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(Pictured left to right) Cotton Electric Energy Efficiency Coordinator Heath Morgan and Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Jarrod Hooper use the live power line demonstration trailer to show attendees how to stay safe around electrical equipment. Photo by Carli Eubank.

## Co-op showcases real-world electrical safety to first responders

By Carli Eubank

Last month, the sun shone brightly as several first responder agencies gathered at the Cotton Electric Community Center for the cooperative's 2025 Wired Up for Safety event. The annual event fell during National Electrical Safety Month and exemplified one of the many ways Cotton Electric is committed to the Cooperative Principles of Concern for Community and Education, Training and Information. This event not only served as a training opportunity for local first responders, but also as an example of the cooperative's dedication to keeping our local communities safe and powered.

Cotton Electric Energy Efficiency Coordinator Heath Morgan gave a presentation focused on educating attendees about how to safely respond to emergency situations involving or occurring near

electrical equipment, including solar panels and ees understand how electrical systems are designed generators.

One of the highlights of the event was the debut of our subsidiary company's, Cotton Electric Services, Inc., live power line demonstration trailer, which provides a real-world visual aid to help emphasize the dangers and safety measures our crews follow with live electrical wires. Morgan and Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Jarrod Hooper showed attendees the importance of wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) when working on electrical equipment. By using a rubber glove with and without a hole, that contacts the line, they showed attendees how damage, even as small as a pin hole, in PPE can result in drastically different outcomes.

The demonstration continued with Morgan and Hooper showing how a fuse blows, helping attendto protect equipment and the public from any damage. Then, they showed how balloons can cause damage to electrical equipment or outages when they come in contact with electrical lines.

Our focus at Cotton Electric remains on improving the quality of life in the communities we serve, and Wired Up for Safety is just one way the cooperative lives out its mission. We appreciate all the first responders who made this year's event a success and for protecting our communities each day.

For more information, call 580-875-3351 or visit our website at www.cottonelectric.com/presentations or www.cottonelectric.com/safety.



Part of the demonstration shows what happens when balloons and other object come in contact with electrical lines. Photo by Carli Eubank.

Attendees begin to gather outside for the live power line demonstration. Photo by Carli Eubank.

#### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after June 1, 2025, is \$0.02121 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

On a member's average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$27.57 on the June bill.

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#### Did You Know?

Cotton Electric Cooperative offices will be closed July 4 for Independence Day. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of *The* Current should arrive in mailboxes July 18, 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.



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.

Mission Statement

## From the CEO

## Recent review of EPA rules signals reliability wins

y column last month energy issues and priorities we discussed with our members of Congress and their staff at the recent NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. Another important aspect of electric co-op advocacy is engaging with agency officials with the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and USDA's Rural Utilities Service to name a few.

We were pleased to hear of a recent series of actions announced by the EPA. These actions would alleviate challenges regarding co-ops across the U.S.

focused on the key reconsider the Biden administration's power plant greenhouse gas rule. The agency also plans to reconsider other rules including the mercury and air rule, ozone transport rule and power plant wastewater rule. The agency will also address a number of fundamental problems with the coal ash program and take other actions while protecting the environment.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRE-CA), the national trade association that represents electric cooperatives in D.C., flagged concerns with these rules in a cost and reliability for electric letter to EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin in January. NRECA

The EPA said it will review and CEO Jim Matheson met with Zeldin at the EPA's headquarters to discuss these issues. The letter served as a policy road map recommending ways the EPA could address harmful regulations for electric co-ops while ensuring reliable and affordable power and promoting a healthy environment.

> The recent EPA announcements are another critical step that puts our nation on a path toward a more reliable and resilient electric grid — and not a moment too soon. The demand for electricity is skyrocketing, yet unrealistic public policy decisions are forcing always-available generation resources to retire faster than they can be reliably

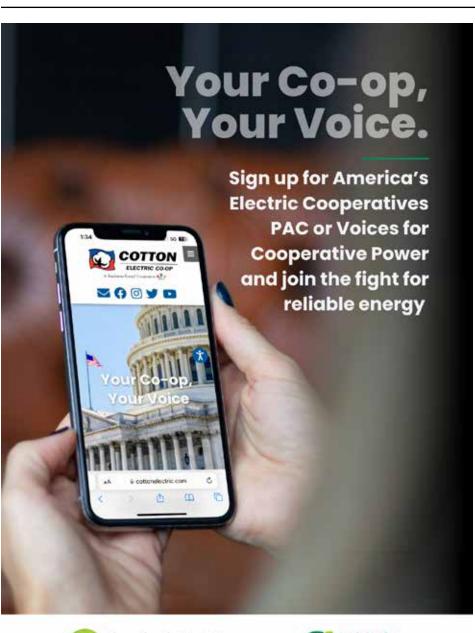


Jennifer Meason, CEO

replaced.

Electric cooperatives appreciate the EPA's recent actions that could bolster American energy production with sound policies that protect our environment without leaving our electric cooperative members in the dark.

For more information or to learn how you can help advocate for electric cooperatives, visit our website at www.cottonelectric. com/your-co-op-your-voice.











In April, Oklahoma electric co-op representatives, including Cotton Electric CEO Jennifer Meason and Cotton Electric COO Bryce Hooper, attended the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., to meet with elected officials and advocate for electric cooperatives. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.



## **Energy Efficiency** Tip of the Month

Take advantage of the warmer weather to reduce home energy use. Avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for additional air conditioning. You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen and explore new ways to save energy!

Source: www.energy.gov

### **April 2025 Operating Stats**

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$6,070,490	\$5,519,287
Cost of Purchased Power	4,510,093	4,027,903
Taxes	119,224	113,804
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,259	1,105
Average Farm and Residential Bill	123	112
Average Farm and Residential kWh	865	844
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Resident	ial) 19,865	19,645
Miles Energized	5,283	5,270
Density per Mile	3.76	3.73
New Service Connects YTD	105	125
Services Retired	23	47

## **Upcoming** Deadlines for

The Current

#### July

Ad Sales July 4 Classified July 4 Publish July 18

#### August

Ad Sales Aug. 1 Classified Aug. 1 Publish Aug. 15

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## Energy Efficiency

## Leave worries behind while on vacation

When it comes to vacation styles, 90 degrees, because extreme heat can water warm even when you're not useveryone has their own way of enjoying time off. Some people love packing their days full of adventures and new experiences, while others prefer to simply kick back, relax, and take it slow. No matter how you like to spend your time away, one thing's for sure: We all want to leave the stress and worries of daily life behind.

To help you make the most of your vacation — and come back to a home that's safe and energy-efficient — here are some simple, practical tips you can follow before you head out.

Whether you're planning a quick weekend getaway or a longer trip, taking a little extra time to prepare your home can pay off in big ways. Not only will you reduce your energy bills, but you'll also help protect your home and avoid any unpleasant surprises while you're away.

One easy place to start is by cutting off the energy drain caused by "energy vampires." These are appliances and electronics that continue to use electricity even when they're turned off or not in use. Think about your TV, computer, game consoles or chargers — they might seem harmless, but they can quietly add up to wasted energy and higher bills. Unplugging these devices before you leave can help save you money and reduce the risk of electrical issues.

Another important step is adjusting your thermostat. When it's warm outside and you're not home, there's no need to keep your house as cool as usual. Setting your thermostat closer to the outdoor temperature can save a noticeable amount on your electric bill. Just remember not to set it above

programmable thermostat, take advanwhile you're gone.

Don't forget about your windows too. Closing blinds and curtains can make a big difference in slowing down heat buildup inside your home, helping keep things cooler naturally.

ance to consider. It works hard to keep

possibly damage appliances like your ing it, which means it's still consumrefrigerator or freezer. If you have a ing energy while you're away. If you're going to be gone for more than a few tage of it by setting it to start cooling days, it's a good idea to turn it off or your home shortly before you return lower the temperature to the lowest — this way, you'll walk into a com-setting. When you return, remember fortable space without wasting energy to run your taps before turning it back on to prevent any damage to the tank.

For security, many people like to leave some lights on to make it look like someone's home. Instead of leaving lights on constantly (which can be costly), use timers to turn them on Your water heater is another appliand off at different times. This not only saves money but also helps deter bur- www.cottonelectric.com.



Heath Morgan, **Energy Efficiency** Coordinator

glars by creating the appearance of an occupied home.

For more energy efficiency tips, visit

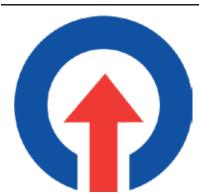


### **Heating Degree Day and Cooling Degree Day Calendar**

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.







# Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation

## CECF announces second 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

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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 Zelbst, Carter Waid and Polly Krasser.

The Board met in May to review grant applications. Grants totaling \$19,627 will be distributed to 11 of the applicants. Second quarter grant recipients include: AMVETS Post 11, Central High Public Schools, Chattanooga Police Department, Christians Concerned, Duncan Senior Cit-

izens Center, Grandfield Multi Purpose Center, Hulen Volunteer Fire Department, Indiahoma Community Food Bank, Lawton Food Bank, Vizavance and Walters Police Department.

Third quarter applications are due Sept. 9, 2025. The Board of Directors for CECF will meet again Sept. 23 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.

#### **AMVETS Post 11**

\$2,500 for building renovations

### Central High Public Schools

\$2,000 for graphing calculators

#### Chattanooga Police Department

\$2,000 for computers, ID scanner and mobile printer with accessories

#### **Christians Concerned**

\$2,000 for a fully powered pallet stacker

#### **Duncan Senior Citizens Center**

\$2,000 for supplies for the cardio and technology classes

#### Grandfield Multi Purpose Center

\$1,000 for an air conditioner

### Hulen Volunteer Fire Department

\$2,227 for swift water rescue equipment

### Indiahoma Community Food

Bank

\$1,000 for food

#### Lawton Food Bank

\$1,400 for a pallet truck scale

#### Vizavance

\$2,000 to support the VizVouchers program for eye exams and glasses

#### Walters Police Department

\$1,500 for one hand jack sets and DeWalt portable jump starters







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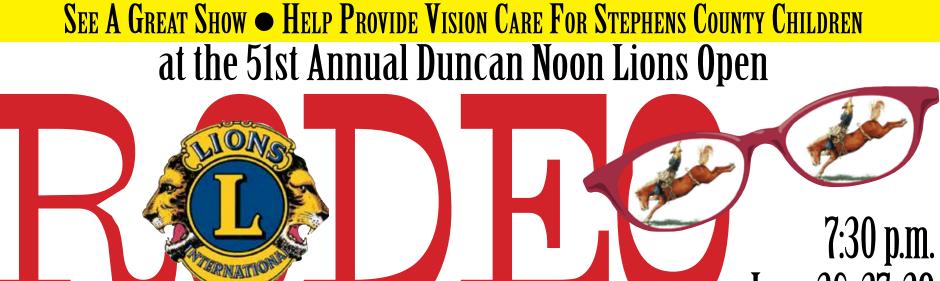
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## Your guide to summer grilling safety and efficiency

breeze of an air conditioner (AC) on a hot summer day, its energy consumption can be hefty. If you are looking to maintain a cool vibe and lower your AC's energy consumption, head outside to the grill. Rather than generating heat indoors, the heat is dispersed outside, reducing strain on the AC, which can ultimately help lower utility bills.

Grilling outdoors is not only a good way to keep your house cooler and lower your energy bill, it's a great way to enjoy warm summer days with family and friends. Make sure your next BBQ extravaganza is a sizzling success without any burns or mishaps.

#### Stay safe by following these simple tips:

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from grates and
- Place the grill on a stable surface, at least 10-feet away from homes, deck railings and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away.
- Never leave an active grill unattended.
- Avoid loose or long clothing that can catch fire.
- Use propane and charcoal grills outdoors only to prevent fire hazards and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep a water spray bottle beside your grill to tackle any little flames that flare up quickly or a fire extinguisher nearby, just in case.

#### To ensure safe grilling, check for leaks each season:

- Mix equal parts dish soap and wa-
- After attaching the gas cylinder, open the valve one turn counterclock-
  - Apply the soapy mixture to the

As refreshing as it is to feel the cool hose and connections. If bubbles form, a gas leak is present.

> If you detect a leak, turn off the gas and grill immediately. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before use. If the leak continues, move away and call the fire department for assistance. Do not move the grill.

> Bonus safety tip: Open the lid before lighting a gas grill to prevent gas buildup. If the flame goes out during use, turn off the gas and wait at least five minutes before relighting.

#### Charcoal grilling is a favorite way to cook outdoors but pose fire and carbon monoxide risks if not handled properly. Follow these essential safety tips:

- Only use charcoal starter fluid designed for grills; never use gasoline or
- other flammable liquids. • Never add lighter fluid to a lit fire

this causes flare-ups.

- Store starter fluid away from heat sources and out of children's reach.
- Let charcoal coals and ashes cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

#### Electric grills are safe outdoors if proper safety precautions are followed:

- Ensure your electric grill is outdoor rated to withstand exposure to moisture and varying temperatures.
- Never use an electronic grill in rainy or wet conditions. Store the grill in a dry place when not in use.
- Keep electrical connections away from water, damp surfaces or pools to avoid electric shock.
- Always plug your grill into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlet to protect against shocks. If using an extension cord, make sure it's outdoor-rated and GF-CI-protected.

- Check the power cord for frays, cracks or damage before use.
- Turn off and unplug the grill after

If your electric grill stops working, consult the manufacturer instead of attempting to make any electrical repairs yourself.

#### Cleaning your grill

Despite the belief that a seasoned grill enhances flavor, regular cleaning is essential for safety and performance. Grills should undergo deep cleaning once or twice per year. Follow these steps to keep your gas grill in prime

• Turn on the grill, close the lid and set the heat to maximum for at least 30 minutes. This process will eliminate any remaining grease or food debris.

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- In a bowl, mix warm water with soap and dip a wire brush into the mixture. Scrub the grates to remove any carbon buildup.
- Allow the grill to cool down completely before storing it. Now your grill is ready for your next feast.
- In between uses, preheat your grill and then scrape it off with a wire-bristled brush before adding food.
- Follow the manufacturers instructions for additional proper cleaning.

Take these precautions and enjoy a safe and flavorful grilling season while saving energy. For more information, visit www.cottonelectric.com/safety.



lower your energy bill. If you cook outside, less energy is needed to cool your kitchen.

- Nearly 70% of Americans own a grill.
- The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for outdoor cooking.
- The hamburger is the favorite item to grill.
- The all-American hot dog gets the most votes from kids.
- More men grill than women.
- Grilling and barbecuing are not the same thing.
- Grilling means cooking over a fire, hot and fast.
- Barbecuing means cooking slowly over indirect heat.

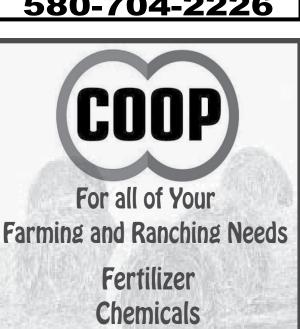






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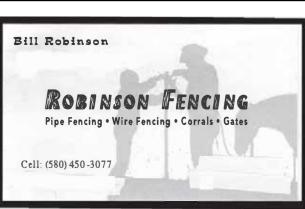
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## Make time for safety this harvest season

Harvest season often means putting in long hours, which can make it difficult to stay alert and on the lookout for potential hazards.

#### Safety starts with preparation:

- Be prepared for potential emergencies before the rush of harvest season begins.
- Have a safety plan, and make sure that farm workers and family members are aware of the procedures in it.
- Be sure that you can see well in the areas where you are working. Consider adding extra lighting around grain bins and augers.

#### Take the time to look up and look out for electrical lines:

Always be aware of where they are in relation to your equipment. Keep a minimum of 10 feet away from all electrical equipment, and lower extensions before moving equipment. If you see a power line that is sagging or low, contact your utility. Also keep an eye out for guy wires. Although these wires are not energized, they can bring down live lines.

In equipment with auto-guidance systems, less focus is needed on steering, which may lead some drivers to think that they do not need to be as aware of navigation issues. However, even while using a GPS with auto-steering, farm workers need to keep safety in mind and stay focused on their surroundings.

Slow down, always stay alert, and take all recommended precautions. To help you do so, recognize when you need to take breaks so that you can be active and engaged in the farm work.

#### Additional electrical safety tips include:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead lines. Grain augers should always be positioned horizontally before being moved.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clear-

If the machinery you are operating does make contact with a power line, stay on the equipment. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the touch anything that is in contact with

Only on the rare occasion that the machinery catches fire should you leave the vehicle after contact is made.

If this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area. Never a power line.

Remember, while harvest is a busy season on the farm, it's still important to take the time to keep safety first and look out for and stay safely away from potential hazards like overhead power

For more information on electrical safety, visit www.cottonelectric.com/ safety or www.safeelectricity.org.



Keep electrical safety tips in mind to ensure a safe harvest season. Photo courtesy of Safe Electricity.

## Is Your Water Safe?

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AUCTION LOCATION: Randlett Community Building • 1600 "D" Ave. • Randlett, OK 73562

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Three tracts of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), And the Northeast Quarter (NE/4), both in Section Thirty (30), and the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Nineteen (19) all in Township Four (4) South, Range Twelve (12) West of the Indian Meridian, consisting of 295.61 Acres  $\pm$  in Cotton County, Oklahoma.

#### TRACT #6697

- 144.44 acres ± Farmland
  64.62 Acres ± Cropland, balance in mixed native grass and creek area
- 4 Stock Ponds • Fences are adequate • No rural water
- House and acreage out Cross fenced for rotational grazing
- HEL field on tract. Conservation system being actively applied
- WL Violations: None

#### **DCP CROP DATA:**

Crop	Base Acres	CCC-505 CRP Reduction Acres	PLC Yield
Wheat	14.40	0.00	29
Oats	8.80	0.00	36
Grain	2.30	0.00	39
Sorghu	ım		
TOTAL	25.50	0.00	
• These	tracts of land	border I-44 on the E	ast side

- between Lawton, OK and Wichita Falls, TX

   Dead end Co. road splits these 2 tracts of land
- Est. 2025 ad-valorem taxes: \$529.00

#### TRACT #1579

- 151.17 Acres ± Farmland
  87.87 Acres ± Cropland, balance in native grass
- with some Bermuda in areas 2 Stock Ponds • NHEL Land
- Fences good to adequate Cotton County Rural Water w/meter
- 2 Frost-proof hydrants Rural water to barn
   Metal barn w/shed on North & South
- 2 Smaller WF Sheds (need repairs)
  2 small pipe frame Shed w/concrete floor
- 1 manual cattle chute w/crowding alley (needs
- Area w/improvements has a pipe fence w/cable Cross fenced for rotational grazing
   Cotton Elec. service available (not currently
- hooked up)
   WL Violations: None

#### **DCP CROP DATA:**

Crop		Reduction Acres	Yield
Wheat	84.30	0.00	29
Oats	2.20	0.00	36
TOTAL	86.50	0.00	

CCC-505 CRP

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TERMS: Ten percent (10%) down day of sale with Benson Law Firm, Inc., P.C. attorney for Seller Balance due at closing. Land to be sold subject to seller's confirmation. Good & Marketable Abstract: Within ten (10) days from this date, Seller will furnish to Buyer an abstract of title, certified to date, showing marketable title vested in the Seller free of any lien or encumbrances.

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## Cotton Electric honored with **Business Partnership Excellence** Award from Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

OK, May 15, 2025

Cotton Electric has been honored with the 2025 Business Partnership Excellence Award by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for its long-standing support of Cameron University. The award highlights successful partnerships and cultivates the higher learning environment through State Regents' Economic Development Grants.

"Cameron University is proud to partner with Cotton Electric Cooperative, a collaboration that has flourished for nearly 30 years and continues to grow stronger," says Jari Askins, CU president. "CU is deeply appreciative of the continued partnership, which provides invaluable resources, mentorship and opportunities for today's professionals."

"I can personally attest to the value of this partnership as I began my career at Cotton Electric Cooperative as an intern while I was completing

For Immediate Release - Lawton, my undergraduate degree at Cameron University 26 years ago," says Jennifer Meason, Cotton Electric CEO. "The partnership between Cameron and Cotton Electric allowed me to have real world experience that resulted in finding my future career. It has been an honor to continue that tradition."

> Cotton Electric's long-standing partnership with CU supports numerous programs at the university, demonstrating Cotton Electric's commitment to higher education and community engagement. Both organizations are dedicated to identifying and creating new opportunities that better prepare CU students for success in the workforce. The company provides internship opportunities for CU students. As a member of President's Partners, Cotton Electric provides financial support for scholarships and other initiatives. Additionally, Meason sits on the Board of Directors for the Cameron University Foundation.



(Pictured left to right) Dennis Casey, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education chair; Jennifer Meason, Cotton Electric CEO; Chancellor Sean Burrage; Jari Askins, Cameron University President; and Regent Stephen W. Taylor celebrate almost 30 years of Cameron University and Cotton Electric Cooperative working together to strengthen higher education in southwest Oklahoma. Photo courtesy of Cameron University Office of Public Affairs.







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## Understanding capital credits

Capital credits for accounts active in 2024 have recently been allocated and listed on June power bills, but please note that a credit to an individual account is not a refund, and the amount may not be applied to your power bill.

The concept of capital credits often emerges as a topic of curiosity and confusion. Unlike investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives operate with a different financial structure, one that involves the distribution of margins back to their members.

#### The allocation process

Cotton Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative owned by its members, who follow the cooperative principle of Members' Economic Participation. Revenues in excess of the actual costs of providing electric service for the year are called margins. Members' portions of these margins are called patronage capital. Once allocated, capital credits are recorded in each member's account based on their proportional use of the cooperative's services during the period for which the credits are being allocated.

#### The retirement process

These margins are held in reserve for a period of time, with the capital being used primarily to construct new electric facilities, upgrade existing facilities, maintain the members' ownership and equity in the cooperative, reduce interest costs by lowering the amount of the borrowed capital, and maintain a reserve to protect against storms and emergencies.

Over time, as the cooperative's financial position allows, capital credits are retired or paid out to members. Retirements are usually announced separately and typically occur on a rotating basis.

Members are encouraged to keep Cotton Electric informed of any changes of address so they will receive a check if a retirement is made. Lists of names on returned checks are published in The Current, which can be found on the co-op's website, www. cottonelectric.com/previous-issues.

Additionally, Cotton Electric does not generate power but buys it from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), a generation and transmission cooperative. Cotton Electric and other electric cooperatives in Oklahoma and New Mexico own WFEC. Just as Cotton Electric allocates its margins to members, WFEC allocates its margins to the electric cooperatives that own WFEC. When Cotton Electric receives margin allocations from WFEC, it allocates those margins to the co-op members. WFEC allocations are kept separate from the Cotton Electric margin allocations.

#### Benefits to members

Capital credit allocations offer several benefits to members of electric cooperatives. First, they demonstrate the Cooperative Principle of Democratic Member Control. By receiving capital credits, members not only enjoy reliable electric service but also have a direct stake in the co-op's success. Additionally, capital credits can provide financial relief to members, as they represent a form of patronage refund or member dividend.

#### Benefits to the cooperative

For the cooperative itself, the practice of allocating capital credits helps financial stability and sustainability. By retaining margins to fund capital projects rather than relying solely on debt financing, co-ops can reduce their reliance on external sources of capital and maintain lower operating costs, ultimately benefiting members through more stable rates and improved service reliability. The allocation and retirement of capital credits also strengthen the cooperative's ties to its members, promoting a sense of community and shared responsibility.

Capital credit allocations are a fundamental aspect of not-for-profit electric cooperatives, representing the cooperative principles of member ownership and democratic control. By allocating margins back to members as capital credits, cooperatives not only demonstrate their commitment to serving their communities but also ensuring their long-term financial viability and sustainability.

## **HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS**

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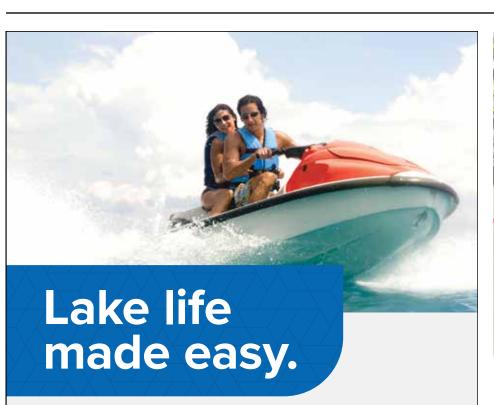
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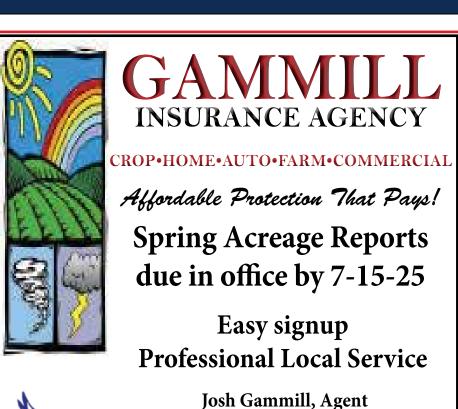
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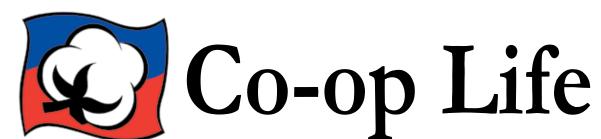
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More than 150 co-op employees volunteered for the 2025 Special Olympics Oklahoma, including Cotton Electric Meter Technician Shop Foreman Sam Gonzalez, Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman TJ James and Cotton Electric Member Service Representative Jennifer Kriz. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

## Co-op employees cheer on Oklahoma athletes at annual event

By Carli Eubank

For co-op employees, supporting athletes at the Special Olympics Oklahoma (SOOK) is about more than being a volunteer; it's another way to serve our communities. Volunteers from Oklahoma's electric cooperatives gather at the annual competition with a shared value of two Cooperative Principles: Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Concern for Community. Among the 155 volunteers with Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives this year were three from Cotton Electric Cooperative: Meter Technician Shop Foreman Sam Gonzalez, Journeyman Lineman TJ James and Member Service Representative Jennifer Kriz.

Athletes train and compete year-round to qualify for the state games. Walking, running, wheelchair races, softball and bean bag toss are just a few of the competitive events. Electric co-op employees volunteer at the track and field events, helping athletes line up before the races, cheering them on, recording their times, meeting them at the finish line or directing them to the stage where athletes collect their awards.

James and Kriz have represented Cotton Electric at SOOK in previous years. Each year, the competition brings new experiences, but the collective support and joy remains impactful.

This year, Kriz got to share the atmosphere of the event with her daughter and her daughter's friend. Throughout the event, they would run race sheets and materials back and forth between the starting lines and cheer on all the athletes.

"There was only one athlete competing in the two-mile event, so everyone there was cheering him on, and then my daughter and her friend got to run alongside him on the last lap," Kriz said. "It was really neat to see how excited my daughter and her friend were cheering on all the athletes."

One of James' most memorable experiences at this year's SOOK happened as he cheered on a boy with blindness who was competing in the 100-meter dash using his walking stick.

"It's a great opportunity for all the athletes to have fun and compete," James said. "This event is so amazing, and me and my family look forward to volunteering every year."

Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman TJ James meets an athlete at the finish line to pass out place cards. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

James was also one of the several volunteers who filled in a few placing spots for an athlete who was the only competitor in his race.

For years, Gonzalez had heard his co-workers who have volunteered at SOOK talk about how it was a memorable experience for them, and this year, Gonzalez got to create those experiences for himself alongside his family.

Gonzalez would meet athletes as they crossed the finish line to give them their placement card results, but his favorite part was the conversations he shared with the athletes as they walked together from the track to the staging area.

"Those conversations were so genuine," Gonzalez said. "Majority of the athletes were excited when they reached the finish line, and then you had a few who were upset with how they placed in their race. They were all ready to compete."

Gonzalez also remembers watching the athletes compete in the long jump contest and noticing how excited everyone was cheering them on – regardless of the individual's result.

"Volunteering at SOOK and seeing how happy everyone – volunteers and athletes – was to be there is such a memorable experience that I'll remember for a long time," Gonzalez said.

Working side by side with athletes, volunteers witnessed their resilience, victories and determination. As volunteers return to their cooperatives, the ripple effects of volunteering at SOOK bring them a renewed sense of purpose and appreciation.

For more information or to learn how you can support SOOK, visit. www. sook.org.



(Pictured left) Cotton Electric Meter Technician Shop Foreman Sam Gonzalez helps an athlete to the staging area. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.



Cotton Electric Member Service Representative Jennifer Kriz, her daughter, and her daughter's friend ran race sheets and materials back and forth between races. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.



If you would like your community event listed in the July issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351 or by sending an email to The-Current@CottonElectric.com by July 4. Only events occurring after July 18 will be published in the next issue.

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

#### Annual Freedom Festival in Lawton

Attend the annual Lawton Fort Sill Freedom Festival at Elmer Thomas Park for two days full of Independence Day fun. This family-friendly event will feature one of the largest fireworks displays in Oklahoma. A variety of contests, vendors and live music performances will be available to attendees throughout the event. Stick around until nightfall that Saturday night with the event's finale of a massive fireworks display. The event is June 27 and 28 at Elmer Thomas Park, Third and NW Ferris Avenue, Lawton. For more information, visit www. lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3470.

### Marlow's Independence Day celebration

Head to Marlow for a full day of patriotic events during the annual Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration. The festivities kick off with a parade on Main Street, complete with floats, horses, antique automobiles and tractors and more. The parade leads into family-friendly activities at Redbud Park, such as music, game booths and food vendors. Stick around until 9:30 p.m. for one of the biggest fireworks displays in southern

Oklahoma. The day begins with the parade set to start at 9 a.m. July 4 on Main Street in Marlow. For more information, visit www.cityofmarlow. com or call 580-658-2212.

#### Rockin' the Park

Join the fun at Rockin' the Park, a three-day music festival and Fourth of July celebration in Medicine Park. Food vendors will be available, along with American Rock music from regional and local performers. This fun-filled event is free to the public. The event is from July 4 to July 6 at Downtown Medicine Park. For more information, visit www.medicinepark. com/festivals/.

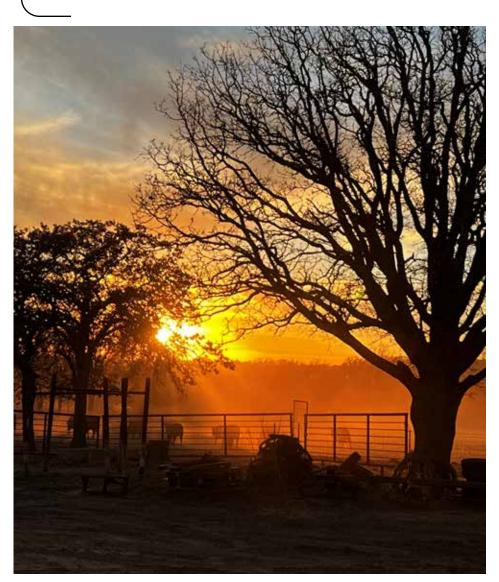
#### Food pantry open once monthly

Walters Community Food Pantry is open from 8 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.

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Cotton Electric member Alan Patterson snapped this photo one evening at his ranch.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. The theme for July is Red, White and Blue! Entries can be emailed to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com or mailed to *The Current*, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize.



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## June is Men's Health Month



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

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The first and most important step is to get a checkup with a primary care provider, even if you feel healthy. Yearly checkups (sometimes called annual wellness visits) allow your health care team to conduct screenings to catch things like heart disease, cancer, and mental health concerns early and implement prevenhas an excellent list of recommended screenings for men ages 40 to 64. This Month.

list can be found at www.medlineplus. gov/ency/article/007465.htm.

What if the doctor finds something? That's the point. Many conditions, if caught early, are treatable, preventable, and possibly reversible with lifestyle changes and low doses of medication. If you are not ready to make any of these changes, at least a visit with your doctor and early identification give you the opportunity to start thinking about changes you can make.

In addition to getting your yearly checkup, do a quick self-check of the obvious modifiable risk factors that play a role in chronic disease prevention and support healthy aging for men: Regular physical activity including strength training; maintaining a healthy weight; incorporating fruit and vegetables, lean protein, whole grains, and sources of calcium and vitamin D into your diet. The CDC recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise or 75 minutes per week of vigorous physical activity plus at least two days of strength training. The CDC has an adult body mass index calculator, found at www.cdc.gov/ bmi/adult-calculator/index.html, that can help you get an idea of your weight status (underweight, normal weight, overweight, obese). The USDA My-Plate website (www.myplate.gov/) has extensive education materials for eating healthy at every life stage.

Make the appointment, do the selftion or treatment plans. Medline Plus check, and take some steps toward a healthier you to celebrate Men's Health



During Men's Health Month, consider what next steps to take to work toward a healthier you for yourself and loved ones. Photo courtesy of MetroCreative.



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## Pair Summer Favorites with a Simple Potato Salad

(Family Features) Ideal for neighborhood cookouts, quick family dinners and anything in between, potato salad is a tried-and-true summer favorite. This version from Cookin' Savvy comes together in a snap so you can spend more time enjoying the sun and less time in the kitchen. Pair this easy potato salad with more warm-weather recipe inspiration found at Culinary.net.

#### Potato Salad

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy" Servings: 4-6

- pounds potatoes
- boiled eggs, coarsely chopped
- dill pickles
- tablespoon garlic powder
- tablespoon onion powder
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons mustard

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

smoked paprika, for garnish

Coarsely chop potatoes. In Dutch oven, boil until fork tender. Drain then add coarsely chopped eggs and pickles.

Add garlic powder, onion powder, bacon pieces, mayonnaise and mustard. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Mix well.

Transfer to large bowl and refrigerate 1-2 hours. Garnish with smoked paprika.





## A Perfect Lemon and Raspberry Pairing

(Family Features) Enjoy the richness of summer with this Ooey Gooey Lemon Cake, which pairs a soft lemony cake with a sweet-tart raspberry drizzle that's perfect for sharing with your nearest and dearest. Find more summer dessert ideas at Culinary.net.

## **Ooey Gooey Lemon Cake**

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- stick butter, melted
- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 2 eggs

- package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 31/2cups powdered sugar

#### Raspberry Drizzle:

- tablespoons cornstarch
- cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- cup fresh raspberries

Heat oven to 350 F.

To make cake: In bowl, mix butter, cake mix and eggs until blended well but thick. Spread into buttered 9-by-13-inch pan.

To make topping: In another bowl, using mixer, mix softened cream cheese, eggs and powdered sugar until blended well. Pour over cake mixture but do not mix. Bake 30-35 minutes until edges of cake are golden brown but center is not. Wait until completely cooled to cut, 1-2 hours.

To make drizzle: In saucepan over medium heat, add cornstarch and sugar. Mix in water and orange juice. Stir in raspberries and bring to boil. Remove from heat when it starts to thicken.

Drizzle raspberry drizzle over each piece.





## Harness the Power of Walking

Benefits of being physically active

(Family Features) A walk isn't just good for your body; it's a simple, powerful way to care for your mind and soul. Physical activity, like walking, reduces stress, boosts mood and promotes overall well-being. Yet physical activity levels in the United States continue to decline, a trend threatening both mental and physical

Less than half of adults and fewer than 1 in 5 children in the U.S. get the recommended amount of physical activity needed for heart health, according to the American Heart Association's 2025 Heart & Stroke Statistical Update.

National recommendations call for children to get at least one hour of physical activity each day, but the latest statistics show less than 19% of children in the U.S. achieve that target. Meanwhile, less than half of adults get the recommended 150 minutes or more of weekly physical activity.

What's more, according to data from a National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1 in 4 U.S. adults sits for longer than eight hours each day, which can have negative consequences on physical and mental health.

For decades, the American Heart Association has championed the importance of physical activity in communities across the country. These tips and information can help you understand how a brisk walk can make a world of difference for heart health and mental clarity.

#### **Benefits of Physical Activity**

Staying active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy.

The physical health benefits may be obvious, but research suggests physical activity can also help bring more joy to your life. According to the 2019 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, people who get the recommended amount





of physical activity are less likely to experience depression.

Regular physical activity enhances your mood, sharpens your mind, improves sleep and boosts overall well-being, all while reducing the risk of disease and depression and increasing both the quality and longevity of life.

#### How to Be More Physically Active

Exercise as simple as a brisk walk can put a major spring in your step. It can even energize you to finish other tasks at hand, whether it's cooking or running errands. Give your daily physical activity level a boost with these tips:

- Exercising outdoors is a great way to get moving. Spending time outdoors has been shown to reduce stress, promote a sense of belonging and improve mood. It's even better if you can enjoy the sunshine outside, which can improve mood, boost your immunity and help you get some vitamin D.
- Invite a family member or friend along with you. It's good for them, it's good for you and it's good company all around.
- Instead of wondering if you'll move today, explore how you'll move. A walk, a dance or a stretch all count.

#### Getting Pets Involved

Pets are part of your family, and they can help you get healthy together. Pets provide a fun reason to spend more time outside and get the exercise needed to reduce the risk of disease later in life.

Getting moving along with your pet adds more exercise to your routine, which means living longer, reducing risk of dying from heart attack or stroke, reducing risk of diabetes, reducing stress and even boosting your overall happiness and well-being.

Exercising with your pet can also mean enjoying more socializing. You may find yourself meeting other dog owners in your area on a walk or at the dog park.

Learn more about how simple habits like walking can support your overall health at heart.org/MoveMore.

Photos courtesy of Shutterstock

## Healthy Breakfast Solutions for Busy Mornings

(Family Features) Hustling to get out the door for a busy day may tempt you to skip breakfast but taking a few extra minutes to nourish your body helps ensure you can keep up with the day's demands.

Breakfast is your chance to jumpstart your body. Eating breakfast offers multiple benefits, including providing energy to fuel your day and increasing your ability to focus and make decisions.

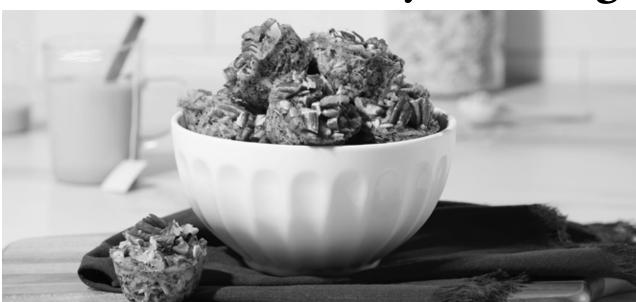
A breakfast rich in protein is also important to keep you fuller longer. Eggs may be a frequent option, yet dairy foods can be a good, protein-rich al-

If you're cutting calories, an option like Milk50 contains only 50 calories per serving but the same amount of protein as other dairy milks - 9 grams per serving - along with calcium and vitamin D. This first-of-its-kind product also contains 75% less sugar than skim milk, is lactose-free and doesn't contain any artificial flavors or colors.

A return-to-dairy trend is gaining momentum, with 58% of U.S. adults welcoming dairy back to their diets after being disappointed with the price, taste and heavy processing of plant-based beverages, according to a national survey commissioned by Dairy Farmers of America. Incorporating these real dairy favorites in your morning recipes can be

Start your morning with a nutritious and delicious shake like this Vanilla Coffee Protein Shake, which combines cold brew coffee and frozen bananas for a refreshing treat. Or, if you're craving something a little heartier, mix up a batch of Chai Oatmeal Energy Bites over the weekend or in the evening so you can grab one or two on the go.

Find more breakfast inspiration at milk50.com.



### Chai Oatmeal Energy Bites

Prep time: 10 minutes | Cook time: 55 minutes | Yield: 2 dozen

- cup DairyPure Milk50 Vanilla
- chai tea bags, divided 3 nonstick cooking spray
- cups old-fashioned oats 2
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- teaspoons baking powder
- tablespoons flaxseed
- teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 cup maple syrup cup chopped pecans

In small pot, heat milk until hot but not simmering. Take off heat and place two chai tea bags in milk. discard tea bags.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray mini muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, stir cooled chai milk, oats, salt, baking powder, flaxseed, vanilla and maple syrup.

Open third chai tea bag and measure 2 teaspoons tea. If tea is coarse, blitz in spice grinder or use mortar and pestle to grind more finely. Stir tea into batter and let mixture sit 10 minutes so oats can soak up milk.

Give batter another stir then fill each mini muffin cavity about 3/4 with batter, about 1 tablespoon in each. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top. Bake bites Steep tea in milk until cool, about 30 minutes, then 12-13 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of bite comes out clean. Let cool 5 minutes.

### Vanilla Coffee Protein Shake Prep time: 5 minutes | Cook time:

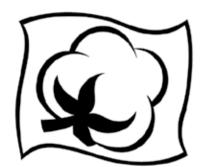
### 8 minutes | Servings: 1

- 5-6 ounces DairyPure Milk50 Vanilla banana, sliced and frozen
- cup, plus 2 tablespoons, cold brew concen-
- trate teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2
  - scoops protein powder of choice
  - teaspoons simple syrup (or to taste)

Make ice cubes by pouring milk into ice cube tray and freezing until solid, about 8 hours.

To make shake: In high-speed blender, blend frozen banana slices, cold brew, vanilla, protein powder, simple syrup and 5-6 milk cubes until creamy. Serve in glass.





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