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Co-op thanks members for making this year’s Annual Meeting another success

By Carli Eubank

After months of planning and preparing, Cotton Electric employees welcomed members to the 2025 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day on Sept. 25 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan and the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton. Continuing with the drive-thru registration format to offer more convenience for our members, familiar smiles and handshakes were exchanged with those in attendance.

Members were guided and greeted through the registration lines until they reached the first station where an employee searched the member’s account from their registration clipping before driving forward to receive their bucket, a limited-edition hat and a \$20 energy voucher. Over the next few hours, a steady flow of members cruised through registration with many family and friends carpooling to the event.

There were 1,043 registered members with their families and friends in attendance for a day of co-op business and community.

Later that evening, the livestreamed business meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Board President Brian DeMarcus. Next, Clifford Dunham, Board trustee of District 5, gave the invocation, followed by Board trustee of District 9, Dell Farris, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the playing of the National Anthem, members received a brief overview of the cooperative’s business outlined in the annual report, including a recap of Operation Round Up, safety presentations, Coffee with Cotton and more.

Then, Tony High, secretary-treasurer and Board trustee of District 8, presented his report of the co-op’s well-managed financial status, sharing that the co-op met all of its financial requirements for 2024.

DeMarcus invited the co-op’s legal counsel, Carl Buckholts, to the podium to report on the official notice and presence of quorum for this year’s Annual Meeting. Five percent of the co-op’s membership must be present to reach quorum, which allows those in attendance to vote on co-op business. Buckholts announced that a quorum was met for the business meeting with a total of 1,043 registered members, exceeding the amount needed for a quorum of 836 registered members.



Then, DeMarcus shared a message about how electric cooperatives have always been a part of his life and all the changes he’s seen take place within the industry. He also added how he is honored and looks forward to continuing to serve the membership as Board president.

Next, Cotton Electric CEO Jennifer Meason ended the 2025 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day by thanking members for their participation in this year’s successful event before announcing the winners of the prize drawings. A complete list of winners can be found on Page 6.

To watch the 2025 Annual Meeting business meeting, visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@CottonElectricCoop.

Thank you to all of our members who participated in this year’s Annual Meeting and made it a successful event. We hope to see you next year!



Cotton Electric employees welcomed members to the 2025 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day. Photo by Jennifer Kriz.



Cotton Electric employees registered more than 1,000 members at the 2025 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day. Photo by Carli Eubank.

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Oct. 1, 2025, is \$0.00871 per kilowatt-hours (kWh).

On a member’s average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$11.32 on the October bill.

September 2025 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	89	67	78	16	95	64	80
2	89	63	76	17	97	61	79
3	94	57	76	18	93	62	78
4	95	60	78	19	91	66	79
5	82	61	72	20	94	65	80
6	79	57	68	21	83	66	75
7	85	57	71	22	94	64	79
8	86	55	71	23	94	68	81
9	91	61	76	24	83	64	74
10	95	60	76	25	86	57	72
11	97	59	78	26	88	55	72
12	98	61	80	27	91	55	73
13	95	63	79	28	89	58	74
14	94	72	83	29	85	57	71
15	95	68	82	30	87	64	76

Source: srh.noaa.gov/bun/
Average Daily High: 91 Average Daily Low: 62

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 22, for All Employee Training Day. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of *The Current* should arrive in mailboxes Nov. 14, 2025.

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



COTTON
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to safely deliver reliable and affordable power, provide excellent member service, and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

From the CEO

Powered by purpose

In October, electric cooperatives across the country take time to celebrate National Co-op Month and reflect on the unique advantages of being part of a cooperative. It's also the perfect time to thank you — the members who make it all possible. For us, it's not just a celebration. It's a chance to reaffirm the values that guide everything we do.

As the CEO of Cotton Electric Cooperative, I see purpose in action every single day. Unlike investor-owned utilities, our co-op doesn't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. We exist to serve you — our members, our neighbors and our communities. That purpose is what sets us apart. It's why we were founded, and it's what continues to drive every decision we make.

At its core, being a cooperative means we are member-owned and locally controlled. That's not

just a tagline; it's the very heart of our business model. Members have a voice in how our co-op operates. You elect Board Members who live right here in our service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities our communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made here at home, by people who care about the same things you do.

This local accountability means we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people we serve.

We do that by investing in essential infrastructure upgrades and technologies that strengthen our local grid and improve electric service. We work hard to manage costs and keep rates as low as possible — because we know how much rising prices af-

fect families and small businesses in our area. And when storms hit or outages occur, Cotton Electric crews are here and ready to respond quickly, because we live here too.

But our commitment doesn't end at the power lines.

Co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond delivering electricity. Whether we're supporting local schools, sponsoring youth programs or partnering with volunteer organizations, we are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life in the places we serve. Community support isn't an afterthought — it's part of our mission.

We're also planning for the future. As electricity demand grows due to new technologies and economic development, electric co-ops are working to ensure we continue to meet those needs with a balanced, reliable energy



Jennifer Meason, CEO

mix. We know our members care about affordability and dependability, and we're committed to delivering both.

That's the power of the cooperative difference. That's what it means to be powered by purpose.

This National Co-op Month, I encourage you to take pride in your cooperative membership. You're not just a customer — you're an owner, a stakeholder and a vital part of a larger effort to keep our community strong, connected and energized.

Thank you for the trust you place in us. We're proud to be your local electric cooperative.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

As winter approaches, now is the time to inspect your home for air leaks around windows. Leaks reduce indoor comfort and lead to higher heating costs.

If you can see daylight around the edges of a window frame or if a window rattles slightly when touched, air is likely leaking.

Caulking and weather stripping are simple, effective methods for sealing windows. These materials are available in a variety of compounds and forms, each designed for different types of surfaces. Choose the right product and apply it properly to reduce heat loss, improve comfort and lower energy bills.

Source: www.energy.gov

August 2025 Operating Stats		
	2025	2024
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$7,574,562	\$7,564,891
Cost of Purchased Power	5,362,807	5,314,532
Taxes	158,077	144,961
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,366	1,394
Average Farm and Residential Bill	182	192
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,476	1,758
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Residential)	19,970	19,735
Miles Energized	5,286	5,277
Density per Mile	3.78	3.74
New Service Connects YTD	254	306
Services Retired	86	146

Upcoming Deadlines for <i>The Current</i>	
November	
Ad Sales	Oct. 31
Classified	Oct. 31
Publish	Nov. 14
December	
Ad Sales	Dec. 5
Classified	Dec. 5
Publish	Dec. 19

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Energy Efficiency

Home lighting 101: Energy energy tips

Lighting is something most of us don't think much about — until it's wrong. Maybe the living room feels too dim for reading, or the kitchen lights cast an odd yellow glow. We often grab whatever bulb or fixture looks good without considering how it will perform in the space. With a little planning, you can make your home brighter, cozier and more energy efficient.

Watts versus lumens

When you're shopping for light-bulbs, it's easy to focus on watts, but watts only measure how much energy a bulb uses. When it comes to brightness, what really matters is the lumen count. Lumens measure the actual light output. For example, an 800-lumen bulb gives off about the same amount of light as an old-fashioned 60-watt incandescent bulb.

A helpful rule of thumb: Higher lumens mean brighter light, while lower watts mean less energy consumed. Remember to check wattage ratings for fixtures and only install bulbs that meet the fixture's wattage safety requirements.

Color temperature and consistency

Lightbulbs also vary in color temperature, which ranges from warm yellow

to cool white or even bluish tones. This detail often gets overlooked — until you replace one bulb and notice the new light doesn't quite match the others. If mismatched tones irritate you, consider buying and installing bulbs of the same brand and wattage in a room at the same time. That way, the look stays consistent, and you won't be stuck hunting for a perfect match later.

Dimmers and switches

Installing dimmers instead of standard on-off switches can be a game changer. Dimmers give you more control over brightness, help save energy and create a more comfortable atmosphere. Not all bulbs are dimmable, so double-check labels before buying.

While you're thinking about switches, consider whether you have enough of them — and in the right places. A light you can only turn off from one end of a hallway quickly becomes annoying. For new installations or upgrades, it's best to hire a licensed electrician to ensure everything is wired safely and efficiently.

Fixtures: Form meets function

Bulbs are only part of the equation — fixtures matter too. Each type serves a purpose. Ambient lighting, like sconces or glass-covered ceiling fixtures, provides

general illumination. Task lighting, like pendants, desk lamps or track lighting, focuses light where you need it most.

When choosing a fixture, think beyond looks. Ask yourself, "Does this light provide the right amount of brightness for the space?" A beautiful chandelier might look perfect over the dining table but leave the rest of the room too dim. Alternatively, an oversized fixture could flood the room with more light than you need, wasting both energy and money.

Smart lighting: Energy efficiency meets convenience

Smart lighting adds another layer of control for illuminating your home. But the real magic is convenience. With smart bulbs, you can adjust brightness, set schedules or even change colors — all from your phone or a voice assistant like Alexa or Google Assistant. Want the lights to dim automatically for movie night? Or to turn on before you get home? Smart bulbs make it easy.

Smart lighting also lets you personalize your space. You can go classic with warm white tones or experiment with colors to set the mood — anything from a soft glow for winding down to vibrant hues for a party. Remember,



Heath Morgan,
Energy Efficiency
Coordinator

smart bulbs still rely on power from your wall switch, which needs to stay in the "on" position for remote controls to work. If you prefer using a physical switch, consider pairing smart bulbs with a smart light switch. Many of today's smart switches also come with motion detectors, adding another level of efficiency and convenience.

Good lighting doesn't just make your home look better — it makes it feel better too. With a little planning, you can create spaces that are welcoming, functional and energy efficient. Whether you stick to traditional bulbs and fixtures or explore the flexibility of smart lighting, thoughtful choices today will brighten your home for years to come.

For more information, visit www.cottonelectric.com/energy-efficiency.

Home Lighting Guide



Heating Degree Day and Cooling Degree Day Calendar

SEPTEMBER

HDD	YEAR	CDD
0	2025	341
0	2024	383
0	2023	448

Degree days measure how cold or warm a location is by comparing the average of the high and low (mean) of the outdoor temperatures recorded in that location to the standard U.S. temperature, which is 65 F. The assumption is that we don't need heating or cooling to be comfortable when this is the outdoor temperature.

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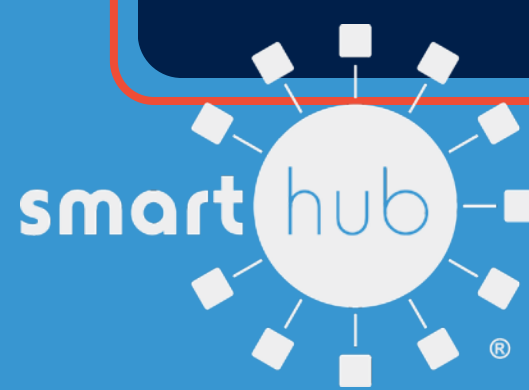
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Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation

CECF announces third quarter grant recipients

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 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 from individuals and organizations in the area. The Board consists of Jennifer Meason, the co-op’s CEO; Brian DeMarcus, president of the co-op’s Board of Trustees; and three representatives from the Cotton Electric service area: Cindy Zebst, Carter Waid and Polly Krasser.

The Board met in September to review grant applications. Grants totaling \$16,642 will be distributed to nine of the applicants. Third quarter grant recipients include: Chattanooga Feeds Our Warriors, Chisholm Trail Arts Council, Indianoma Public Schools, Jefferson County Free Fair/Live-stock Show, Tri-County Co-op, Velma-Alma Elementary School, Waurika EMS District, Waurika Senior Citizens Center, Inc. and Wichita Mountains Prevention Network.

Fourth quarter applications are due Dec. 5, 2025. The Board of Directors for CECF will meet again Dec. 19 to review applications for the quarter.

CECF grant guidelines and applications can be downloaded and completed at www.cottonelectric.com/grant-applications. Applications can also be submitted by email to zyoung@cottonelectric.com or by mail to 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.

17th annual golf tournament raises funds for CECF

On a sunny day, more than 90 golfers showed their support for the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF) during the 17th annual Not-So-Summer Classic golf tournament fundraiser on Sept. 8 at The Territory Golf and Country Club in Duncan. The tournament drew 24 teams, which were divided into different flights. A scorecard play-off determined the winners in each flight.

With a score of 55, the Southwest Therapy Solutions team, represented by Tim Carroll, Tyler Conley, Casey Willard and Nathan Hamstead, won first place in the A flight. Representing the Milsoft team and claiming second place in the A flight with a score of 57 was Brad Brockway, Kragen Kechely, Trevor Rose and Austin Simpson.

The winners of the B flight were Jubal Hooker, Jerid McAdoo, Brian Coker and Scott Klingman, representing AECI Utility Solutions, with a score of 65. Second place went to representatives of Cotton County Drug: Scott Crew, Stacey Abbe, Gordon King and Quaid Ogletree, who also had a score of 65.

“We would like to thank everyone who attended today and took time to support this great cause,” said Zach Young, Cotton Electric director of marketing and communications. “We’d also like to thank the hole sponsors and the staff at The Territory who continue to help make the tournament a success.”

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be distributed by the CECF Board to local organizations and individuals throughout the co-op’s service territory.

For more information about CECF, visit www.cottonelectric.com/operation-roundup.

Chattanooga Feeds Our Warriors

\$3,500 for food pantry

Chisholm Trail Arts Council

\$1,000 for classroom supplies

Indianoma Public Schools

\$2,500 for chairs

Jefferson County Free Fair/Live-stock Show

\$1,942 for ceiling fans and lights

Tri-County Co-op

\$1,030 for iPads, sensory items and scan pen

Velma-Alma Elementary School

\$2,000 for Renaissance reading program

Waurika EMS District

\$1,170 for radios

Waurika Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

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June 6-8

July 11-13

August 8-10

September 5-7

October 10-12

November 7-9

December 5-7

Committed to protecting your cooperative account

You’ve got a lot on your plate, and the last thing you need to worry about is the security of your Cotton Electric account. Throughout this month, your cooperative is implementing two new protective layers to help keep your account and information secure.

SmartHub 2FA

In response to the growing threat of phishing attacks, Cotton Electric is taking proactive steps to enhance the security of its SmartHub billing and payment system by implementing two-factor authentication (2FA) as an added layer of protection for your account starting Oct. 21.

Phishing attacks are a sneaky way for cybercriminals to trick you into revealing sensitive information, like your login credentials or financial details. These are not system breaches or applications being hacked but social engineering attempts. Cybercriminals might send fraudulent emails or texts that look

legitimate, hoping you’ll click on a malicious link or give them the information they want, such as login credentials. Don’t click on links or give out personal information in response to emails or texts you weren’t expecting.

2FA will allow your cooperative to support our commitment to protecting your account while giving you the trusted confidence of secure transactions.

Implementing 2FA adds an extra layer of security to help prevent unauthorized access to your SmartHub account. In addition to your usual login details, you’ll enter a unique code sent to your phone or email. This makes it way harder for cybercriminals to get into your account, even if they somehow manage to get your password.

CVV2 for card payments

Beginning this month, all payment applications will automatically require card verification value

(CVV2) entry when the card is not present as a best practice to address risks associated with compromised cards.

You are already familiar with the three-digit number printed on the back of all Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards or the four-digit number on the front of American Express cards. CVV2 is based on the account number, expiration date and service code and is calculated by applying a cryptographic algorithm to the encoded account information.

When merchants submit the CVV2 for card-not-present transactions, CVV2 is validated as part of the authorization. A decline due to invalid CVV2 may expose a counterfeit card created from compromised magnetic-stripe or chip data, or stolen card numbers purchased on the dark web.

For more information about implementing 2FA on your SmartHub account or about the new CVV2 requirement, call our offices at 580-875-3351.





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Tips for keeping your account information safe online

In a world full of scams, spam and phishing, Cotton Electric is committed to protecting our members. To help, we put together a list of items to watch out for. Here is what we will do, what we will never do and what you should do in order to better protect the things that matter most.

Here’s what we do

- If you are signed up to receive a physical bill, we will send that to you each month in the mail. If you ever have a question about your bill, feel free to call Member Services at 580-875-3351. We are happy to help.
- If you are signed up for our free SmartHub app, you may receive billing alerts by email or text. Simply navigate to the settings and select your notification preferences. You can log in to your SmartHub account by going to the website, <https://cottonelectric.smarthub.coop>, or by downloading the app.
- If your mobile number is connected to your account, we will send outage texts if your account is without power. These texts will come from our main number, 580-875-3351. To learn more about outage texting, be sure to check out our website: www.cottonelectric.com/outagecenter.

Here’s what we will never do

- Scammers will try to create urgency to get you to pay or take action immediately without asking questions. We will never pressure or demand payment over the phone.

• Scammers will also pressure you into providing account information or other personal information. If you are unsure, stop and hang up the phone. Call our main number at 580-875-3351, and one of our Member Services Representatives will be happy to assist you.

Here’s what you can do

- Navigate to the settings in SmartHub and enable two-factor authentication (2FA). You will then receive text messages with a code when logging in to help verify your identity and keep your account secure.
- Never click suspicious links, attachments, or respond to suspicious emails.
- Verify phone numbers and email addresses when receiving any communications regarding your account.
- Make sure your contact information is current on your account so we can stay in touch.

Remember, if you are ever in doubt, stop, hang up the phone and call our trusted number at 580-875-3351. At Cotton Electric, we are here to serve you, our members. Helping secure your accounts and protecting what matters most is just one of the ways we meet our mission of providing safe, reliable, and affordable power, providing excellent member service and improving the quality of life in the communities we serve.

Have questions? Give us a call at 580-875-3351, or send us an email at info@cottonelectric.com.

2025 Annual Meeting prize winners

Cotton Electric’s 2025 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Day concluded with a prize drawing. Each registered member was automatically entered for a chance to win a variety of gift cards and energy vouchers. Your cooperative also donated \$1,000 to the local volunteer fire department that serves the grand prize winner’s membership account. Congratulations to the Velma Volunteer Fire Department!

Here is a complete list of prizes and winners:

- \$100 gift card: Bob Rose of Marlow, Ricky Gilliland of Lawton, Friendship Church of Comanche, Teddie Fuqua of Lawton, Dennis Gray of Comanche, Larry Medcalf of Duncan, Samuel Dennis of Marlow, Mehdi Falizi of Fletcher, Deborah Alston-Jones of Elgin, Mark Monteith of Comanche
- \$250 energy voucher: Everlena Jackson of Lawton, Richard Cassidy of Duncan, William Harden of Duncan, Empire Volunteer Fire Department of Duncan
- \$500 energy voucher: Garrison Welding of Comanche, Kent Pogue of Duncan, Danny Ritchea of Comanche, Jerry Lacy of Faxon
- \$1,000 energy voucher: Christie Amaral of Duncan

Congratulations to our 2025 Annual Meeting prize winners!



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- ☐ Thermostat wars with your spouse?
- ☐ High humidity in summer?
- ☐ House just never seems comfortable?
- ☐ There doesn’t seem to be enough airflow?

- ☐ Dust buildup within 2 days of dusting?
- ☐ Problems with your system since it’s been installed?
- ☐ Anyone with allergies or asthma?
- ☐ AC starts and stops frequently or runs all the time, and house is still not cool?

☐ Have been told by other contractors that the problem cannot be fixed?

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Co-op crews complete annual pole-top safety training

Last month, Cotton Electric crews gathered for the annual pole-top safety training at the co-op headquarters in Walters. These rescue drills are required for all lineworkers, who face challenging conditions to keep the lights on, making it crucial for them to stay up to date on different safety trainings to prevent accidents or injuries on the job.

At Cotton Electric, we emphasize the importance of having monthly safety meetings or trainings for employees, and one of the mandatory trainings for crews is the annual pole-top rescue. Under the guidance of Oklahoma Association of Electric Co-operatives Loss Control Instructor Justin Marsh, lineworkers were observed and timed during each rescue drill.

The goal for each lineworker was to complete the drill in four minutes or less, as recommended by the American Heart Association. For each minute that

passes, the victim's chance of survival decreases by 10%. Completing the drill in four minutes allows for a 60% chance of reviving the victim.

The lineworker made the mayday call on the radio, strapped on climbing gear, and climbed up the pole to a mannequin that mimics an employee who has been injured on the job. Then, the lineworker hammered a screwdriver into the pole to loop a rope over before tying the other end around the mannequin's chest. After the mannequin's safety belt was cut with a knife, the mannequin was lowered to the ground, and the lineworker descended the pole, beginning CPR once they reached the ground.

While the hope is that these drills will never have to be applied in the field, the commitment to preparedness and safety for both members and staff remains a top priority at Cotton Electric Cooperative.



Cotton Electric Cooperative Journeyman Lineman Kyle Linthicum completes his pole-top rescue drill. Photo by Zach Young.

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Before you climb that tree stand, look up and out:

- Never install a tree stand near a power line or on a utility pole. Electricity can arc — jump through the air — up to 10 feet from high-voltage lines. This means you don't even have to touch a wire to be at risk of electrocution.
- Never shoot near or toward power lines, utility poles, transformers or substations. Stray bullets or pellets could damage equipment, possibly interrupting electric service. Even more concerning, they could drop a power line to the ground, causing a hazardous scenario: those who get within 50 feet of a downed line could be shocked or electrocuted.
- Keep these tips in mind to stay safe and avoid costly or dangerous incidents:**
- Scout the area. Before hunting, take time to scout your area during daylight. Look for power lines, poles and electrical equipment. Note their locations to avoid them later.
 - Power safely. If you're using a portable electrical generator on your hunting trip, don't use it inside a cabin or RV, or in a confined area. Make sure

- it's used outside where there is plenty of ventilation.
- Avoid aiming toward power lines or equipment. Never fire near or toward poles, lines, substations or transformers. A stray bullet could knock down a line, interrupt power or create a deadly hazard.
 - Keep your distance. Always stay at least 10 feet away from overhead lines, poles and other electrical infrastructure when setting up or taking down tree stands.
 - Never climb a utility pole. Even if it looks like the perfect vantage point, don't do it. Poles carry high-voltage lines, and climbing them can be deadly.
 - Don't use utility poles for support. Tree stands or blinds should never be attached to or supported by power poles or electrical equipment.
- Know the danger of downed lines:**
- If you come across a downed power line or damaged electrical equipment, stay at least 50 feet away, even if it doesn't appear to be live. Power lines can still carry electricity when on the ground, posing a risk of shock or electrocution. Call 911 or your utility right away to help prevent a dangerous situation.
- Whether you're a seasoned hunter or heading out for the first time, staying aware of your surroundings could save your life.
- For more safety tips, visit www.cottonelectric.com/safety or www.safe-electricity.org.

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Teen Driver Safety Week: Share information that saves lives

National Teen Driver Safety Week is observed the third week of each October, which is a good time to talk to the teens in your life about safety on the open road, including the hazards of distracted driving and downed power lines.

Distracted driving:

Texting while driving is the most alarming distraction behind the wheel, since sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for approximately five seconds.

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1. That text can wait. Do not text while driving.
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5. Set up navigation before you leave or have a passenger navigate.

Downed power lines

Car accidents and severe storms can damage utility equipment, such as power lines/poles and pad-mount transformers. Have discussions with teens about what to do if there is a downed power line or damaged equipment.

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- The energy spreads like ripples on a pond.
- If you walk or run from one voltage “ripple” to another, your feet experience a difference in voltage.
- If you touch something at one voltage and step on or touch something at a different voltage, your hands experience a difference in voltage.
- Your body becomes electricity’s path to ground, when electrical current enters your body at one point and exits at another.

What to do

If you are in a car accident, stay inside your vehicle, call 911 and report that there is damaged electric



utility equipment. If you are a bystander, do not approach the scene to help. Stay at least 50 feet away and do not lean on or touch anything. Downed lines and other damaged electrical apparatuses do not have to be sparking, moving, sizzling or giving off flames to be energized.

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Co-op Life

Annual rodeo event remembers young bull rider’s passion and legacy

By Carli Eubank

At the end of the month, thousands of people wearing their cowboy hats and boots will shuffle into the Stephens County Fairgrounds to watch hours of bull riding. The crowd will be entertained with different events and watch the athletes compete, but for Cotton Electric member Jarrel Swanson, the Rowdy Swanson Memorial Bull Riding event has a much deeper meaning to it. A passion for rodeo was one of the main bonds between Jarrel and his late son Rowdy, and the annual bull riding event is a way for them to stay connected years later.

Growing up in the country, Jarrel was around horses and eventually competed in rodeos, riding bulls when he was out of high school. For Rowdy, his introduction to the rodeo scene came much earlier when he was four-years-old and started riding sheep.

“Rowdy loved to compete in everything,” Jarrel said. “As a kid, he team roped, ran barrels and participated in other events, but bull riding was what he loved.”

During his childhood, Rowdy and his family traveled from rodeo to rodeo, watching him chase that adrenaline rush every time he rode a bull, until he decided to take a break from rodeos in high school. After graduation, Rowdy packed his bags and moved



Rowdy Swanson during his ride in Mineral Wells, Texas. Photo courtesy of the Rowdy Swanson Bull Riding Facebook page.

to Stillwater where he attended Oklahoma State University (OSU). He made some friends on OSU’s Rodeo Team who encouraged him to team rope and ride bulls for the university, and his passion for competing in rodeos returned.

Rowdy became a member of the OSU Rodeo Team and soon began to excel in his events after taking a break, becoming a member in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). On Sept. 17, 2020, in Mineral Wells, Texas, Rowdy’s life was tragically shorted while participating in a PRCA-sanctioned bull riding event.

“I know the last thing Rowdy did, and it was kneeling down behind the chutes to say a prayer before getting on that bull,” Jarrel said. “Rowdy realized he wasn’t wearing the cross necklace that he always wears on his rides and asked his brother if he knew where it was, but no one could find it. The next morning when they returned to Stillwater, his brother, Roper, found the necklace laying on Rowdy’s coffee table.”

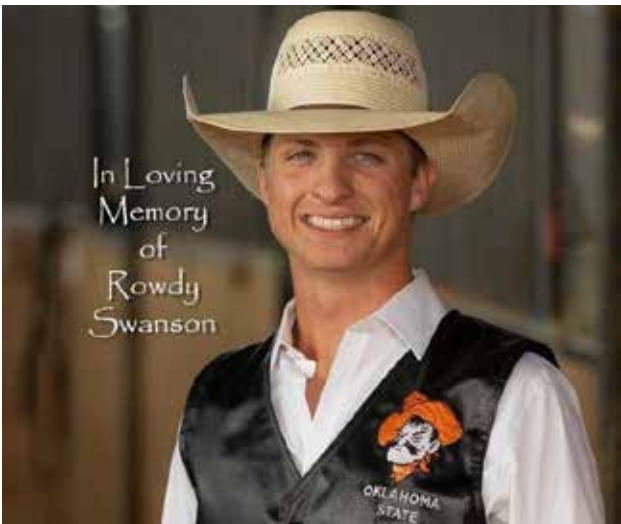
Jarrel shared that leading up to the rodeo in Mineral Wells, he thinks that Rowdy sensed something was about to happen – referencing the late bull rider Lane Frost and telling his friends that if he died riding bulls, he’d be happy.

Jarrel began the annual Rowdy Swanson Memorial Bull Riding event as a fundraiser to help fund the Rowdy Swanson Memorial Scholarship, an endowed scholarship that will never go away and is for incoming bull riders and members of the OSU Rodeo Team. Over the last four years, almost \$100,000 has been raised for the scholarship, and Morgan Merrill was last year’s recipient of \$6,500. He is currently a bull rider on the OSU Rodeo Team.

“Education has always been important to me,” Jarrel said, “and this event has been a way for us to be able to give someone the opportunity to pursue an education and rodeo at the same time, especially at a Division I school.”

Jarrel shared that this event has been a way for him to grieve Rowdy’s passing while having the support of the rodeo family around him.

At the annual Rowdy Swanson Memorial Bull Riding event, the crowd can expect to watch a full



OSU Rodeo Team member Rowdy Swanson. Photo courtesy of the Rowdy Swanson Bull Riding Facebook page.

roster of bull riders to compete, bid on a list of raffles and prizes and enjoy a great evening while honoring Rowdy’s life and his love for rodeo.

“I want people to come enjoy a family atmosphere, watch great bull riding and leave feeling better than when they came,” Jarrel said. “Rowdy lived life to the fullest. He was a man of faith and the happiest kid, always wearing a big, affectionate smile on his face. This evening is about helping people have an opportunity to go to school with the scholarship and helping people have a place to enjoy an event and remember a kid who was affectionate, vibrant and who just enjoyed life.”

The 5th Annual Rowdy Swanson Memorial Bull Riding event will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan. This year, attendees will have the chance to meet and get an autograph from Wacey Schalla, a member of the Professional Bull Riders. From Arapaho, Oklahoma, Shalla is currently leading the bull riding and second in the all-around in the PRCA. He will be competing in the National Finals Rodeo in December.

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Community
Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the November issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351 or emailing to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com by Oct. 31. Only events occurring after Nov. 14 will be published in the next issue.

Editor's Note: We recommend checking for cancellations with local sources before attending any event.

Dementia public forum returns

Stephens County Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) has adopted their state project for 2025 through the end of 2026 related to dementia. Gina Flesher, as the state project committee chair for Stephens County, continues to meet with the committee to develop information relevant to those who care for someone with dementia.

The coalition is made up of community members from OSU Extension and Stephens County OHCE along with local community partners: DRH Health, DRH Health Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma Dementia Care Network, and Pathways to a Healthier You. They have partnered to bring a public forum to educate the public. This is free to the public, and there is no need to RSVP.

Save the date: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025.

The information for this evening will focus on "Care for the Caregiver."

It will be held at Red River Technology Center, 3300 W. Bois D'Arc Ave., in Duncan at the Delbert E. Morrison Health Careers Center (Building 200) in the auditorium at 2 p.m. and repeated at 6 p.m.

- Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
- Communicating Effectively with Someone Diagnosed with Dementia
- Roundtable discussion related to a caregivers support group formulation

• Question and Answer session

In addition to the informational session, the OHCE membership is hosting a come-and-go time to assemble lap fidget blankets for those with dementia at the Stephens County Fairgrounds. It is not necessary to be a member of OHCE to attend, and you do not have to have sewing skills. It will be a great day of fellowship and sharing as they create simple yet effective lap blankets for those who need a diversion during times of restlessness or as a calming tool for agitation. All supplies will be made available to those attending to assist assembling the blankets, and they will be available for individuals to take them as needed following the event. They will also be made available to those who attend the forum in November.

For more information, call Gina Flesher at 580-467-0299.

Food pantry open once monthly

Walters Community Food Pantry is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. The pantry is in the old City Hall, 131 1/2 W. California St. Pantry organizers try to provide a two-week supply of basic staples to anyone with identification and proof of Cotton County residency. Monetary donations may be sent to Food Pantry, c/o Paul Metcalfe, 211 E. Colorado St., Walters, OK 73572. For information, call Roger Noland at 580-591-6826.

Blessings Boutique open monthly

Marlow First United Methodist Church opens its Blessings Boutique from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month. Clothing donation drop-off days are Tuesdays, or donors can call the church at 580-658-2765 to make other arrangements.

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Cotton Electric member Libby Whitecotton snapped this photo at the first football game for Temple High School.

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Eating and moving to fight breast cancer: The latest research



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

Food For THOUGHT

Scientists are learning more and more about how our everyday choices — especially what we eat and how much we move — can help prevent and treat breast cancer. In 2024, Khalifa and colleagues published a review titled “Advances in

Diet and Physical Activity in Breast Cancer Prevention and Treatment” in the scientific journal *Nutrients* (July edition). The authors shared information on how a healthy lifestyle is a powerful tool during prevention and treatment. According to the authors, exercise remains crucial, not just for staying fit but for fighting breast cancer. It works as a powerful medicine for both preventing the disease and helping those who are already fighting it. For prevention, regular physical activity helps control your body weight. This is extremely important because being overweight is a major risk factor for developing breast cancer. By staying active, you are helping to keep your body at a healthy weight, which lowers your risk. For treatment, if someone has been diagnosed with breast cancer, exercise becomes a powerful way to manage the disease. Staying active can actually help cancer treatments, like chemotherapy, work better by making the patient’s body stronger and more ready

to handle the medicine. Exercise can also make common side effects, like fatigue (extreme tiredness), nausea and pain, much easier to handle. This can improve the patient’s quality of life during treatment. When it comes to food, the authors conclude that the Mediterranean diet (MedDiet) is one of the most effective ways to lower breast cancer risk. It’s a style of eating based on the traditional foods from countries around the Mediterranean Sea, focusing on whole, natural foods rather than strict rules. The MedDiet emphasizes a high intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, and legumes (like beans and lentils). The main source of fat is extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO), which is rich in healthy, protective compounds. It includes only small amounts of red and processed meats and dairy, and moderate amounts of seafood and poultry. The MedDiet works because it’s packed with natural compounds that have antioxidant and

anti-inflammatory effects. These are like tiny shields that protect your body’s cells from damage that could lead to cancer. Studies have shown that following this diet, especially when it includes plenty of EVOO, can greatly reduce the chance of developing breast cancer. The authors discuss other diets, such as plant-based, fasting and ketogenic, and how they could each potentially be beneficial, but the authors also emphasize that these are still experimental and should only be done under a doctor’s supervision. In summary, the research around diet and exercise in breast cancer prevention and treatment continues to support getting regular exercise and incorporating an eating pattern that matches the Mediterranean diet. These are two of the best steps anyone can take right now to protect their health and significantly lower the risk of breast cancer.



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(Culinary.net) Halloween calls for candies and treats of all kinds as trick-or-treaters roam neighborhoods, but don't forget to stock your own snack supply with homemade goodies.

Skip the store-bought sweets this year and instead opt for ideas like these that can be whipped up in the comfort of your own kitchen.

Party mix

As one of the easiest recipes you could imagine, a Halloween-themed party mix simply calls for your favorite snack-type foods tossed together in a group-sized bowl or individual containers. You can try just about anything from candy corns and miniature chocolates to pretzels, popcorn and more.

Spooky cupcakes

Kid-friendly treats are the name of the game when it comes to Halloween, and there's almost no better way to get children involved in the kitchen than with some personalized decorations. Bake your preferred cupcakes – chocolate or vanilla – then call on the kiddos to use icing and toppings for creepy custom creations.



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Pumpkin pie

There's nothing wrong with going with a classic. While it may not scream All Hallows' Eve, pumpkin is the flavor of the season, which makes pumpkin pie a traditional taste this time of year. Because most versions call for a fairly small number of ingredients, it's a simple way to bake a desirable dessert. Plus, you can easily give pumpkin pie some Halloween flair using whipped cream to "draw" a spooky Jack-o-lantern-like face.

Creepy cookies

Whether your family craves chocolate chip or prefers the sweetness of sugar cookies, you can lay out

your favorite dough and use seasonal cookie cutters – think Frankenstein, witches, ghosts, spiders and more – for a frightful bite.

Caramel-dipped apples

Skip out on bobbing for apples and instead dip yours in caramel for a traditional Halloween treat. Just insert wooden skewers in the tops of your apples, dip the opposite end into melted caramel and enjoy. To add a bit of fun and flavor, sprinkle chopped nuts or crushed candies on the caramel end of each apple.

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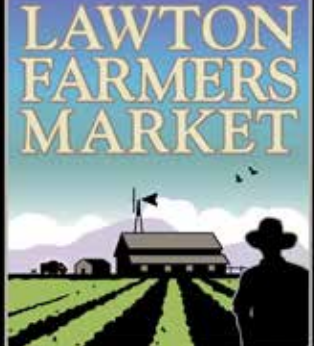


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Serve simple deliciousness at your next get-together

(Family Features) If a versatile, easy and economical recipe is just what you need for game day, get-togethers or stress-free evenings at home, these Mini Beef Wellingtons are perfect for you. Enjoy them as a meal with favorite sides or serve as an appetizer the next time you play host.

Visit [Culinary.net](#) to find more appetizers, meals, snacks and sides for any occasion.



Mini beef wellingtons

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”

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| 8 ounces beef tenderloin steaks, cubed | Mushroom Sauce: |
| 1 package (17 ounces, 2 sheets) puff pastry | 1 can (14 ounces) mushrooms |
| water | 1 1/2 cups chicken broth |
| garlic and herb spreadable cheese | 3 tablespoons butter |
| 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces | 3 tablespoons flour |
| mashed potatoes, for serving | 1 tablespoon garlic powder |
| | salt, to taste |
| | pepper, to taste |
| | 1/2 cup heavy cream |

To make mushroom sauce: In blender, blend mushrooms and chicken broth; set aside.

In skillet over medium heat, melt butter and mix in flour. Slowly add mushroom broth while stirring. It should start to thicken; if it doesn’t, add 1 tablespoon flour and stir well.

Add garlic powder and salt and pepper, to taste. Mix in heavy cream while continuing to stir. Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat oven to 400 F.

Cube steaks and place in bowl then cover and mix well with 1 cup mushroom sauce.

Cut each puff pastry into six squares for 12 total. Use water to moisten each corner of squares and bring them together, forming small box shape. Place 1 heaping tablespoon meat mixture into each pastry square.

Place squares on parchment paper-covered cookie sheets and bake 15 minutes. Spoon spreadable cheese over hot squares and top with bacon pieces.

Serve with mashed potatoes and use leftover mushroom sauce as gravy.

Serve up a one-pot time-saver

(Family Features) If you feel like you’re constantly scrambling in the evenings to help with homework, prep dinner and get ready for the next day, turn to a warm, cozy meal that’s ready in a snap. This Skillet Lasagna is a one-pot solution that makes cleanup a breeze so you can skip the craziness of home cooking. Visit [Culinary.net](#) to find more family-favorite recipes for those hectic evenings at home.

Skillet lasagna

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”
Servings: 4-6

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 44 ounces marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup ricotta
- 1 1/2 cups frozen spinach
- 9 lasagna noodles
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- bread, for serving
- Parmesan cheese, for topping (optional)



In large skillet or Dutch oven, brown ground beef with onion power, garlic powder and salt and pepper, to taste. Drain excess grease. Mix in marinara sauce, heavy whipping cream, ricotta and spinach.

Break up lasagna noodles and add to skillet. Cover and let set over medium heat 10 minutes. Stir and top with mozzarella cheese. Cover and let set 10 minutes.

Serve with bread and top with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Find fall comfort in a bowl of pumpkin crumble

(Family Features) If you’re ready to embrace the flavors of fall, look no further than a classic: pumpkin desserts. Instead of the typical pumpkin pie, mix things up this year with this Pumpkin Crumble treat from Cookin’ Savvy, an easy, delicious solution for satisfying that sweet tooth. Once you’ve finished enjoying every last bite, head to [Culinary.net](#) for more comforting dessert inspiration.

Pumpkin crumble

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”
Servings: 8-12

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| 1 can pumpkin | 3/4 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 can evaporated milk | 3/4 cup chopped white chocolate chips |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 1/2 cups melted butter |
| 2 eggs | |
| 1 tablespoon pumpkin spice | Whipped Cream: |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 1 cup heavy whipping cream |
| 1 box cake mix (yellow, white or spice) | 2 tablespoons sugar |

Heat oven to 350 F.

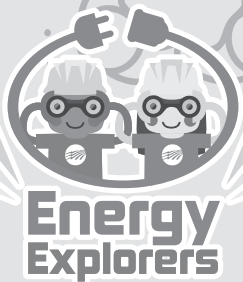
In bowl, mix pumpkin, evaporated milk, brown sugar, eggs, pumpkin spice and cinnamon. Pour into greased 9-by-11-inch baking dish.

In separate bowl, mix cake mix, pecans and white chocolate chips. Sprinkle over pumpkin mixture. Pour butter evenly over top. Do not mix or stir. Bake 1 hour.

To make whipped cream: Using hand mixer, whip heavy whipping cream and sugar until thick.

Serve crumble with whipped cream.





Co-op Month Word Search

Did you know October is National Co-op Month? Read the following facts to learn how co-ops are unique, then find and circle the **bolded** words in the puzzle.

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- Fun Facts about Co-ops:**
- Co-ops and their members work **together** toward a common goal.
 - Co-ops are local organizations, so they understand the **communities** they serve.
 - All co-ops operate according to the same set of seven cooperative **principles**.
 - Concern for community is the seventh **cooperative** principle.
 - Co-ops don't serve customers; instead, they serve **members**.
 - Co-ops are led by the **local** members they serve.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, October 18, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Estate of Wilma L. Strickland
175590 Tebow Road
Velma, Oklahoma

Gary Criswell Auction Service & Real Estate, Inc. has been commissioned by the Estate of Wilma Lorene Strickland to offer at Public Auction her Real Property situated at 175590 Tebow Road in Velma, Oklahoma (MLS 39591).

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Directions: In Velma Oklahoma - From New Highway 7, Go North on 2974 Road (Texaco Road), Nine Tenths of a Mile to Old Highway 7, Go East on Old Highway 7, Eight Tenths of a Mile to 2980 Road (Bailey Road). Go West on Bailey Road, Two Tenths of a Mile to Tebow Road. Follow Tebow Road North to the Home Site.

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