfortunately, these changes do not decrease the overarching problem of consuming too many calories when you eat away from home. Research shows that people tend to eat more calories and make less nutritious choices when they are eating away from home.

Calories still count, even if they are in the form of fast food free from “genetically modified ingredients” or “artificial dyes and flavors.” Consumers must continue to watch the amount of calories they consume with dining out.

Some fast-food restaurants are increasing their efforts to report the nutrient amounts offered in their standard portion sizes, but this information is worthless if consumers do not pay attention to it and allow it to impact their food choices.

These changes do mean that when you have to dine out at a fast-food chain, you will have more choices with healthier ingredients. You still must choose wisely, taking into account calories and portion size.

While increasing your intake of fast food is not a wise idea, when you must eat fast food, patronize restaurants that are making an effort to improve the quality of the food they prepare.

This may encourage others to make similar changes, and will certainly encourage those that have made the change to continue to innovate.



Fresh produce and hand-crafted items are available locally.

Farmers markets crop up in area

Farmers markets are enjoying a growing popularity as more people seek locally grown fruits, vegetables and other products. Here are a few in the Cotton Electric service area:

Lawton Farmers Market is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from April through October at the Comanche County Fairgrounds. Expands to open Wednesdays during the height of the growing season.

Marlow Farmers Market opened June 6. Plans are to open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through August. Vendor space at the “Hole-In-the-Wall,” in the 300 block of west Main, can be reserved by calling Harbour Whitaker at 580-641-0657.

Duncan Farmers Market has had an unexpected bounty. New this year,

it quickly outgrew its original location. It is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays in a new location, the far west parking lot of Duncan Regional Hospital that faces Elk Avenue.

Murphy Farms visits a few locations each week. Reserve a basket through CountryDoneRightBaskets.com, then pick up your order on the day they are in town.

Duncan: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Fridays at the Chamber of Commerce building, 911 W. Walnut Ave.

Lawton: 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays at Howell Hall, Room 107, Cameron University

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Saturday, July 11, 2015 10:00A.M.
Home on 12.76 Acres
Comanche, Oklahoma
(See Directions Below)

Gary Criswell Auction Service & Real Estate, Inc. has been commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck (Raymond and Lynda) to offer at Public Auction their Real Property and Personal Property situated in Comanche, Oklahoma.

Real Property consists of a nice 3 Bedroom Brick Home (Approximately 1,920 Square Feet) with a Living Room, Dining Room, Den with Fireplace, Kitchen (with nice cabinets) with Dining Area, Utility Room and 2 Full Baths.

Additional Improvements include a nice Sunroom (enclosed porch) a large 2 Car Garage, Metal Storage Building(10'x12'), Loafing Shed, a Sheet Metal Barn (30'x30') and a Terry-EX 5th Wheel Trailer (Self Contained). All situated on 12.76 Acres, Fence and Crossed-Fenced with a Storm Shelter, a Large Pond, Beautiful Rock Garden and Fountain Area.

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Miscellaneous: Shop and Hand Tools and Saw Horses.
Directions: In Comanche, Oklahoma, from Highway 81 and Highway 53, go 1.3 Miles West. Home Place and 12.76 Acres is located on the North Side of Highway 53.

Terms of Sale: 10% Earnest Money on Real Property on the day of Sale. Balance due at Closing upon delivery of Title and Deed. Personal Property - Cash, Personal or Company Check accepted. Positive I.D. required. Buyers Must provide Auction Company a copy of Sales Tax Permit to avoid Sales Tax.

Preview of Real Property and Personal Property will be held Friday afternoon, July 10, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Announcements made day of sale supersede all other advertisements. Please plan to attend this Public Auction.

Auctioneer's Note: Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck have moved to town and are selling their Real Property and Personal Property. This is a nice Home Place with a green pipe fence in a good location. The Real Property will be offered at 10:00 A.M Sharp! The Real Property will be offered “As-Is-Where-Is.” Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck reserve the right to accept or reject the final bid. Please go to graycriswellauctioneers.com to view pictures. Stephens County Abstract will serve as the Closing Agent on the Real Property.

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Grilled Hoisin Garlic Drumsticks with Tomato-Corn Salad

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Ground black pepper, to taste
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3 ears corn
1 pound tomatoes, cut into small dice

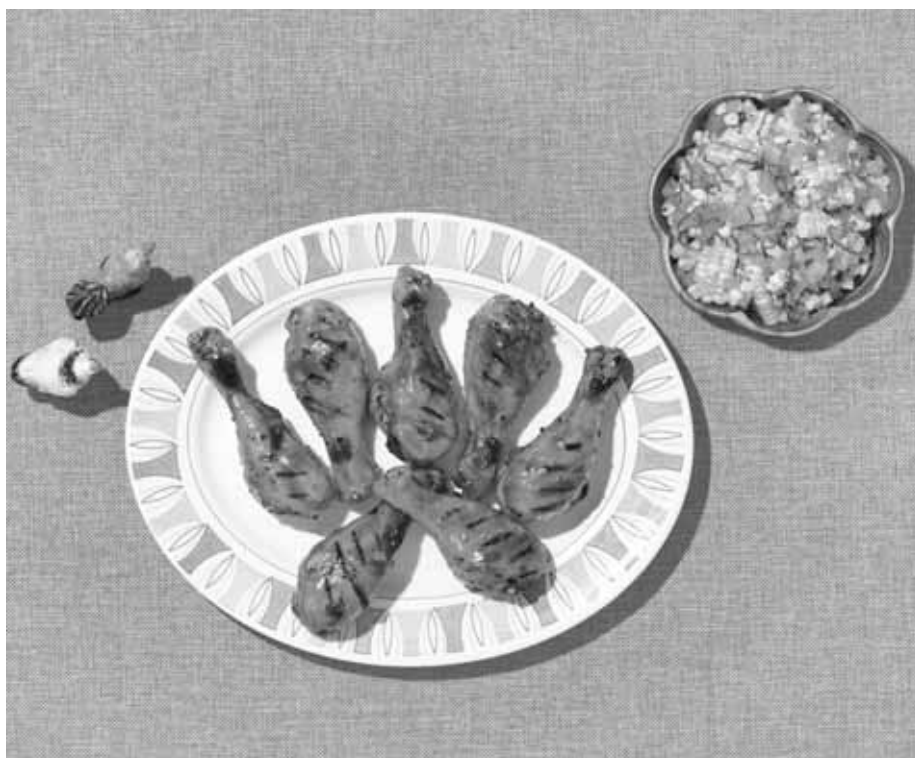
1/4 cup olive oil
Thinly sliced basil leaves, for garnish

Season drumsticks with salt and pepper, and rub with about 1/3 cup hoisin garlic sauce, reserving rest for basting.

Marinate at least 30 minutes, up to four hours.

As chicken is marinating, prepare charcoal grill for both direct (medium-high heat) and indirect cooking, placing coals on one half of grill. Discard used marinade.

Grill chicken, starting with skin side down, directly over coals about 8-10 minutes, keeping lid



Grilled Hoisin Garlic Drumsticks with Tomato-Corn Salad

closed as much as possible and turning chicken once or twice.

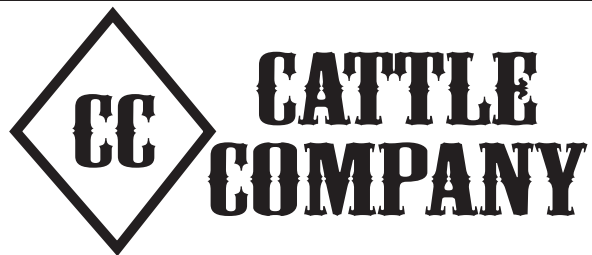
Move to indirect heat where there are no coals, cover grill and continue to cook for another 25-35 minutes until juices run clear and an internal temperature of 165°F has been reached, basting with extra sauce occasionally in last 10

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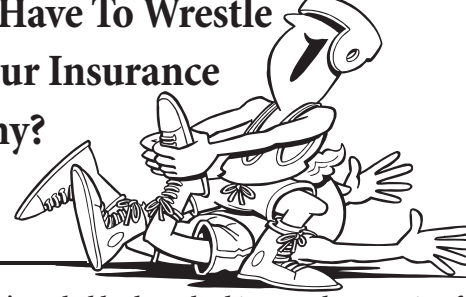
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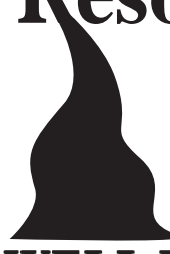
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Saturday June 20th, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M. • Preview: Friday June 19th 1pm-6pm
Location: Area D Lot 39 Lake Humphrey, Marlow, Oklahoma

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