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Fall fix-up time aided by mild weather

Autumn in southwest Oklahoma is a beautiful and busy time of year. Mild house beautiful, why not make it enerweather makes for inspired home deco- gy-efficient, too? Here are six tried and rations of seasonal flowers and gourds, true tips that are no cost, low cost or will soon to be replaced with twinkling lights bring a quick return on your investment and elaborate holiday displays.

While bustling about making the in terms of lower power bills.

LOW COST: SEAL UP AIR LEAKS



The more heat that escapes from cracks, the more cold air enters, causing your system to work harder and use more energy. Caulking and weather stripping is the best way to keep heat in and cold air out. Areas that may need sealing include corners, cracks, door frames, and windows.

NO COST & QUICK RETURN ON INVESTMENT



Turn down the heat. If you decrease the temperature by just one degree, you can save up to 5 percent on heating costs.

Consider a programmable thermostat that you can set to lower the temperature when away from home and increase before you come back.

NO COST: UNBLOCK HEATING VENTS

NO COST: ADJUST YOUR WATER HEATER

Water heating accounts for 14 to 25 percent of the energy consumed in a home. Turn the water heater's temperature to the warm setting, which is around 120 degrees Fahrenheit. In unconditioned areas, keep hot water hot by wrapping water pipes connected to the water heater with foam, and insulate the water heater, too. Another way to conserve hot water is to take short showers using low-flow showerheads.



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QUICK RETURN ON INVESTMENT: INSULATE

One of simplest ways to reduce your home's heating and cooling costs - and improve comfort – involves installing proper insulation in the attic. Doing so provides resistance to heat flow. The more heat flow resistance your insulation provides, the lower your heating and cooling costs.



LOW COST: SWITCH TO LED LIGHT BULBS

The light-emitting diode (LED) is one of the most energyefficient and rapidly-developing lighting technologies. Quality





HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems will have to work twice as hard if vents are blocked by rugs, furniture, or doors. Vacuum and air grilles to increase proper air flow.

LED light bulbs last longer, are more durable, and offer comparable or better light quality than other types of lighting. Residential LEDs use at least 75 percent less energy, and last 25 times longer, than incandescent lighting. According to Energy.gov, LED has the potential to fundamentally change the future of lighting in the United States.

n this time of gratitude, we give thanks for you. We appreciate your confidence in us.

Image: started by the membership as valued partners and we are especially grateful.

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Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Nov 1, 2016, is \$0.00568 per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$8.52 on the November bill.

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Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving 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 Dec. 19, 2016.

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 info@cottonelectric. at com.

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

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More news at cottonelectric.com

From the CEO New program emphasizes expectations

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Cotton Electric employees recently gathered for our annual Employee Training Day. The training day is an opportunity for us to learn as a group and discuss ways to better serve you, our members.



Jennifer Meason, CEO

We began the day by recognizing four of our employees, Jason Red Elk, Travis Romero, Fred Buchanan and Dillon Wiygul, for their military service as we hosted the event on Veterans' Day. We are thankful for everyone who has served and are proud of programs such as NRECA's "Serve Our Coops; Serve Our Country," a nationwide initiative to honor and employ veterans, military service members, and their spouses.

The day's agenda covered topics such as outage restoration, safety, cyber and physical security, vegetation management, and policy updates. I also had the opportunity to present a new program to our employees, Cotton CARES.

Cotton CARES was created to educate our members and employees about what sets Cotton Electric apart from other utilities.

The program summarizes what you, the members of Cotton Electric, should expect from your cooperative. Cotton CARES stands for Community, Accountability, Respect, Engagement and Safety.

Below is a brief summary of the five aspects of the program.

COMMUNITY – Concern for the community is one of the seven cooperative principles and has been a priority for Cotton since the cooperative was founded in 1938. Our employees are active in their communities, many serving on school boards, volunteer fire departments and local non-profit organizations.

In addition to our employees' commitment, the Board of Trustees established the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation in 2004. Because of your generosity, more than \$950,000 has been contributed through the Operation Round Up program to area organizations and individuals in need.

ACCOUNTABILITY - Cotton Electric is owned by the members we serve. As we complete our tasks each day, we're held accountable by you. Each decision is made with the membership in mind. When we do well or if we fall short, we are accountable to you.

RESPECT – Respect boils down to doing what is right and living by the Golden Rule. Respect for the cooperative principles, for each other and for our communities is expected.

We work for you, not out-ofstate stockholders. We have a vested interest in the success of the friends and neighbors we serve.

ENGAGEMENT – We value your feedback and encourage you to contact us. Our offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and we have local dispatchers on duty 24/7/365. You can also contact us via email at info@cottonelectric.com.

You'll find us at your local county fairs, home and garden shows, community events and at several upcoming Christmas parades.

SAFETY – Safety is a core value. Our mission is to provide you with safe, reliable and affordable power. We accomplish this

through several safety programs designed for employees and the general public.

Cotton Electric is certified through the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP). The RESAP program consists of a safety assessment and requires a dedication to continuous improvement. Employees participate in monthly safety meetings covering a variety of topics and training programs throughout the year.

We are also dedicated to your safety. Our employees make safety presentations to area schools and civic groups throughout the service territory. If you would like to schedule a safety presentation, please contact Mike Stephens at 580-875-3351.

To learn more about electrical safety, please visit our website at CottonElectric.com. Another great resource is SafeElectricity. org.

We are excited about this new program. We'll tell you more about Cotton CARES during the next year. As you learn about it, you may think of suggestions or needs in your community. Please let us know!



Always call before digging

to dream up and achieve your landscaping masterpiece, but in many parts of the country, planting shrubs ator and call 1-800-522-OKIE. You in early fall gives the plants a head start at establishing roots in the season's cool, moist soil. Perhaps you're planning to build a new deck to rive to designate the approximate enjoy those cool autumn evenings. location of any underground lines, If any of your fall projects require pipes and cables. These areas will be digging - such as planting trees or marked with flags or paint so you'll shrubs, or setting posts - remember know what's below. Then the safe to dial 811 first. Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water and electric lines, tackling do-it-yourself digging projcan be a shovel thrust away from ects are aware of "Call Before You turning a fall project into a disaster. Dig" services, the majority don't out where utility lines run on your national survey showed that only property. Your call will be routed 50 percent of homeowners called to a local "one call" center. Tell the to have their lines marked before operator where you're planning to starting digging projects, according

Spring is an optimal time of year be doing, and affected local utilities (CGA), a federally mandated group will be notified.

> Oklahomans can bypass the opercan also submit a request online at OKIE811.org.

In a few days, a locator will ardigging can begin. Although many homeowners Play it safe by dialing 811 to find take advantage of the service. A dig and what type of work you will to the Common Ground Alliance services, visit www.OKIE811.com.

of underground utility and damage prevention industry professionals. CGA data also shows that an underground utility line is damaged every six minutes in the U.S. because someone decided to dig without first dialing 811.

Even simple tasks like installing a new mailbox post can damage utility lines, which can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted and can help you avoid serious injury.

For more information about local



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heating your living space uses more energy than any other system in your home – typically making up about 42 percent of your utility bill. By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30 percent on your energy bill.

Source: energy.gov



September 2016 Operating Stats

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$5,189,938	\$5,141,569
Cost of Purchased Power	3,576,334	3,525,536
Taxes	105,538	107,547
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	995	994
Average Farm and Residential Bill	138	136
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,272	1,221
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)) 18,226	18,284
Miles Energized	5,160	5,151
Density Per Mile	3.53	3.55
New Service Connects YTD	178	270
Services Retired	79	126
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Jeff Simpson

Sum of the parts Accounting ensures balance across departments

By J.P. Goode

Cotton Electric's accounting department's mission is to provide management and staff with both the internal and required external financial reporting of three corporations: Cotton Electric Cooperative, Cotton Electric Services and Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation. This requires at least three annual audits and six annual income tax returns.

Audits are routinely required by RUS and other supplemental lenders to ensure that Cotton Electric's financial statements are an accurate representation in accordance with accepted accounting principles.

The USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) administers programs that provide much-needed infrastructure such as depreciation, loan interest, and gross receipts or infrastructure improvements to rural communities. Among other things, the program provides capital and leadership to maintain, expand, upgrade and modernize America's vast rural electric infrastructure. Cotton by RUS.

To carry out the department's mission, a system of of the interdepartmental collaborations include: accounts has been setup and is maintained using more than 300 separate general ledger accounts to compile and report transactions. They are balanced and reconciled monthly. In addition, the expense accounts are subdivided into 10 separate departments and 10 separate expense categories and the kind of expense and where it originated is tracked monthly. The 2015 Operating Report and Balance Sheet were generated from over 53,000 different entries.

Not counting payroll or loan payments, the accounting department disbursed a recent monthly average of 680 transactions among some 1,160 active vendors.

The department is also responsible for year-end 1099 reporting. Recent averages of payroll activity include 90 full- and part-time employees responsible for a gross payroll paid every two weeks. This payroll includes deductions for various insurances, retirement savings, and reporting and routine audits.



revenues of about \$68 million along with other items taxes are also budgeted annually.

Falling under the supervision of Jeff Simpson, vice president of finance and accounting, the department includes J.P. Goode, accounting supervisor; Dana Electric is one of many cooperatives that is supported Brady, accountant; and Lisa Bowers, accounts payable clerk. Certainly, three people can't do it all alone. Some

> Billing: Accounting computes the monthly power cost adjustment and reconciles the various electric accounts receivable while accruing and calculating the monthly revenue after the billing department has run invoices, posted payments, and serviced our accounts.

> Engineering: Approximately \$390,000 of construction and retirement in the distribution plant is planned and capitalized by the engineering department monthly. The accounting department overlooks the costs going into work orders and the results when closed out.

> Transportation Fleet: An average of 67 vehicles, trucks, and power operated equipment generate not a small amount in monthly expenses for repairs, operation and maintenance. Along with the garage employees, the accounting department overlooks these costs and their allocation on a functional basis.

Warehouse: The department overlooks the accounta Section 125 plan. The accounting department costs ing for a large inventory of materials and supplies used and reconciles these transactions and also does required in the distribution plant as warehouse personnel record purchases and usage and conduct annual physical



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this Holiday Season.

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The accounting department also puts together the counts. annual budget. With input from the co-op's vice presidents and department heads, this year's budget included more than \$12 million in variable expenses and owners of Cotton Electric and earn the confidence of more than \$10 million in capital expenditures. Gross their elected trustees."

Speaking for the accounting department, Goode said, "We feel honored and privileged to serve the member/



How Should You Use Retirement Plan Distributions?

(hopefully) putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employersponsored retirement plan. But once you've retired, how can you maximize the benefits you get from these plans?

First of all, you need to be aware of the rules governing withdrawals from tional IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, your retirement plans. If you are older than 591/2, you can withdraw money from your traditional IRA without paying penalties, though the withdrawals will typically be taxable. But once you reach 701/2, you generally must start taking "required minimum distributions" (RMDs) from these accounts, with the annual amount determined by your age, the account balance and other factors. (The situation is different with a Roth IRA. If you are the original account holder, you are not required to withdraw funds

During your working years, you are choose to withdraw your contributions at jor car repair, a new furnace, and so the price is down. any time, tax and penalty free. To withdraw your earnings tax and penalty free, you generally must have owned the account for at least five years and have reached age 591/2.)

So, assuming you do have a tradiwhat should you do with the RMDs? You'll probably require at least some of these distributions for your living expenses, but if you don't need it all, what should you do with the "excess"?

Here's one suggestion: As part of your overall retirement investment portfolio strategy, you can reinvest the money into these three "buckets":

Near-term income bucket - For this bucket, you're not concerned with high returns - you just want the money to be there when you need it for expenses from your Roth IRA at any age. You can and unexpected costs, such as a ma-

on. It's always a good idea to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses – and your short-term income bucket could be an ideal source to help build such a fund.

Medium-term income bucket - During retirement, you can probably never have too many sources of income, so you may want to fill a bucket with intermediate- and long-term bonds, which make regular interest payments.

Long-term income bucket — Even when you're retired, you will need some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation in the long run. So this bucket should be filled, not surprisingly, with growth-oriented investments. These investments can fluctuate in value, but as long as you don't need to tap into them in a hurry, you may be able to avoid taking withdrawals when

In addition to this "bucket" approach, you do have other options for your RMDs. For example, you could give your grown children some financial assistance, possibly for help in funding their IRAs. Or, you could contribute to a college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, for your grandchildren. And you can always make charitable contributions, which allow you to support worthwhile organizations and, by doing so, earn some potential tax benefits.

Clearly, you can do a lot with your RMDs. And you worked hard for them so make sure they work just as hard for you.

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If you would like your community event listed in the December issue, please submit information by Dec. 5 by calling 580-875-4259 or send an email to info@cottonelectric.com.

OCC sends gifts around the world

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Gift-filled shoeboxes are sent to one of 150 countries around the world to delight children in need. In 2016, 11 million shoebox gifts are expected to be collected and distributed.

National Collection Week is always the 3rd week in November, so this year that is Nov. 14-21. Volunteers staff centers around the U.S. to give donors a convenient place to leave their gifts. Local drop-off sites are in Duncan, Lawton, Elgin and Walters. The Duncan site is the north end of First United Methodist Church, 2300 Country Club Road.

For information about how to fill a box, how to host a party, and the hours for drop-off centers, visit Samaritans-Purse.org and explore the drop down tab labeled What We Do.

For local information, call LaVonna Funkhouser at 580-467-2493.

Farmers Market moves indoors

Lawton Farmers Market will hold a Winter Market in the Cameron University Animal Sciences building at the Agriculture Facility each Saturday, beginning in November and running through the end of March 2017.

"Weather has always been a challenge for our vendors once the regular season ended at the current outdoor farmers market location," said Dr. Ed Legako, board president of the Southwest Growers Association. "Now, with an indoor market, we can offer a warm and dry place for our vendors and patrons to come in the winter months."

to offer classes on gardening, food demonstrations, and nutrition in collabora- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20 at 711 W. tion with the Lawton Farmers Market Hickory. Institute and Cameron University."



It's the time of year for parades, tree lightings and special musical presentations. Holiday events are planned throughout the Cotton Electric service area. See a listing of Holiday Happenings on Page 3 of our special Holiday Guide.

During the course of the 2015 event, swine were auctioned for a total of more than a half-million dollars.

Schedule of events, entry forms and more information are available at NationalSwine.com.

Magic Lantern offers film classics

Magic Lantern Film Society of Cameron University screens DVD presentations of classic films each month in the CETES Conference Center, Room B. Most screenings begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Nov. 18 feature is "Key Largo." Finding a gangster has taken over the hotel owned by the family of his deceased friend, a veteran is forced into confrontation. Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson and Lauren Bacall star in this film directed by John Huston.

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.

Christmas Bazaar set for Nov. 18-20

Crafts, baked goods, Christian articles, gifts and books are some of the goodies to be found at the Christmas Bazaar hosted by Assumption Catholic Church in Duncan. Christmas shoppers won't "Additionally, the market will be able want to miss this event from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 19, and

There will be a concession full of tasty Shoppers will find a variety of choices treats for hungry shoppers. Friday will at the winter market, including winter feature American food such as hot dogs produce, sprouts, micro greens, meat, and barbecue sandwiches. Saturday is

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Sometimes photo accidents can turn out interesting. Cotton Electric member Todd Brooks said his camera setting was wrong when he snapped this photo of the Bray-Doyle football team coming onto the field. He said it fits the Family Ties theme because "high school football and family go together. Moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, and uncles come to watch their teams. Sometimes games are not just for community or school bragging rights, but for family bragging rights as well."

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for December is First Christmas. 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.

Simmons Center hosts auction

Decorated trees, wreaths, table and wall décor and quilts have filled the lobby of the north wing of the Simmons Center in Duncan, kicking off the 15th annual Simmons Center Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction. The 2016 auction will run through Dec. 12. Bids an extensive library of audio books. can be made from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. or during events.

The auction is to raise money for local charities and other non-profit organizations and groups in Stephens County. For information, call 580-252-2900.

Chapter of Blind meets Nov. 19

Duncan Chapter of the Blind meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at New Hope Baptist Church,



At the Nov. 19 meeting, the group will hear from Lori Miller, executive director of the Oklahoma Lions Eye Bank. She will explain the cornea donation process. For information about the group or to arrange free transportation to the monthly meeting, call Jerri Gay at 580-252-6404.

More Community Spotlight on Page 6



eggs, honey, nuts, and handmade and ar- Asian food; Mexican food on Sunday. tisan items.

is located on Southwest 38th Street and help with Christmas purchases. Tickets is south of Dr. Elsie Hamm Drive and are \$5 each or five for \$20. The drawing the railroad crossing.

For more information about the market or becoming a vendor at the market, LawtonFarmersMarket.com or visit send an email to lawtonfarmersmarket@ yahoo.com.

Fall Classic returns to area

Touted as the "largest swine show in the world," the Fall Classic returns Nov. 16-19 to the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center. The National Swine Registry sponsors the four days of sales and shows featuring exhibitors from across the country.

YOUTH POWER

is for Eighth-Graders!

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Don't miss out on the raffle of three Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The building Visa cards in amounts that are sure to will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday. Winner does not need to be present.

Duncan's Holiday Stroll is Nov. 19

Duncan residents are encouraged to kick off the holiday shopping season locally during the 30th annual Holiday Stroll from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 19.

Main Street Duncan merchants will offer special discounts during this snackand-shop event.

Santa Claus will stroll through downtown stores for pictures, carolers will line the sidewalks, and food trucks will fill the downtown streets.

Call 580-875-3351

for details.

Win an all- * expense paid "trip of a lifetime"* to Washington D.C.

Travel with other teens from across Oklahoma on the **Rural Electric Youth Tour** June 9-15, 2017





Check with your English teacher or counselor for details, or call us at 580-875-3351







2017 topic: The Power of the Cooperative Model Call for essays launches annual contest

the future or the past.

Each year, students in Cotton Electric's service territory are eligible to compete in the preliminary contest is open to all high school juniors in the Cotton Electric service members.

The contest is broken into three the Cotton Electric headquarters.

to the second round, which inmeeting is conducted at the coop- operative organizations. erative headquarters in Walters.

Tour kicks off in November with and their parents will be guests of for students. a preliminary essay contest. This Cotton Electric. The finalists will year's topic, "The Power of the Co- be required to recite their essay in a operative Model," will be the key speech-type format. As they speak hand what it is like to be involved in focus for all submissions. Students before judges and banquet guests, politics, community development may choose to address a member of the final four winners will be deter- and today's social issues," Kriz said. mined.

The banquet is held in spring, with date and location to be announced.

Cotton Electric Youth Tour winrounds of the competition. The ners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. For a week in June, they will join 1,500 students Jan. 20, 2017. area. The students and their families and follow state-planned itineraries, do not have to be Cotton Electric including time with Oklahoma's cluded in the packets, students are congressional delegation.

The students will have an opporrounds and starts with the essay tunity to learn about government, contest. Area juniors may submit an the cooperative form of business, cation. The students will become Writers of the top 25 essays move more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nacludes a personal interview with the tion's capital through visits to monstudent. The question-and-answer uments, government offices and co-

Jennifer Kriz, contest coordina-The top 10 of those finalists ad- tor for Cotton Electric, said Youth

The annual Rural Electric Youth vance to the banquet, where they Tour is a week of hands-on learning

"Youth Tour gives high school students an opportunity to learn first-

Information packets with contest rules and regulations, entry forms, cooperative information and basic details of the contest will be distributed to area English teachers.

The deadline to submit an essay is

In addition to the information inencouraged to use other sources of information found at the local library or from the Internet.

"Preparing for the Cotton Electric essay of approximately 600 words to and the business of rural electrifi- essay contest is a good way to help develop creative writing skills that are important for all high school students, especially those planning to attend college," Kriz said.

> For more information regarding the essay contest, call Kriz at 580-875-4277 or email info@cottonelectric.com.



Eighth-grade entries sought for 2017 Energy Camp

Eighth-graders interested in developing leadership skills, learning about electric cooperatives and energy delivery, and having some great summertime fun are encouraged to enter the annual Energy Camp youth writing contest.

To participate, students will be required to write a short paragraph, 50 words or less, on why they would like to attend Energy Camp. Students and their families must be Cotton Electric members.

Winners from Cotton Electric's service area will be selected from contest participants to attend the 2017 Youth Power Energy Camp held May 30-June 2 at Canyon Camp near Red Rock Canyon, southeast of Hinton.

At Energy Camp, which is sponsored by Oklahoma's electric cooperatives, students learn first-hand the world of electric co-ops through demonstrations by electric crews. There will be opportunities to put on a lineman's work belt and gloves before climbing a pole and to see the camp from 60 feet above in the basket of a utility truck. Plus, students will set up and run their own cooperative business.

Activities will include nature hikes, games and other outings with other students representing cooperatives from across Oklahoma.

Contest information will be distributed to area English teachers soon. Students should ask for contest rules and entry forms, or contact Jennifer Kriz at Cotton Electric Cooperative at 580-875-4277 or by email at info@cottonelectric.com

The deadline for entry is Jan. 20, 2017.





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Community Spotlight

Craft Harvest show is Nov. 18-20 in Lawton

Don't miss the 43rd annual Craft Harvest Craft Show at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, 920 SW Sheridan Road in Lawton.

There is no admission fee to visit more than 200 craft booths and the food court. The event will run from noon to 9 p.m. Nov. 18; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 19; and noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 20.

For information, call Jose at 580-585-5447.

Blue Moon presents 'Golden Age Radio Show'

Blue Moon Productions presents "A Night of Golden Age Radio Show," a trio of old-fashioned radio plays. There will be presentations of suspense, mystery and comedy.

First up is "A Murderous Revision," followed by "Sherlock Holmes: The Musgrave Ritual." "Our Miss Brooks: Christmas Gift Mix-Up" is the finale.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 at Goodwill Adult Daycare Center Auditorium, 923 NW Hilltop Drive in Lawton.

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

LCT offers 'A Christmas Story'

Lawton Community Theatre presents "A Christmas Story, the musical" Dec. 2-11 at John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue. Performances will be at 8 p.m. except those on Sundays, which are at 2 p.m.

Based on the movie, this musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie and his quest for an Official Red Ryder car-

bine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Rebuffed at every turn, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun.

Visit LCT-OK.org for ticket information.

DLT presents 'Dashing Through the Snow'

Duncan Little Theatre presents Southern-fried Christmas comedy "Dashing Through the Snow" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at the Simmons Center in Duncan.

Set in the days leading up to the holiday, the story revolves around the colorful guests who arrive at the Snowflake Inn in Tinsel, Texas. Trina, the harried yet upbeat innkeeper, has more than she can handle coping with her nuttier-than-a-fruitcake lodgers.

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Lawton Pro Musica to ring the Bells of Christmas

Lawton Pro Musica presents "The Bells of Christmas!" a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at First Presbyterian Church, 1313 SW A Ave. The event is listed as a gift to the community of great music with great singing.

There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

Aequalis announces annual home tour locations

Two homes and a business will be featured in the annual Aequalis Christmas Open House Tour from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 in Duncan.

Featured stops include the homes of Tony and Mallory Fiorillo at 912 Hillcrest, and the home of Tracy Robinson, 1314 McCasland Parkway.

CCC Gathering features poets, speakers

Bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit back and enjoy an evening of cowboy poetry during the second annual Campfires, Cattle & Cowboys Gathering. Cowboy poets and performers will come together from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan.

Following a meet and greet, there will be an open mic session for spoken and sung poetry. Area cowboy poets, or those considering the idea, are invited High returns as an event Rangers" alongside Chuck



R.J. Vandygriff to share words of wit and tunes of trail life on the Chisholm Trail.

Featured speakers include two locals and a celebrity. Jay Snider of Cyril will serve as emcee host, and Ron Secoy of Central

Secoy pens 3rd cowboy-themed book

Ron Secoy, a Cotton Electric Coop- cowboy at heart.

erative member, has found rural living to The poems cover

event.

Vandygriff's background includes every- CDs and books under the thing from being a cowboy Heritage Center's newlyand poet to entertainer renovated portico. Among and even Hollywood. He's the wares will be Secoy's been on the stage with the newest book, "Cowboy legendary George Strait, at Heart/Tales from the Garth Brooks, Fats Domino and Baxter Black, among many others.

He spent seven years "Ranger Mike" on the as TV series, "Walker, Texas

organizer and participant. Norris. He's an authentic R.J. Vandygriff will be the cowboy who adheres to main performer of the the cowboy code and lifestyle.

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The Elf & Co. Sweet Shoppe and Marketplace will be at Kelsey Avants-Edward Jones office at 1110 North 10th, offering homemade baked goods and gift selections.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased in advance from any Aequalis member or at The Ginger Jar, Sumac Trading Company, Distinctive Décor, 3 French Hens or Eclectic Echo in Duncan. Tickets can be purchased at any of the featured locations on the day of the event.

Christ Kindl Markt returns to Medicine Park

Mark your calendars for the Dec. 9-11 Christ Kindl Markt, the biggest Bavarian market-themed shopping and entertainment event in southwest Oklahoma. The 18th year for this German-themed Christmas adventure will be in the historic cobblestone village of Medicine Park.

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be both gratifying and inspiring. Secoy everything from has penned his third book of cowboy poetry that he says reflects his feelings for the heritage of this part of the world, the rural lifestyle and God, who he euphemistically refers to as "The Big Trail Boss." He lives with his wife and daughter in Central High, not far from the Old Chisholm Trail, he points out.

His current book, "Cowboy at Heart/ Tales from the Trail," was released on Nov. 5 by Tate Publishing of Mustang.

"Took me over three years to put that together. A lot of writing, rewriting, into that book. Probably my best effort to date," Secoy said.

poetry with definite Christian under- Trail Heritage Center, Marlow Medicine tone, Bible verses and commentary. He in Marlow and The Secret Garden Flowcalls it a devotional for the cowboy and ers & Gifts in Rush Springs.

the Chisholm to Okla-Trail homa events. The subject matter is gleaned from the Bible, his rural family life and the Western heritage.

Ron Secoy

Secoy is preparing for an appearance with Jay Snider at the "Campfires, Cattle and Cowboys Gathering" on Nov. 18 at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.

Secoy's book will be available at the prayer and plain ol' perseverance went event or can be purchased through the publisher's website, TatePublishing.com, or other web-based booksellers. The "Cowboy at Heart" features cowboy book is available locally at the Chisholm

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Coretta Albright, manager of the Nature Store, and Jim Meyer, treasurer for Friends of the Wichitas, look over "Spirit of the Wichitas," a title recently added at the Nature Store. The work of fiction is by Elgin author David Rollins.

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Established 1901, sits on 59,020 acres Information at www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita_Mountains

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Mission: To deepen appreciation for and support of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge and the extraordinary landscape, wildlife and cultural resources the refuge protects. Annual membership: \$25 individual; \$40 family Information at FriendsoftheWichitas.org

Download CECF grant applications at CottonElectric.com. Deadline to submit fourth-quarter 2016 grant applications is Nov. 22.

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

Nature Store is newest Friend of Wichitas

"Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam, Where the deer and the antelope play, Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, And the skies are not cloudy all day." Dr. Brewster Higley, 1876

By Karen Kaley

Southwest Oklahoma is home to a 59,000-acre place where buffalo roam, deer and elk play, turkeys strut and longhorns graze. A population of prairie dogs bark at the more than 1.7 million visitors passing through the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge each year.

Visitors come to hike or bike or cruise slowly along the winding roads. They camp and fish. They hunt for great camera shots of mountain boomers, wildflowers and the landscape rolling away from Mount Scott. Under certain circumstances, they hunt the elk and deer.

is at the centrally located Visitors Center, where a guest key chains, postcards ... all tied back to the beauty of book has gathered signatures from Iceland, Russia, Ja- the Wildlife Refuge. pan and countless other places.

about the history of the Refuge or admire the works take care of the day-to-day running of the Nature Store. of local artists. Travelers can visit the Nature Store and Because FOW is a non-profit organization, all proceeds find the perfect keepsake to represent the wonder of the from the store will go toward keeping the refuge in top Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Each purchase shape.

now completely benefits the Refuge.

transition. At the behest of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, stewardship has shifted to the Friends of the Wichitas (FOW).

The transition was a big project that included fundraising to cover start-up costs, point-of-sale equipment, hardware and software. Inventory had dwindled in anticipation of the changeover, and FOW purchased what was left and has been replenishing the stock.

The project got a big boost in late 2015 when Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation chipped in \$5,000 for the changeover project. According to FOW treasurer Jim Meyer, the CECF grant was the largest single donation and it was doubled by a McMahon Foundation matching grant.

Soon, the Nature Store will be stuffed with books and Tourists come from all over the planet. Proof of that ball caps, T-shirts and toys, maps and magnets, wall art,

Because Friends of the Wichitas is a volunteer orga-At the Visitors Center, guests can see a short film nization, the board of directors has retained the staff to

For example, Meyer said, "(FOW) would like to re-The Nature Store has just completed a two-year store the big tower near Jed Johnson Lake. It has fallen into disrepair and there haven't been funds to keep it up. We would also like to restore the Ferguson house that was nearly destroyed in a fire."

> Those are just two items on the group's long list of ongoing and planned activities. FOW is very active, playing an essential role in keeping the refuge clean, accessible and enticing to visitors.

> The group has monthly work days focused on litter pickup or removing invasive plant species. They assist with prescribed burns and sell food during the annual bison and longhorn auctions.

> The Friends are quite familiar with the Refuge and lead walking tours throughout the year. Some tours are designed to make the most of certain times of the year, such as bugling elk in the fall and wildflower blooms in late spring.

> There are nighttime tours, such as the educational Stars over the Wichitas, where one might recall a closing stanza from Home on the Range:

"How often at night when the heavens are bright, With the light from the glittering stars, Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed, If their glory exceeds that of ours."



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No area too sparse for electric cooperative service

By Karen Kaley

Grandfield and Essaquanahdale substations are good examples of why electric cooperatives were established. They serve areas that have more cattle and crops than people and homes. But, no matter how far flung, Cotton Electric makes sure everyone capable of participating in the cooperative enjoys the benefit of electricity.

Grandfield sub serves the southwest corner of the Cotton Electric service territory. The area it covers stretches from the Red River north to Faxon and from Hollister in the middle of Tillman County to a few miles past Devol in Cotton County.

The majority of distribution line extending from Grandfield sub is in the southern part of District 5, represented by Tim McCary on the Cotton Electric board of trustees. About a third of the meters served homa and New Mexico. by Grandfield sub lie in District 7, represented by Steve Robinson.

At 446, more miles of line extend from this sub than any other on the system. However, power is delivered



to 1,355 meters, slightly more than the average number are about three meters per mile of line extending from the Grandfield substation.

In comparison, Essaquanahdale substation serves fewer miles of line, 303, and fewer meters, 1,036, across a smaller area. As a result, it has a higher density of meters, about 3.4 per mile. Situated entirely in Cotton County, the area straddles Robinson's District 7 and Dewayne High's District 8.

Substations are the hand-off point between the power supplier and the power distributor. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative owns, builds and is responsible for maintenance of all substations in the service territory for Cotton Electric and 20 other cooperatives in Okla-

WFEC also names the substations, usually for a nearof meters served by a Cotton Electric substation. There by town or other establishment. As time and memories move on, the reasoning behind a name is sometimes hard to determine. Grandfield sub is a few miles north of a small town with the same name. Essaquanahdale sub is named for a long-gone community associated with an oilfield by that name.

> The area served by the Grandfield and Essaquanahdale subs has seen some growth over the last decade and plans are in the works to build a new substation. A change in the construction time line for the Randlett substation means a delay in the final installment of this series of articles about substations.

> However, there is a different new WFEC installation nearby. We'll shine some light on that in the December issue of The Current.



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Michael Taylor loads rubber gloves for high-voltage testing in the new tester at Cotton Electric Services Inc.

Test lab updates work flow to accommodate newest tester

By Karen Kalev

quite fit, so you move things around, get rid of some stuff. Then you have to paint, now the light fixtures clash ... you end sitions, same as the old one," Woods said. up with a new space that works nicely around the new item.

That's what happened this past summer when the folks at CESI (Cotton Electric Services Inc.) learned the new glove tester they had ordered would be 4 feet longer than the one it would replace. It was not going to fit in the same spot along a short wall in the rectangular and slightly cramped test lab. Lab Supervisor Eric Woods and the rest of the staff worked out a plan to make it all fit.

"The length of the new machine required a shuffle in the layout of the lab," had to do a little bit of remodeling ahead United States. of the unit's arrival."

The new positioning of the glove tester meant reconfiguring electrical wiring and plumbing in the lab, which is a ton state," Woods said. project all by itself. While they were at it, they put in new LED lighting and ap- from date of receipt," he said, and the plied a fresh coat of paint to the walls. A large work table was cut down to a more manageable size and resurfaced.

A bonus to the new layout: "Now the work flow is more efficient," Woods said.

and follows a circuit around the room Woods said, because it's personal. for the various processes. One of the first stops is at the new tester.

since CESI purchased it and a twin. Parts You know how it goes: You acquire had become scarce, so Woods stripped a new piece of furniture but it doesn't the retiring unit for use on the second machine, which still works well.

> "The new apparatus has 10 testing po-"It will test a range from 5,000 to 40,000 volts, which is 10,000 higher than before."

> From the tester, gloves move around the room for two visual inspections. Gloves that pass are stamped and repackaged and sent out to a larger open space to await transport.

CESI is a for-profit subsidiary of the cooperative, specializing in the sales and testing of high-voltage rubber goods and protective equipment since 1990. CESI tests gloves and other personal protective equipment for electric cooperatives, mu-Woods said, and to make that work "we nicipalities and other utilities all over the

> 'We have served customers from California to Massachusetts, south Texas to Florida and all the way up to Washing-

> "We strive for a two-week turnaround new tester will help achieve that goal.

> "But our main focus is to keep everyone safe."

Six full-time and four part-time employees at CESI serve about 300 custom-Whether they are new or due for a re- ers. The lab is one of fewer than 50 scattest, a batch of gloves comes into the lab tered across the country. CESI is unique, Join us for the Cowboy poetry event





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tests had been run during the 15 years in a newly spiffed-up lab.

"Our perspective on the service we provide is a little different because we are Woods said the new machine does tied to the cooperative. Co-op employ-

That's because the well-experienced, The old machine had served the lab sharp-eyed CESI staff uses reliable well. Woods estimated 1.5 million glove equipment. And, they really like working

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Don't let GERD ruin your holiday

More than half of adults will experience symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, over a 12-month period. The upcoming food-focused holidays all but guarantee this will happen unless steps of prevention are taken.

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For some, the affliction is temporary. For others, it becomes a constant battle, often necessitating chronic use of over-the-counter or prescription medication.

There are lifestyle and dietary modifications that can help prevent GERD. Nov. 20-26 is GERD For awareness week. Learning prevention techniques now may help you referred to as indigestion, where avoid the uncomfortable symptoms of GERD, which could ruin your holiday celebrations.

occurs when there is a chronic the tissue to erode and lead to backwash of stomach acid into weakening of the sphincter or the esophagus. It is commonly muscle that separates the stom-



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

Food 2 THOUGHT

you experience a burning sensation in the middle of your neck.

Stomach acid is corrosive to the Gastroesophageal reflux disease esophagus tissue, and can cause

into the esophagus.

Many people get indigestion, but if it happens more than twice a week on a regular basis, you may have developed GERD.

The following factors increase your risk of GERD: smoking, pregnancy, obesity, asthma, diabetes, dry mouth, hiatal hernia, scleroderma, and delayed gastric emptying or gastroparesis. Preventing GERD can be achieved by addressing the modifiable risk factors. In addition, certain dietary changes can help reduce the lead to GERD.

Reduce consumption of, or feine, chocolate, peppermint, or fruits like oranges and tomatoes, esophagus requiring surgery.

ach from the esophagus, resulting although other fruits and vegetain more stomach acid escaping bles may affect certain individuals.

> Certain lifestyle changes can help as well, including taking a walk after a meal to speed gastric emptying, avoiding eating for two hours before bedtime, eating small but frequent meals versus three larger meals per day - or one giant meal on Thanksgiving Day - and sleeping on your left

If you attempt these dietary and lifestyle changes and still experience symptoms of GERD on a regular basis, make an apincidence of indigestion that may pointment with your doctor. Left untreated, GERD can lead to a precancerous condition called eliminate, foods containing caf- Barrett's esophagus, result in an esophageal stricture or narrowspearmint. Avoid alcohol, car- ing that will impact your ability bonated beverages, and acidic to swallow, or lead to a tear in the



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• Your heartburn hap- esophagus, and manage or

Treatment options in-• Your heartburn gets clude lifestyle changes, medicines, surgery, or a combination of approaches.

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15) Talk to your doctor.

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curs when the muscle barrier between the stomach and the esophagus does not work as it should or is somehow overwhelmed.



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Tried-and-true or something new

Current News

Classic ingredient works for traditionalists and adventurous eaters

(Family Features) The holiday season for Green Bean Casserole – a tried-and-is here, and with it comes the promise true dish that's a mainstay of any holi-Interval dish that's a mainstay of any holiof family gatherings and delicious meals. day food spread. It's easy to see why: A 12 To guarantee everyone walks away happy and full, it's important to make sure those meals have a little something for everyone, from the dedicated traditionalist to the flavor adventurer.

charge of bringing a family favorite to nos are also great as a snack or on top. the table, French's Crispy Fried Onions traditional holiday meals for decades, so they're a must-have on your shopping list. Plus, your purchase this holiday season will help provide 1 million family meals through Feeding America.

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creamy mushroom sauce meets tender green beans and an irresistibly crunchy 1/2top layer.

Part of the fun is also giving old classics new life. The perfect way to add a little Whether you're hosting or just in kick in a recipe, French's Crispy Jalape- 1/4

Put them to the test by putting some- 1/4have been adding the perfect crunch to thing new on your family's table: a plate 2 of Jalapeno Bacon Deviled Eggs. From the savory bacon to the sweet relish and the spicy crunch, there are so many reasons why it's impossible to have just one.

For more holiday recipe inspiration,

- hard cooked eggs, peeled and halved lengthwise
- cup mayonnaise
- tablespoons French's Classic 3 Yellow Mustard or Classic Yellow Spicy Mustard
- cup crumbled cooked bacon, plus additional for garnish
- tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 1/2 cup French's Crispy Jalapenos, crushed, plus additional garnish
- 3 green onions, chopped (optional)

Remove egg yolks, reserving egg whites. In small bowl, lightly mash egg yolks. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Spoon or pipe mixture into egg whites. cup finely shredded cheddar cheese Garnish with additional bacon and crispy jalapenos.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.



- can(101/2 ounces)
- 3/4cup milk
- 1/8

Heat oven to 350 F.

In 1 1/2-quart baking dish, mix soup, milk and pepper. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup onions.

Bake 30 minutes or until hot. Stir. Top with remaining onions. Bake 5 minutes until onions are golden.



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Green Bean Casserole



- teaspoon black pepper



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