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*From our family to yours*

## Merry Christmas

*Wishing you joy and happiness  
this holiday season and in the coming year.*

*The Board of Trustees and Employees of Cotton Electric Cooperative*



## Weathering through a long-term outage

By Danielle Quickle

Long-term power outages, although rare, have the potential to become a reality for Cotton Electric members.

Typically, power outages are short-term problems, but winter weather can pose a threat to the grid. When

snow and ice build up, they weigh down power lines, equipment and trees. Falling tree branches are especially good at taking out otherwise stable power lines.

High winds are another winter problem that can cause outages. Gusty days see a lot of power outages

as the wind causes powerlines to swing. This will cause a fault or even break poles and pull lines down.

Southwest Oklahoma is in the midst of winter weather. Cotton Electric members may find these tips handy to weather a power outage, should it occur.

### Water

Your family needs at least one gallon of water per person, per day, to function during an emergency.

You'll also need extra water for pets, cooking and hygiene. It's smart to have at least a week's worth of water on hand.



### Food

If the power goes out for an extended period of time, store shelves will be emptied within hours and they might not be restocked for a while.

This is why having a long-term food pantry is important. Focus on storing shelf-stable food that your family already eats. Some good options include:

- Peanut butter
- Crackers
- Canned vegetables
- Granola bars
- Instant coffee and tea
- Comfort food, such as cookies
- Cereal
- Dried fruit
- Fruit juice
- Manual can opener

You can find a full list of food that works well for an emergency food supply at Ready.gov.



### Heating

In the winter, you're going to need supplies to stay warm. If you're lucky enough to have a fireplace or wood stove, you only need to worry about having enough firewood on hand. A portable kerosene heater is an option for those without fireplaces. Be sure to pay close attention to safety guidelines.

Make sure you have a sleeping bag for every member of your family. Sleeping bags are incredibly effective at trapping body heat. Smaller children can sleep with adults to stay warm.



### Refrigerator and Freezer

Your refrigerator and freezer will keep food cold longer if you don't open them. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for four hours. After this, temperatures will begin to rise.

A full, unopened freezer will keep food frozen for 48 hours, a half-full freezer will stay frozen for 24 hours.

You can extend the cooling life of your refrigerator by keeping one or two gallons of water in the freezer; not only will this make your freezer more efficient when the power is on but when it goes off, you can transfer the frozen jugs to the fridge to keep food cold longer.



### Emergency supply kit checklist:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for pet
- Important family documents
- Cash
- Emergency reference materials
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Complete change of clothing
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches
- Personal hygiene items
- Plasticware and utensils and paper towels
- Paper and pencil (write down important addresses and phone numbers)
- Books, games and other children's activities

### Lighting

You will also need to look at how you're going to illuminate your home when the lights go out. Candles are an inexpensive choice, but keep in mind that they can be dangerous, especially if you have children in the house. Some better lighting options include:

- Flashlights
- Headlamps
- LED or solar-powered lanterns

If you have outdoor solar lights in your yard, remember that you can move these indoors at night to light up hallways or bathrooms. Just remember to put them back outside to recharge during the day.



### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Dec. 1, 2018, is (\$0.00269) per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1,250 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a credit of \$3.36 on the December bill.

### November 2018 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	62	42	52	16	68	32	50
2	71	41	56	17	66	30	48
3	69	42	56	18	36	27	32
4	60	44	52	19	57	22	40
5	74	45	60	20	57	27	42
6	75	43	59	21	61	27	44
7	64	49	57	22	65	28	47
8	54	43	49	23	74	36	55
9	57	34	46	24	76	30	53
10	54	25	40	25	54	32	43
11	59	41	50	26	57	23	40
12	46	29	38	27	62	24	43
13	40	21	31	28	67	28	48
14	50	18	34	29	75	30	53
15	69	24	47	30	68	39	54

Source: [srh.noaa.gov/out/](http://srh.noaa.gov/out/)

Average Daily High: 62 Average Daily Low: 33

### Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday and Jan. 1, 2019 for the New Year 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 Jan. 22, 2019.

### 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](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).

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

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From the CEO

# Co-op focused on improving service

As the year comes to an end, I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your support and involvement in your cooperative.



Jennifer Meason, CEO

Our founding members started this journey 80 years ago and over the past eight decades, we've seen many changes and advancements. Your cooperative utility plant is now valued at over \$100 million and provides service to 22,100 meters along 5,165 miles of line.

The Board of Trustees and employees of Cotton Electric take that responsibility very seriously. Over the past year, we've focused on projects to improve your service quality, reliability and expedite restoration efforts when severe weather hits our area.

Cotton Electric's vegetation management and preventative maintenance programs are key items in our strategic plan. As part of the Cooperative's maintenance program, utility poles are inspected and replaced in a proactive manner. In 2018, 8,500 poles were inspected leading to the replacement of 1,105.

This proactive approach improves safety and increases system reliability and resiliency during severe weather events.

Our vegetation management program is a three-pronged approach of clear cutting, trimming in front of residences at least 10 feet below the neutral line, and following up with herbicide application to prevent regrowth. Throughout the year, our employees evaluate the system for tree issues and determine the most economical and effective methods of treatment.

After this year's evaluation, crews clear cut and trimmed 30 miles of line and applied herbicide applications over 69 miles. Through this program, we've seen improvement in the ability of the system to weather storms with minimal damage in addition to improving power quality.

We expanded our meter pilot project to the east side of our system and had a positive outcome. After seeing the results of the pilot project, we will begin a full deployment of the new system over a three-year period. The new system will provide more detailed energy use information as well as notify us as outages occur.

We're excited to deploy a system that will help our crews restore power in a



CEC's vegetation management has improved power quality in 2018 by trimming 30 miles of line and applying herbicide to more than 69 miles.

more efficient manner and better assist our members. Stay tuned for more information as we make progress in 2019.

Providing safe, reliable and affordable power for our members is our mission but we know our purpose goes beyond the meter.

With your help, the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation continued to make a positive impact in our communities through grants awarded in 2018.

Since its inception in 2004, your generosity has provided \$1,110,000 to individuals and organizations in need in our service area.

We've made good progress this year and look forward to keeping the momentum going in 2019. Thank you for your support and from the Cotton Electric family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## CECF announces fourth-quarter contributions

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

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

The funds are pooled and administered by the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF), a board of directors that meets quarterly to consider grant applications.

The board consists of Jennifer Meason, the co-op's CEO; Ken Layn, president of the co-op's board of trustees; and three representatives from the Cotton Electric service area: Carly Douglass, Danny Marlett and Carter Waid.

The board met in December to review 15 grant applications. Grants totaling \$21,677.83 were issued to 10 of the applicants. Fourth-quarter grants include:

- Alzheimer's Association of Oklahoma will use a \$1,644.83 CECF grant to purchase a computer and printer.
- Cache High School will use a \$2,000 CECF grant to purchase microscopes.
- Duncan Area Literacy Council will use a \$384



CECF grant to purchase workbooks for the agency's citizenship program.

- Empire Public School will purchase PE equipment with a \$1,000 CECF grant.
- Indianoma Community Food Bank will purchase food with a \$2,500 CECF grant.
- Indianoma High School will use a \$949 CECF grant to purchase start up equipment for a school store run by students.
- Meers Volunteer Fire Department will put a \$5,000 CECF grant toward a project to outfit a truck with a water tank.
- United Way of Southwest Oklahoma will purchase

Download CECF grant applications at CottonElectric.com.

Deadline for first-quarter 2019 grant applications is March 13.

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.

a projector with a \$700 CECF grant.

- Wichita Mountain Estates Fire Department will purchase wild land gear with a \$5,000 CECF grant.
- St. Ann Catholic Church will disburse a \$2,500 CECF grant to a family struggling with a catastrophic illness.

CECF has awarded or pledged grants totaling \$1,163,855.88 since the foundation was established in 2004.

Applications for 2019 first-quarter grants are due March 13. Downloadable applications are available at CottonElectric.com.



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holidays? Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets, like TVs, gaming consoles, chargers and DVD players use energy when plugged into an outlet, even when they're not in use.

Source: energy.gov



**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.

	2018	2017
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$4,928,245	\$4,800,048
Cost of Purchased Power	3,107,347	3,172,284
Taxes	98,632	96,805
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	895	892
Average Farm and Residential Bill	124	119
Average Farm and Residential kWh	964	929
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,407	18,308
Miles Energized	5,165	5,168
Density Per Mile	3.56	3.54
New Service Connects YTD	248	229
Services Retired	99	125

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# CEC offers new rebates for new year

Cotton Electric has announced standards for the 2019 Rebate Program for the purchase and installation of certain energy-efficient equipment and fuel conversion measures. Shifting focus from only ground source heat pumps, the program will expand to include rebates for air source heat pumps, mini-splits and water heaters installed under certain conditions.

Rebate funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once rebate funds have been exhausted, the program will end for the year. The maximum rebate in 2019 will be \$4,000 per residence.

Heat pumps and mini-splits must be installed by a licensed contractor. Indoor and outdoor equipment must be replaced at the same time. Members will need to provide a copy of their itemized invoice and, from the HVAC contractor or supplier, AHRI certification and Manual J calculation in order to qualify for the program. Verification by Cotton Electric personnel and an Energy Efficiency Home Evaluation are also required to receive the rebate.

**Ground source heat pumps (GSHP)** – Rebates are paid on new installations or GSHP to GSHP replacements. A desuperheater is not required but additional rebates are available if one is part of a GSHP installation.

Minimum standards vary for closed and open loop installations and apply to the full load operation of a GSHP, not the partial load. The amount of rebate is determined by the size of each unit, its Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) and Coefficient of Performance (COP).

Qualifying units can receive a rebate of up to \$750 per ton installed if the unit meets the minimum specifications, which are 15.9 EER and 3.3 COP for closed loop systems and 18.0 EER and 3.6 COP for open loop.

To qualify for a rebate when replacing an existing GSHP system with another GSHP system, the new installation must increase the EER by at least 3.0. The minimum specification for COP is 3.3 for closed loop systems and 3.6 for open loop. Rebates are \$300 per ton.

**Air source heat pumps / Mini-splits** – Rebates are paid on replacement of existing heat pumps, new construction or conversion from natural gas or propane furnaces to total electric heat pumps. Rebates are per unit, not per ton.

To qualify, units must meet standards that vary with the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) rating.

A unit with a 16.00 to 16.99 SEER must have an EER of 12.0 or greater and a Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) of 9.0 or greater. Rebates are \$400 per

unit for a replacement and \$650 per unit in the case of fuel conversion or new construction.

A unit with a 17.00 to 17.99 SEER must have an EER of 12.3 or greater and a HSPF of 9.0 or greater. Rebates are \$500 per unit for a replacement and \$750 per unit for fuel conversion or new construction.

A unit with 18.00 or greater SEER must have an EER of 12.5 or greater and a HSPF of 9.5 or greater. Rebates are \$600 per unit for a replacement and \$850 per unit for fuel conversion or new construction.

**Water heaters** – Rebates are offered for water heaters installed in new homes or as part of a home expansion project. Conversion from natural gas or propane to an electric water heater also qualifies for a rebate. Water heaters should have a minimum 40-gallon capacity, an energy factor of .95 or greater and a manufacturer's warranty of 5 years or greater. Tankless water heaters are not eligible.

Collecting the rebate requires an AHRI reference sheet, invoice or receipt dated after Jan. 1, 2019, and an inspection by Cotton Electric.

To arrange an inspection or for information to make sure your purchase is eligible, please contact Heath Morgan, Cotton Electric's energy efficiency coordinator, at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

## Cotton offers youth-gear opportunities

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

Area juniors can submit a 600-word essay for a chance to participate in the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour. This year's topic, "What do you find most interesting about electric cooperatives?" will be the key focus for all submissions.

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

Another summer opportunity is available for eighth-graders whose parents or guardians are Cotton Electric members. This contest requires a short paragraph about why the entrant would like to attend the 2018 Youth Power Energy Camp from May 29 through June 1 at



Canyon Camp in Red Rock Canyon, southeast of Hinton.

Information packets with Youth Tour contest rules and regulations, entry forms, cooperative information and basic details of the contest have been distributed to area English and Ag teachers and counselors.

The registration deadline for entering is Jan. 18, 2019.

Information about Energy Camp will be distributed in January to schools in the Cotton Electric service territory.

For information on any of the contests, contact the Marketing departments at 580-875-3351 or by email at info@cotnonelectric.com.

# The Current

## 2019 Publication Schedule

The Current will complete its 62nd year of publication in 2019. We look forward to serving the membership with stories, photos and the ever-popular classified ads.

Dates listed below are deadlines to reserve display advertising space, deadline to submit a classified ad and the day you should expect your copy of The Current to arrive in your mailbox.

January		February		March	
Ad Sales	Jan. 4	Ad Sales	Feb. 1	Ad Sales	Mar. 1
Classified	Jan. 9	Classified	Feb. 6	Classified	Mar. 6
Publish Date	Jan. 22	Publish Date	Feb. 19	Publish Date	Mar. 18
April		May		June	
Ad Sales	Mar. 29	Ad Sales	Apr. 26	Ad Sales	May 24
Classified	Apr. 3	Classified	May 1	Classified	May 29
Publish Date	Apr. 15	Publish Date	May 13	Publish Date	June 10
July		August		September	
Ad Sales	June 28	Ad Sales	July 26	Ad Sales	Aug. 30
Classified	July 3	Classified	July 31	Classified	Sept. 4
Publish Date	July 15	Publish Date	Aug. 12	Publish Date	Sept. 16
October		November		December	
Ad Sales	Sept. 21	Ad Sales	Nov. 1	Ad Sales	Nov. 29
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# Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the January issue, please submit information by Jan. 9, by calling 580-875-4255 or send an email to [TheCurrent@cottonelectric.com](mailto:TheCurrent@cottonelectric.com).

### Market announces winter hours

Lawton Farmers Market, an initiative of the Southwest Oklahoma Growers Association, returns for winter months in the Cameron University Animal Sciences building at the Agriculture Facility from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday, running through the end of March 2019.

Shoppers will find a variety of choices at the winter market, including winter produce, sprouts, micro greens, meat, eggs, honey, nuts, and handmade and artisan items.

The building is located on Southwest 38th Street and is south of Dr. Elsie Hamm Drive and the railroad crossing. Parking is available on the south side of the building.

For more information about the market or becoming a vendor at the market, visit [LawtonFarmersMarket.com](http://LawtonFarmersMarket.com) or send an email to [lawtonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com](mailto:lawtonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com).

### Kona Ice fundraiser in Lawton

Kona Ice Truck will be serving shaved ice all year and flavored hot chocolate in the winter months from 3-4:15 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month until May 2019 at 704 W. Gore Blvd in Lawton.

To work around the holidays, the truck will be open Nov. 29 and Dec 13.

Twenty percent of proceeds go to St. Mary's Catholic School. Kona Ice is lower sugar with sugar-free options and fortified with Vitamins C and D and antioxidants.

Options are also allergy-friendly because they are gluten free, nut free, dairy free and include no high fructose corn syrup.

For more information visit the Kona Ice Fundraiser Facebook page.

### Local church presents Live Nativity

As part of Holiday in the Park, Central Baptist Church of Lawton presents the Live Nativity from 6 to 8 p.m. each night Dec. 21-23 at Elmer Thomas Park.

The Live Nativity is a presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ. Complete with authentic costumes, live animals and narration. This family-friendly event brings the Bible alive.

For more information, contact Chairman Michael Tennis at 580-284-6864.

### Christmas dinner served in Duncan

Designed to offer a traditional meal and fellowship for those who might be alone or unable to cook, the 30th annual Christmas dinner will be served to any and all from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Day at Stephens County fairgrounds.

Carryout meals will also be available. Volunteers will deliver some meals. Carryouts and deliveries should be arranged

in advance by calling 580-255-3231.

### Bull Bash set for Jan. 5

Jett Solutions presents the third annual action-packed Bull Bash Jan. 5, 2019, at the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center. Proceeds benefit local communities through ESA Sigma Nu Marlow Chapter philanthropic projects.

Advance tickets can be purchased in Marlow at Tangles Salon and Frontier Feed, and in Duncan at Crutcher's Western Wear.

For information, call Monica Baker at 580-721-0491.

### Magic Lantern offers documentary

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

The Jan. 18 offering will be "Encounters at the End of the World," a 2008 documentary directed by Werner Herzog.

Herzog travels to Antarctica, where he finds a desolate, beautiful landscape, largely untouched by human hands and a group of truly unique people who risk their lives to study it.

Centered at McMurdo Station, the United States' largest Antarctic research center, Herzog explores the minds of the scientists willing to abandon civilization and endure volatile conditions to learn more about the continent's wildlife and awe-inspiring natural wonders.

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

### WMQG quilt show set for Feb. 2019

Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild is hosting the Home Sweet Home Quilt Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton.

Quilters can enter in 33 categories and become eligible to win a variety of awards including Best of Show. Participants may enter one item per category.

Entry fee for members is \$10 per item, non-members can enter their first item for \$20 with each additional item for only \$10.

Entry forms must be filled out and submitted by Jan. 14, 2019, and entries must be delivered by Feb. 4, 2019.

Admission is \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance. Children under 12 enter for free and a group discount of 10 or more is available. Tickets can be purchased from Guild Members, at Quilt N Bee in Cache or online.

For online ticket purchases, entry forms and guidelines and information, visit the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild's website at [wmqg.net](http://wmqg.net).

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Aspen loves baking peanut butter pies with Grandma. She is the daughter of Trenten and Laura Files and the granddaughter of Cotton Electric members Shan and Starlet Files.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for January is Four-Legged Friends. Entries can be emailed to [TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com](mailto:TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com) or mailed to The Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize package of CEC goodies.

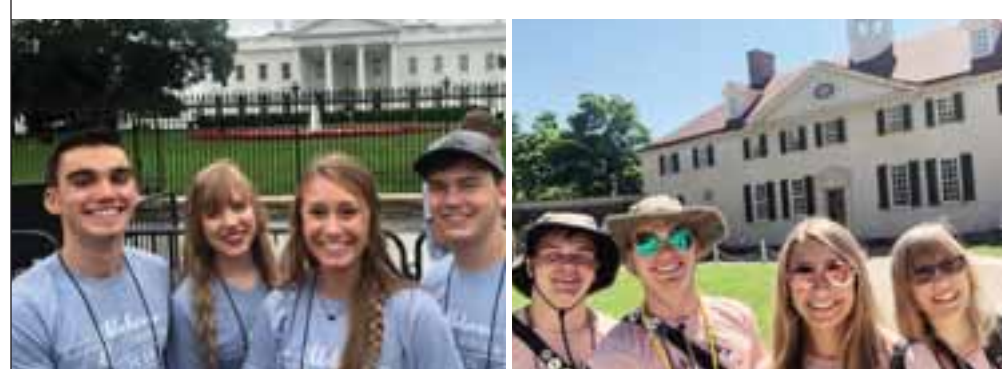
## Senior center hosts weekly dances

Duncan Senior Citizens Center presents country and western dances from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday. Tuesdays feature Bill Dewbre and Old Country. Buzz Carter and the Shadow

Riders play every Saturday. Admission is \$6 and includes free coffee and soft drinks. Donations are appreciated. For information, call the center at 580-255-6902.



## High School Juniors: Win an all-expense paid "trip of a lifetime" to Washington D.C.



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# Sun shines on southwest Oklahoma

By Danielle Quickle

When the sun comes up, we go to work. Farmers head to their fields, children get on the school bus and linemen start their bucket trucks. The same goes for Cotton Electric's small solar site.

Since January of 2017, 950 solar panels have worked from sun up until sun down to generate power for Cotton Electric members.

A year ago, The Current ran an article explaining the data collected after the solar site's first 11 months of operation. If you would like to refresh your memory, a copy of the 2017 December issue of The Current can be found at CottonElectric.com under the Member Services tab. The end of the article promises an update on the site at the end of 2018.

In its first year, the site produced 405,191 kWh (kilowatt hours), this year the site is already 20,000 kWh ahead of last year's production. Based on 11 months of data in 2018, Cotton Electric has received 425,492 kWh of solar energy. That amount of energy is equivalent to 605,607.7 pounds of carbon offset and 254.4 barrels of oil.

In terms of powering homes, the total power generated divided by 11 months is 38,681. This number divided by the average Cotton Electric member's monthly energy use, 1,250 kWh, comes out to 31. Thirty-one is the number of homes that could be served completely off of the site's solar energy if generation and energy use were simultaneous.



Live data about the solar site near Devol, such as monthly production as shown above, can be seen at <http://kiosk.datareadings.com/ITjbQANC/overview>.

The site is owned and operated by CEC power supplier Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC). Cotton's is one of 12 small solar sites in Oklahoma and Texas. These sites, along with four large solar plants, are overseen by WFEC.

Justin Soderberg is the manager of engineering and technical services for WFEC. Soderberg has been involved with power generation at Western for nearly 20 years and recently began overseeing the solar power generation. WFEC power generation comes from a variety of sources which include wind, solar and hydro.

"Every form of energy generation has its place when it comes to generating

power," Soderberg said. "A combination of renewable and non-renewable is how we keep the lights on."

Using clean energy is not the only way members see benefits when it comes to solar power.

"Solar sites do not cost near as much to manage and maintain compared to other energy sources," Soderberg said. "For this reason, WFEC is able to help co-ops keep rates low by using an economical power source."

Cotton Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative. When power purchase rates are low, member's rates remain low.

In the solar site's lifetime, it has produced 851,943 kWh. This is equivalent

to 1,239,729.1 pounds of carbon offset and 520.9 barrels of oil.

Cotton Electric members have access to this information where they can see live up-to-date data on power generation from the solar site, the link can be found in the caption above.

Cotton Electric is one of 16 Oklahoma cooperatives who have a solar site through Western Farmers. Although fairly new, solar has proven itself to be a viable source of energy.

"I think we will be seeing a lot more solar in the future," Soderberg said. "It's cost-effective, efficient and clean and it has shown to be a successful component of the generation mix."

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# Community Spotlight

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Participants will read a story, sing songs and do an activity. Children who have not yet started school are welcome if accompanied by parent or caregiver.

For more information, call 580-685-2929 Ext. 6.

## Chapter of the Blind meets monthly

Duncan Chapter of the Blind meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at New Hope Baptist Church, 200 S. 42nd Street.

This is an opportunity for those who are visually impaired or blind and their caregivers to learn about the availability of services and equipment such as white cane training and large lighted magnifiers. The group also provides information about free access to an extensive library of audio books.

For information about the group or to arrange free transportation to the monthly meeting, call 580-786-8041 or 427-2933.

## Honor guard serves SW Oklahoma

Seeing a need in the area, several military veterans

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

The uniformed guard furnishes a 21-gun salute, plays taps and folds a flag for presentation to the family. The guard travels anywhere in Stephens, Cotton, Comanche and Jefferson counties, and has made special trips into Grady and Carter counties.

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

For information about joining the guard or securing its services, make contact with L.D. Williams at 580-439-8244.

## Monthly lecture at The Foreman Prairie House

Join the docents and volunteers at The Foreman Prairie House at noon every third Thursday of the month for lunch and lecture.

Listen to artists, historians and craftsmen while enjoying a homemade artisan-style lunch. The subject and speaker for the lecture change every month so you get new knowledge with every freshly prepared meal.

Cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by dialing or texting 580-512-9153.

# CTHC announces poetry winners

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan sponsored its first cowboy poetry contest for students in grades kindergarten through senior high school. A total of 27 entries were submitted from Oklahoma and Texas.

First- through sixth-place poets received a trophy, and two honorable mentions were awarded. All students received a certificate of participation, and a family pass for a visit to the Heritage Center.

Liliana Amore of Elgin received the first-place trophy with her poem, "On the Chisholm Trail." Amore, a homeschool student, recently attended the Heritage Center's "Writing from Historical Objects" workshop, where she was actually inspired to write her poem.

Bailey Whipple of Kingfisher earned second place, with "A Cowboy's Last Prayer." Comanche Elementary School second-grader Jordan Smith placed third with her poem, "At Home on the Old Chisholm Trail," which tells the story of living "where the Chisholm Trail" used to be.

Honorable mention went to Tripp O'Daniel of Bray-Doyle Elementary for "My Horse." Bray-Doyle Elementary fourth-grade teacher Cindy Johnson encouraged her students to get creative and sub-



Jordan Smith, center, accepts her trophy and participation certificate from CTHC's Executive Director Stacy Cramer Moore, left, and CTHC board member Ron Secoy, right.

mit poems and artwork. Most of her class participated in the contest.

At the Chisholm Trail Cowboy Poetry Gathering held Nov. 16, Amore, Whipple and Smith accepted their awards and also read their poems.

Judges for the student contest were Jay Snider of Cyril and George Rhoades of Duncan, both published authors and cowboy poets. They agreed that Amore, Whipple and Smith's poems were excellent examples of rhyme and content for cowboy poetry, noting that it was a great experience to judge the contest, which had many clever entries.

This program was made possible through funding by Chisholm Trail Heritage Center members.

To learn more about the Heritage Center, which is a nonprofit organization, visit [www.onthechisholmtrail.com](http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com), which offers links to all social media sites; or call (580) 252-6692.

The Heritage Center is open seven days a week, but closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Cotton Electric members receive \$1 off admission when they show their Co-op Connections card at the door.

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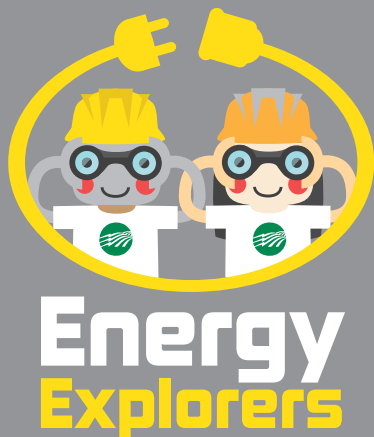
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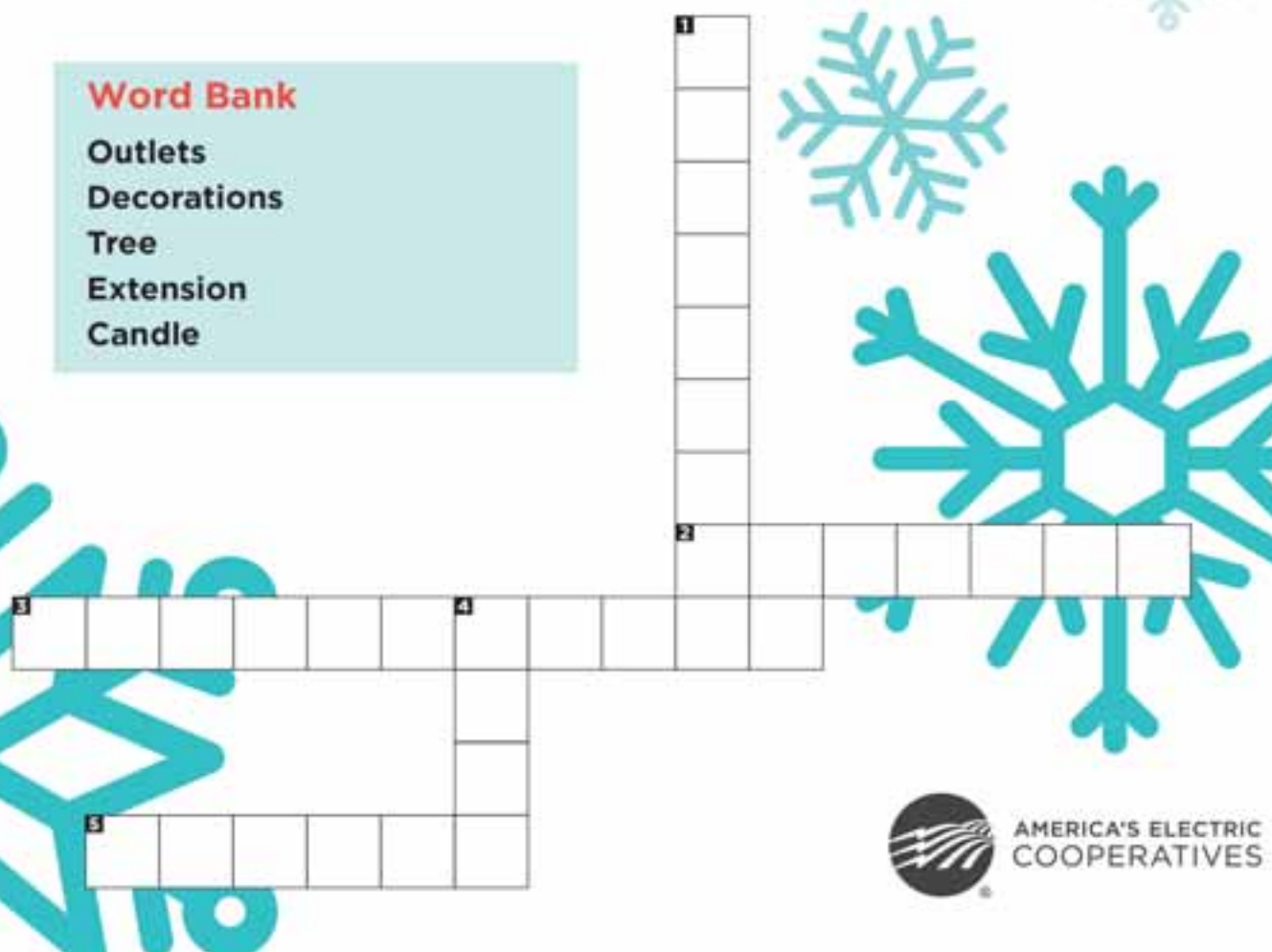


## Clues

- 1 Down:** \_\_\_\_\_ cords used for holiday decorations should be checked for damage or exposed wires.
- 2 Across:** Do not overload electrical \_\_\_\_\_ with too many decorations or appliances.
- 3 Across:** Turn off all electrical \_\_\_\_\_ before leaving home or going to sleep.
- 4 Down:** Make sure your Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ is watered daily.
- 5 Across:** Never leave a \_\_\_\_\_ burning if you're not in the room.

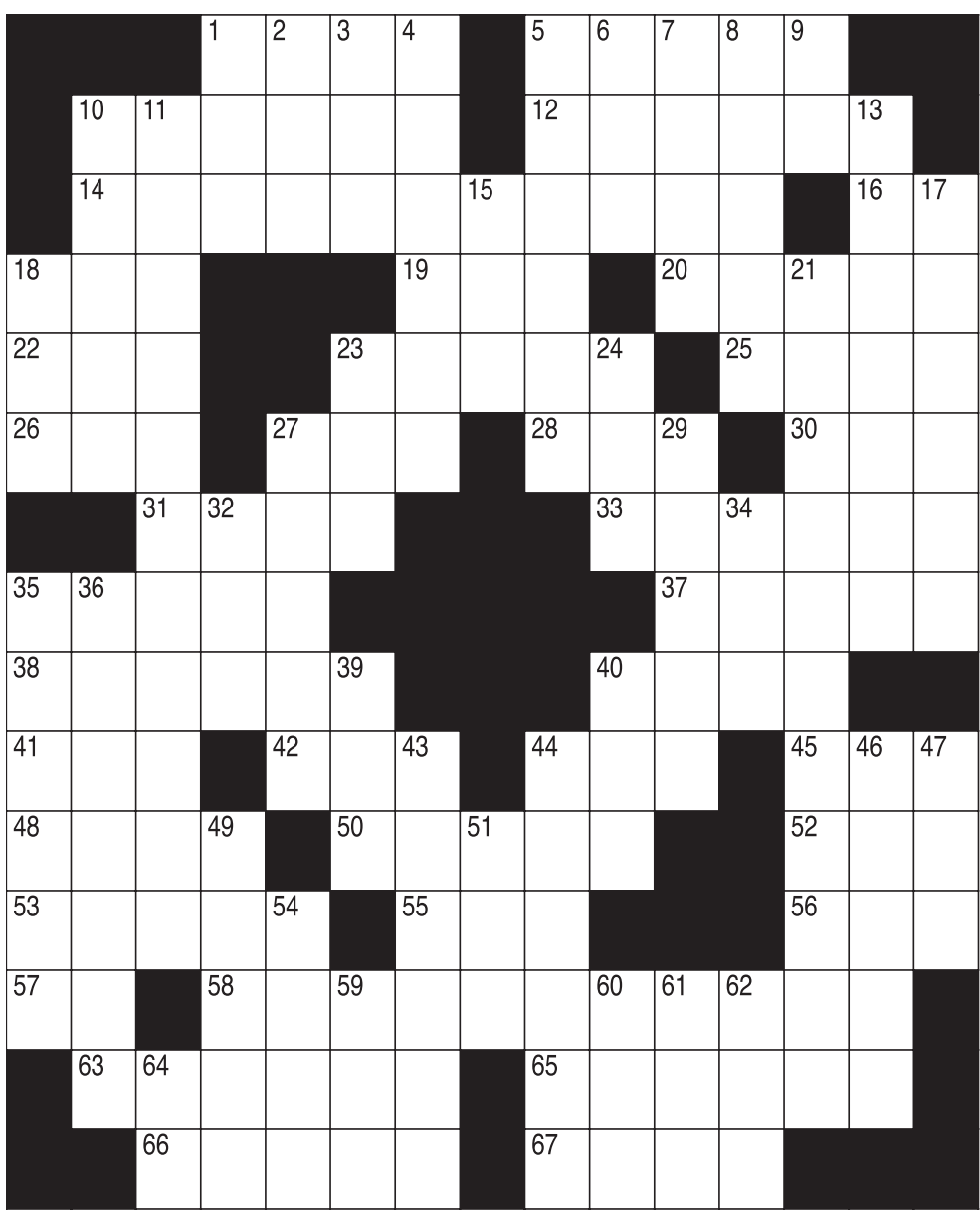
## Word Bank

- Outlets
- Decorations
- Tree
- Extension
- Candle



## ACROSS

- 1. Pairs
- 5. Try to gain favor
- 10. Bloodsucking African fly
- 12. Preserve a dead body
- 14. Philly delicacy
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Agency
- 19. Teenagers' test
- 20. Net
- 22. Computer memory
- 23. Drove fast
- 25. Expression of annoyance
- 26. Google certification
- 27. A way to caress
- 28. Charles S. Dutton sitcom
- 30. OJ's judge
- 31. Pack up
- 33. Croc hunter
- 35. Extract
- 37. Leg parts
- 38. Herbal tea
- 40. Humans have 10
- 41. Autonomic nervous system
- 42. Swiss river
- 44. Paddle
- 45. Taxi
- 48. Something to break
- 50. Hoarse
- 52. Flow's partner
- 53. Famed English cricketer
- 55. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 56. Peacock network
- 57. Sports highlight show
- 58. Great generosity
- 63. Barbary sheep
- 65. Agave
- 66. Crab (German)
- 67. Egyptian god of life



## DOWN

- 1. Speedy ballplayer Gordon
- 2. Utah athlete
- 3. Former CIA
- 4. Teeter totter
- 5. Sporting dog
- 6. Woman (French)
- 7. Greek sophist
- 8. Gathered leaves
- 9. Milliliter
- 10. African nation
- 11. In a brazen way
- 13. Aquatic mammal
- 15. Pouch
- 17. Denies
- 18. Germany
- 21. Brightness
- 23. Cool!
- 24. Department of Defense
- 27. Indian city
- 29. "Our Betters" director
- 32. Ice cream brand
- 34. Midway between north and northeast
- 35. Postage are one type
- 36. Balearic island
- 39. Body part
- 40. Scotland's longest river
- 43. Where rafters go
- 44. Type of Kia
- 46. Where monks live
- 47. UK TV station
- 49. A way to raise an objection
- 51. Sunscreen rating
- 54. Unfriendly
- 59. Catch
- 60. Panthers' QB
- 61. Self
- 62. Type of sister
- 64. Alright

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Your monthly Cotton Electric bill includes a lot of information. On the next page is an explanation of some of the numbers and terms.

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0000000001	SW-00-0N-00W MOBILE	ENERGY CHARGE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ROUNDUP AMT	R	TT00001	11/04/18 12/04/18	30	47877 49569	1	1692	180.76 8.81 0.43
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE										190.00

SAMPLE BILL

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11 STATEMENT DATE 12/15/2018 12 MEMBER # 00000 13 CYCLE 3

THIS BILL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

ACCT	Amount
0000000001	190.00

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Member #: 0000 Invoice: 0000  
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# Understanding your electric bill

## 1. PCA Factor

Cotton Electric Cooperative purchases power from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC). The power comes from a blend of fuel sources such as hydro, coal, natural gas, wind and solar. The cost of each source fluctuates each month and Cotton Electric applies a power cost adjustment (PCA) to member bills to reflect the fluctuation. The PCA has been a credit for seven out of the 12 months from January through December 2017.

## 2. Invoice Number

Bills showing charges for more than one meter will have an invoice number. In addition to simplifying bookkeeping, it saves on the cost of printing and postage for a separate bill for each meter.

## 3. Bill Code

In most cases, this will be an R for a regular bill.

## 4. Account Number

This is a unique number assigned to every meter Cotton serves. The number is derived from where the meter is located on the service territory grid. It appears at the top of the bill and below the perforation so both parts will show the number or numbers when they are separated.

## 5. Legal Description

This is a commonly used locating number. It is not as precise as the Cotton Electric grid numbering system.

## 6. Description

There may be only one line here for a meter's energy charge, which consists of the customer charge, usage charge, PCA and some taxes. Charges for a security

## Billing cycles tied to fixed dates

Cotton Electric Cooperative uses "Cycle Billing" with billing based on meter readings obtained by the cooperative's automated meter reading system and from meter reader personnel.

Cycle billing means that meter readings and billing occur on specific cycles. Instead of mailing bills to all members on the last day of the month, bills are mailed in two groups. Billing, bank draft and penalty dates are all tied to fixed dates within each month.

**CYCLE ONE** has black lettering. Bills are mailed the **5TH DAY** of each month. Bank drafts are made on the 15th day of the month. Penalties will be assessed on bills paid after the 20th

day of the month.

**CYCLE THREE** has some red lettering. Bills are mailed the **15TH DAY** of each month. Bank drafts are made on the 25th day of the month. Penalties will be assessed on bills paid after the first day of the following month.

The calendar sometimes results in additional days of usage to be included in the meter reading and billing period. Your bill indicates the approximate number of days for which you are being billed.

The date on which payment is due is also indicated. Returning your payment on time will help you avoid unnecessary penalty charges.

light may be listed here. Participants in Operation Round Up can see how much the bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar, an amount that will never be more than 99 cents in any month.

## 7. Service Dates & Number of Days

The number of days in a billing period will vary, usually because of the number of days in a calendar month.

## 8. Pay By Phone

Electronic check or credit/debit card payments can be made at any time via this phone number. Listen carefully and follow the prompts.

## 9. Kiosk Bar Code

This bar code is unique to each member account. It will automatically pull

up the account when exposed to the bar code reader of a payment kiosk at the Cotton Electric office at 1101 W. Oak in Duncan. Cash or credit/debit card payments can be made at any time at this outside kiosk.

## 10. Peak Time

Energy consumption peaks between 3 and 7 p.m. in the summer months. Conserving energy during those hours will help control your power bill.

## 11. Statement Date

This will be either the 5th or the 15th of the month. Your billing cycle determines which day of the month your statement will be issued.

## 12. Member Number

This a second unique number assigned to each membership. An individual

member may have many meters that fall under the member number. However, each membership counts as one in matters such as voting at district and annual meetings – one membership, one vote.

## 13. Cycle

Cycle 1 statements are in the mail on the 5th of each month and payment is delinquent after the 20th. Cycle 3 statements are in the mail on the 15th and payment is delinquent after the first day of the following month.

## 14. Perforation

When paying by mail, please tear off the bottom portion of your bill and return it with your payment. When paying in person, please bring the entire bill with you

## 15. Total Due Now

All bills are due upon receipt. It is each member's responsibility to pay his or her power bill in a timely fashion.

## 16. Delinquent On & Amount Will Be

Cycle 1 bills are considered delinquent after the 20th day of the month; Cycle 3 bills are considered delinquent after the first day of the following month. A 3% late penalty is assessed after the delinquent date.

## 17. Color

Some bills will have some red text in the bottom portion of the bill. There may be a red screen in the heading across the top of the grid showing the account information and charges. Red indicates a Cycle 3 bill. A bill with only black lettering and grey screens is a Cycle 1 bill.

# 2019 Electrical Rates

### General Service

#### Monthly Rate

#### Customer Charge:

Single-Phase Service \$30.00 per month

Three-Phase Service \$35.00 per month

#### Energy Charges:

All kWh \$0.08950 per kWh

The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.

#### Available To:

Available to general service customers for farm, home and residential use subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Type of Service:

Single-phase, at available secondary voltage or three-phase at the discretion of the Cooperative.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) A charge of \$30.00 per month for single-phase service and \$35.00 per month for three-phase service; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

(3) A charge of \$30.00 per month for single-phase service and \$35.00 per month for three-phase service, plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA of transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA.

#### Adjustments:

The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

#### Service Reconnection:

When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a 12-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

### General Service HD

#### Monthly Rate

#### Customer Charge:

Single-Phase Service \$25.00 per month

Three-Phase Service \$30.00 per month

#### Energy Charges:

All kWh \$0.07690 per kWh

The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.

#### Available To:

Available to residential consumers in franchised municipal areas with a line density of 11 customers per mile or greater, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Type of Service:

Single-phase, at available secondary voltage or three-phase at the discretion of the Cooperative.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) A charge of \$25.00 per month for single-phase service and \$30.00 per month for three-phase service; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

(3) A charge of \$25.00 per month for single-phase

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### Commercial Service

#### Monthly Rate

#### Customer Charge:

Single-Phase Service \$40.00 per month

Three-Phase Service \$45.00 per month

#### Energy Charges:

All kWh \$0.08620 per kWh

The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in the base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.

#### Available To:

Available for commercial and industrial consumers up to fifty (50) kVA of transformer capacity, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Available for commercial and industrial consumers to one hundred fifty (150) kVA of transformer capacity at the discretion of the Cooperative. Service under this rate is not available wherein transformer capacity requirements exceed one hundred fifty (150) kVA. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Type of Service:

Single-phase or three-phase at available secondary voltages.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) A charge of \$40.00 per month for single-phase and \$45.00 per month for three-phase service plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA of transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

#### Adjustments:

The above rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax, city tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

### Commercial Service HD

#### Monthly Rate

#### Customer Charge:

Single-Phase Service \$35.00 per month

Three-Phase Service \$40.00 per month

#### Energy Charges:

All kWh \$0.07940 per kWh

The rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in our base charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.

#### Available To:

Available for commercial and industrial consumers up to fifty (50) kVA of transformer capacity, in incorporated areas with a line density of 11 customers per mile or greater, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Available for commercial and industrial consumers to one hundred fifty (150) kVA of transformer

capacity at the discretion of the Cooperative. Service under this rate is not available wherein transformer capacity requirements exceed one hundred fifty (150) kVA. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Type of Service:

Single-phase or three phase, at available secondary voltages.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) A charge of \$35.00 per month for single-phase service and \$40.00 per month for three-phase service plus a charge of \$1.00 per kVA for transformer capacity in excess of ten (10) kVA; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

#### Irrigation Rate

#### Monthly Rate

Customer Charge \$32.50 per month

Energy Charge \$0.06650 per kWh

Horsepower Charge \$2.70 per horsepower of connected load per month

#### Available To:

Available to Members for pump irrigation service subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Service under this rate shall be under the standard Cooperative contract. Motors shall be ten (10) horsepower or greater. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Type of Service:

Single-phase or three-phase, at available secondary voltages.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) \$32.50 plus a charge of \$2.70 per horsepower of connected load per year; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

#### Service Reconnection:

When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a twelve-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

### Interruptible Irrigation

#### Monthly Rate

Customer Charge \$32.50 per month

Energy Charge \$0.06650 per kWh

Horsepower Charge \$2.70 per horsepower of connected load per month

The Interruptible Irrigation Rate includes 6.25 cents per kWh of wholesale power in the basic charge for electricity. Any amount above or below 6.25 cents will be computed in the Power Cost Adjustment.

#### Available To:

Available to Members for pump irrigation service subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative. Service under this rate shall be metered with "Time-of-Day" metering or shall have "load interrupting" devices installed on the service. Electric power and energy usage under this rate is prohibited from June 20 through Sept. 9, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Each year, Members will be given credit for horsepower charges, applied toward but not to exceed energy charges, if no power was used during the prohibited time period. No resale, standby or auxiliary service permitted.

#### Minimum Charges:

(1) \$32.50 plus a charge of \$2.70 per horsepower of

connected load per year; or

(2) Compliance with Operational Policy 556, if applicable, of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

#### Service Reconnection:

When a reconnection of service is made for a Member at the same location within a twelve-month period after the date the service was disconnected at the Member's request, a charge equal to the sum of the minimum monthly bills determined for the months that service was disconnected will be billed to the customer and must be paid, in addition to the charges for connection in compliance with Operational Policy 553 of the Terms and Conditions of Service.

### Large Power Rate

Large Power Rates are available for large industrial loads with a transformer capacity of more than 50 kVA. For details about LP Rates, contact the cooperative at 580-875-3351. Special rates also are available for Cotton Gins.

### Outdoor Lighting

#### Monthly Rate

(1) Where an approved Outdoor Light is installed on an existing pole; and (a) where the Outdoor Light is installed on the Cooperative's side of the meter, the monthly charge per light shall be \$8.81 for 175-Watt Mercury Vapor, 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium or LED; and \$20.87 for 400-Watt Metal Halide; or (b) where the Outdoor Light is installed on the consumer's side of the meter, the monthly charge per light shall be \$2.60 for 175-Watt Mercury Vapor; \$3.12 for 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium or LED; and \$5.98 for 400-Watt Metal Halide.

(2) Should the Member desire a location other than an existing pole, the cost of installation shall be determined by figuring the total cost of labor, materials installed, plus digging and hauling charges, and will be incurred by the consumer. The wire, pole and material will become the property of the consumer.

#### Available To:

Available to all Members of the Cooperative for illumination of outdoor areas at any point on the distribution or service lines, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative.

#### Vandalism:

In the event the Outdoor Light is damaged by vandalism, such as gun shots, rocks, or any other type of vandalism, the Member shall be responsible for the cost of repairing the Outdoor Light.

#### Power Cost Adjustment:

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

This adjustment shall be based on 70 kWh per month per 175-Watt Mercury Vapor Light, 40 kWh per month per 100-Watt High Pressure Sodium Light or 160 kWh per month per 400-Watt Metal Halide, applicable to Rate (1), Plan (a).

#### Adjustments:

The listed rates do not include power cost adjustments, gross receipts tax and franchise taxes where applicable.

**Cotton Electric is required to collect a 2% state gross receipts tax on all power bills.**



# Stephens County cook-off winners announced



The 35th annual Stephens County Cook-Off was held the first Monday in November. Participants included 33 cloverbuds and many 4-H'ers who entered a total of 120 recipes. The young cooks prepared recipes to be judged on taste and appearance.

Awards were presented to the top three in each category. First-place winners received a monogrammed apron, and second- and third-place winners received

kitchen items. Cloverbud participants received a certificate and kitchen spatula. 4-H members submitted recipes in 15 categories and the top eight were chosen for the final competition. Cloverbuds brought one of their favorite recipes to the final competition. Awards were sponsored by Stephens County Farm Bureau Women.

Winners from four categories are shown here and on Page 11.

## Desserts, Pies

Abbigail Billings - Star 4-H



Abbigail's Fresh Peaches N Cream Pie

- 5 large peaches
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 T. cornstarch
- 1/2 c. water
- 2 T. butter
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- Baked Pie Crust:
- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. cream, whipped

Take 2 peaches, slice them and then mash with potato masher or whisk. Combine in a pot with the sugar, cornstarch and water.

Cook on medium heat until it thickens, then bring to boil for 1-2 minutes. Take off heat, then add the 2 T. butter and almond extract, stir well and let sit. let it cool down a bit.

Let's make the cream cheese filling: YUMMM! Add sugar, almond extract and vanilla to cream cheese and beat until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Spread evenly in pie shell. Chill in fridge.

Slice up remaining 3 peaches. Lay them on top of cream cheese filling. Add the cooked peach filling on top; bigger spoonful around the edge and then fill the middle.

Chill until ready to serve. Serves 8.



## Appetizers

Avery Ashford (Smith) - Empire



Mini BLT's

- 28 cherry tomatoes
- 7 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 3 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped celery
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley

Cut a thin slice off the top of each tomato. Scoop out and discard the pulp; invert the tomatoes onto paper towels to drain.

In a small bowl, combine bacon, mayonnaise, onions, cheese, celery and parsley. Spoon into tomatoes.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 28.

## Main Dish Casseroles, Meat

Cameron Freeman - Teen Leaders



Easy Chicken Pot Pie

- 3 lbs. chicken, stewed and cubed
- 1/2 cup of chicken broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 3/4 box chopped broccoli (thawed), optional
- 1/2 large bag of mixed vegetables
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 deep dish pie crusts
- 2 redi-crusts for the top

Mix all together in large bowl and put into the 2 deep dish pie crusts. Cover with redi-crust and seal. Cut slits in the top.

Bake at 350° for about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until brown and bubbly.

These freeze well before cooking. Then just thaw and bake as above. Can substitute turkey for chicken.

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# County cook-off winners continued

From Page 10



## Desserts, Cookies

Ty Turner - Grandview

### Blueberry Cheesecake Cookies

- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 c. butter flavored Crisco shortening
- 1/2 c. brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 (7oz) boxes Jiffy blueberry muffin mix
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white chocolate chips



Cream the cream cheese, Crisco, and brown sugar together. Add the egg and vanilla. Blend. Scrape bowl. Add muffin mix and flour.

Mix until just incorporated. Fold in white chocolate chips. Scoop 1 1/2 Tbsp. balls of dough onto parchment lined baking sheets.

Bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 14 minutes. Serves 2 to 3 dozen

# Including healthy options in holiday plans

This time of the year is very food-focused, often filled with culinary delights available only during the holidays. Restricting yourself from your favorite foods may lead to overeating, and let's face it, it takes away from some of the joy of the season. You can enjoy your favorite holiday treats with some planning.

Between now and New Year's Day, have a daily food plan. On days where there will be a food-focused celebration, allow yourself to eat the foods that you enjoy during that celebration but only to the point of fullness; avoid eating to the point of discomfort. Make sure the other meals of the day are as healthy as possible, including plenty of vegetables and fruits. Drink plenty of water and go easy on the adult beverages, eggnog, holiday punch, or other calorie-filled drinks.

Eat healthy on days that you do not have a food-focused celebration, filling your plate with vegetables, fruits, lean protein, whole grains and plenty of water.



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

## Food For THOUGHT

ter. Especially if you ate too much the day before, get back to your food plan immediately to avoid multiple days of over-indulgence.

Avoid mindless holiday grazing. This can be a challenge when your office or

home is filled with holiday goodies. Keep treats out of sight between holiday gatherings. Don't be afraid to freeze treats to enjoy later or toss them if they are not your favorite.

At the office, keep healthier snacks on hand to help resist unhealthy snacks you don't really want. Before you put a holiday treat in your mouth, ask yourself the following questions: Am I hungry? Do I truly love this food? If the answer is no, walk away.

Exercise is the best way to make it through the holidays without weight gain. It even helps boost your immune system to keep those nasty colds at bay. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week or about 22 minutes per day of activities like brisk walking. Strength training is also strongly encouraged.

Invest in some free weights and do some muscle toning at home during com-

mercials. Take a brief walk during breaks at work or during the day at home. Even a brisk 15-minute walk counts. Organize a family stroll after a big holiday meal. Head to the nearest light display and walk instead of driving around to see the sights. Take advantage of indoor malls or even giant warehouse-style stores for indoor walking.

If you can keep up an exercise routine during the holidays, you will have more stamina for partying and be able to eat a few extra treats. You will also be prepared for any fitness-focused New Year's Resolutions.

Don't deny yourself the foods that make the holiday season special for you. Just avoid eating too many too often and sprinkle in healthier meals and exercise. Honor your hunger and fullness cues. Stay hydrated with no-calorie beverages. Incorporate exercise into your daily routine. Welcome 2019 with better stamina and less weight to shed.

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# Cotton Electric seeks addresses for returned capital credit checks

G&T capital credit checks amounting to \$1,037,640 were issued recently to people and businesses listed here.

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

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

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

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

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# May your holidays be efficient and safe

**Bring only safe toys into your home**

December is the month when you're most likely to buy toys and gifts. Purchase safe ones.

If you're shopping for children, buy toys that are age appropriate. You don't want your gift to turn a child's holiday into a nightmare.

Here is a checklist for buying safe toys:

- Check the minimum age recommendation on the package. Buy a gift that suits a child's age, ability and interest level.
- Supervise children while they are using electronic toys. Put the toys away after play time in a dry area out of smaller kids' reach.
- Teach your children how to use their toys safely. For example, if a toy has a cord that plugs into the wall, teach the child how to safely use electrical outlets. Demonstrate how to unplug by pulling on the plug itself, not the cord.
- Look for the letters "ASTM" on the packaging of the toys you buy. That means the toy meets the American Society for Testing and Materials' safety standards.
- Buying toys from thrift shops, flea markets and ga-

rage sales will save you a few bucks, but second-hand toys may not adhere to newer safety standards and could be dangerous.

- Keep an eye out for toy recalls online at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

**Decorations, extra cooking mean more electricity use**

Nearly every household uses extra electricity during the holidays — for cooking, decorating and heating the house to everyone's satisfaction.

Take extra care to use electricity safely, and to ask family members and house guests to do the same. Some tips:

- One of the riskiest holiday behaviors is overloading your electrical outlets. You will overload your wall outlets if you plug strand after strand of outdoor or tree lights together, and then plug them into an extension cord that you plug into an outlet.
- Plugging multiple strands of cords into a power strip does not add any juice to the electrical circuit that powers the outlet you plug the strip into.
- Check decorative lights for damaged cords, plugs and sockets. Replace anything that's frayed, cracked or



broken. Buy cords that are certified by UL; look for the UL symbol on the package.

- Don't run extension cords under rugs, carpets or baseboards. This creates a fire hazard.
- When you put up outdoor decorations, avoid stringing lights in trees near power lines.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely with insulated staples, never nails or tacks.
- Keep electric lights away from decorative metal trees.
- Keep all light strings out of reach of small children and pets. Both like to chew the wires!

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<input type="checkbox"/> High humidity in summer?	<input type="checkbox"/> AC starts and stops frequently or runs all the time, and house is still not cool?
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