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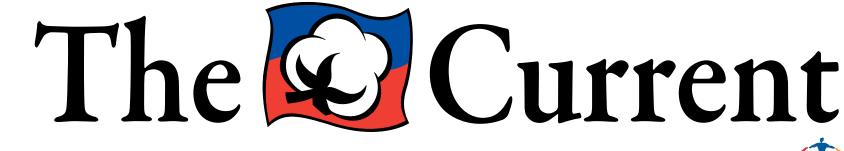
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Local high school students earn trip to Washington, D.C.

By Carli Eubank

Cotton Electric is pleased to announce Emmalee Fontenot of Cache High School and Claire Roderigas of Geronimo High School as the winners of the 2025 Youth Tour contest. After advancing through an essay competition and a video interview, Fontenot and Roderigas will represent the co-op in Washington, D.C., this summer.

The two juniors showed great efforts with speaking ability, knowledge of subject, poise and personality throughout the competition.

During Youth Tour, students will meet Oklahoma's congressional delegation, learn about the cooperative business model and connect with other Youth Tour winners from across the country while touring historic sites, monuments and memorials in our nation's capital.

Below, you can learn more about our 2025 Youth Tour winners. Congratulations to Emmalee Fontenot and Claire Roderigas.





Q: What subjects or areas of study are you most interested in?

A: I am fascinated by anything pertaining to both art and history. Those two subjects alone have captivated me since the very beginning, as the influence was unavoidable considering that I come from a historically military family with a few artistically gifted persons sprinkled into the mix.

Q: Are you involved in any school extracurricular activities?

A: I am involved with the Geronimo High School Academic Team. Before I joined, my brother had essentially led the team. However, after my brother graduated, there was a profound void that needed to be filled. A teacher, whom I cherish very much for her position as a family friend, had attempted to recruit me for years. Eventually, I joined the academic team.

Q: Why did you choose to apply for Youth Tour?

A: My decision to apply was born purely out of both the encouragement from my enthusiastic English teacher and the requirement to submit a writing piece for a grade. The guidelines presented by Cotton Electric served to be the perfect subject for a writing assignment. Initially, I had not planned to submit it, but my English teacher asserted that I may very well succeed in advancing further into the competition. I never expected that a written assignment would culminate in me being given the profound opportunity to visit our nation's capital.

Q: What subjects or areas of study are you most interested in?

A: I am interested in studying psychology, addiction theory, and social sciences. In the future, I plan to become a substance abuse counselor.

Q: Are you involved in any school extracurricular activities?

A: I'm actively involved in soccer, Beta Club, student council, and marching band.

Q: Why did you choose to apply for Youth Tour?

A: I decided to apply for Youth Tour because my teacher encouraged me to do so. I truly appreciate her encouragement, as I would not have learned about Youth Tour without her. I believe that participating in Youth Tour will positively impact my career.

Q: How will Youth Tour impact your future goals or career path?

A: It is an honor to be selected, and in the long run, it will help me stand out when applying to universities and jobs.

Q: Have you been to Washington, D.C., before?

A: I have never been to Washington, D.C. I am looking forward to meeting new people and learning more about our country's history.

Q: What are you looking forward to the most on Youth Tour?

A: I want to gain new experiences that an average visitor to Washington, D.C., might not have.

Q: What's one thing or experience you want to bring back from Youth Tour to share with your friends or family?

A: Additionally, I hope to bring back memories for my family that showcase not only the new information I've learned but also the fun adventures we had.

Q: What skills do you hope to develop and strengthen on Youth Tour?

A: I also want to improve my communication skills and overcome my shyness during the tour. I plan to push myself out of my comfort zone as much as possible.

Q: How will Youth Tour impact your future goals or career path?

A: I believe that the experience will temporarily satiate my ever-growing hunger for knowledge while also providing me with a fundamental amount of educational nourishment that will ultimately inspire what road I end up traversing in life. I am thoroughly aware of the fact that Youth Tour is only the beginning of my scholastic journey, and I am committed to exploring what awaits me.

Q: Have you been to Washington, D.C., before?

A: No, but I am anticipating the extraordinary trip presented to me.

Q: What are you looking forward to the most on Youth Tour?

A: I am looking forward to experiencing the sights, the sounds, and the people that make up the living history that is Washington, D.C. I also greatly look forward to potentially meeting government representatives, as well as befriending others that attend Youth Tour.

Q: What's one thing or experience you want to bring back from Youth Tour to share with your friends or family?

A: I would love to return home with souvenirs and photographs that will serve as memorabilia for me to admire and reminisce on as a source of inspiration for future enlightening endeavors. The historic knowledge that I can only anticipate will come from my touring of Washington, D.C., is another aspect of the tour that I wish to bring back because, although I am the one that is going to be experiencing it, I wish to share my firsthand account with those closest to me.

Q: What skills do you hope to develop and strengthen on Youth Tour? A: I would like to improve my social skills. I tend to be a rather socially awkward person; however, I anticipate developing a proficiency in said area during my time in Washington, D.C.

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after March 1, 2025, is \$0.00901 per kilowatt hours (kWh).

On a member's average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$11.71 on the March bill.

February 2025 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	75	24	50	16	42	23	33
2	74	30	52	17	54	22	38
3	84	34	59	18	43	9	26
4	51	35	43	19	19	5	12
5	52	35	44	20	28	6	17
6	53	37	45	21	32	15	24
7	51	38	45	22	58	11	35
8	59	33	46	23	67	21	44
9	45	31	38	24	79	23	51
10	39	35	37	25	82	33	58
11	39	34	37	26	73	39	56
12	34	20	27	27	72	35	54
13	36	13	25	28	79	27	53
14	51	21	36				
15	51	29	40				
Source:	srh.noaa.	gov/oun/					

Average Daily High: 54

Average Daily Low: 26

Did You Know?

2025 Energy Camp applications are due March 20. More information and applications can be found at www. cottonelectric.com/EnergyCamp.

Current should arrive in mailboxes April 11, 2025.

Contact Us

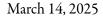
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You can also drop us The next issue of The a line at Cotton Electric Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.



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.



Current News From the CEO Be ready for storm season Preparedness is the best defense

pring is on our door-step, and like many of you, I'm looking forward to more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy warmer weather. Springtime brings the opportunity for many of my favorite activities, like walking in the evenings and watching the countryside come back to life after the dreary winter months. It's also an opportunity to take care of the chores. My husband got a head start cleaning out the storm shelter prior to our recent storm, which I greatly appreciated.

beautiful Oklahoma spring days, we also know how quickly weather can change to create the perfect conditions for severe storms. Throughout the year, Cotton Electric crews perform maintenance and complete system improvement projects in preparation for the storms we routinely experience in our area. Materials are ordered, warehouses are stocked, and crews are ready to respond quickly and safely.

As your electric cooperative is gearing up, there are also a few things you can do to prepare your family during storms and outages. The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

• Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of nonperishable food, including canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant cof-As we take advantage of the fee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).

> • Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.

> • Ensure your first-aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.

• Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual

can opener and a portable, battery-powered radio or TV.

• Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

• Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings, and follow us on Facebook for power restoration updates.

Safety and outage reporting

• Severe storms can occasionally bring down power lines. If you see a downed line, always assume it's energized and never approach it. If flooding occurs, never walk through areas where power lines could be submerged.

• If you plan to use a portable generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

• In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help prevent damage and overloading circuits during pow-



Jennifer Meason, CEO

er restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored.

• If you experience an outage, please call 580-875-3351 or text "OUT" to the same number. Please do not report outages or safety issues on Facebook as our page is not monitored 24/7 by our dispatch center. Calling or texting our main number is the fastest way to let us know your power is out or to report downed power lines.

Planning for severe storms or other emergencies can help reduce stress and lessen the impact of the storm's effects. I hope we don't experience severe storms over the spring and summer months, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. I encourage you to make a plan today-because storm preparedness is always our best defense.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

March is an ideal time to service your home cooling system, ensuring it runs efficiently when the heat of summer arrives. Routine maintenance, like cleaning or replacing filters, checking refrigerant levels and inspecting parts, can improve your system's energy efficiency and lower your energy bills. By addressing potential issues early, you can avoid costly emergency repairs and extend the life span of your unit. Scheduling service in the spring helps you beat the peak-season rush, giving you faster access to qualified technicians. A well-maintained cooling system can save energy and keep your home comfortable all summer long.

Source: www.energy.gov

January 2025 Operating Stats

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$8,195,758	\$7,809,017
Cost of Purchased Power	5,741,809	5,808,418
Taxes	140,118	127,479
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,427	1,496
Average Farm and Residential Bill	216	211
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,860	1,984
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Residential	l) 19,813	19,579
Miles Energized	5,282	5,266
Density per Mile	3.75	3.72
New Service Connects YTD	19	28
Services Retired	7	2

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Inexpensive ways to go green this St. Patrick's Day: Energy-saving edition

the perfect time to think about going green in more ways than one. This year, celebrate the holiday by adopting eco-friendly practices that not only honor the spirit of the day but also help reduce your energy consumption and save money. Here are some inexpensive ways to make your St. Patrick's Day celebration more sustainable and energy efficient.

Lighting and decorations

LED lights: Replace your traditional incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR-certified LED bulbs. These energy-efficient alternatives use up to 90% less energy and come in various colors, perfect for creating a festive St. Patrick's Day atmosphere. Not only will this switch reduce your energy consumption, but it will also keep more green in your wallet over time.

Natural light: Take advantage of daylight saving time and the longer days by opening your curtains and letting natural light illuminate your space. This simple act can significantly

ing during the daytime.

Cooking and cleaning

Energy-efficient cooking: Instead of using your oven or stovetop, consider preparing your St. Patrick's Day feast in a slow cooker. This method uses 50%-70% less energy than conventional cooking methods. You can easily whip up traditional dishes like corned beef and cabbage while saving energy.

Cold water washing: Wash your laundry in cold water instead of hot. This small change can lead to significant energy savings, especially when combined with eco-friendly laundry detergents.

Home climate control

Thermostat adjustment: Lower eight hours a day, which may result in up to 10% savings on your annual heating and cooling costs.

Natural ventilation: If the weather permits, open windows to create a cross breeze instead of relying on air conditioning. This natural ventilation

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, it's reduce your reliance on artificial light- method can help maintain a comfortable temperature without consuming electricity.

Electronics and appliances

Unplug and power down: Combat "phantom" or "vampire" energy consumption by unplugging electronics and appliances when not in use. For convenience, use smart power strips that automatically cut power to devices in standby mode.

Energy-efficient settings: Adjust your computer, TV, and other devices to their energy-saving modes. These settings can significantly reduce power consumption without affecting their performance.

Water conservation

Low-flow fixtures: Install low-flow your thermostat by 7 to 10 degrees for faucet aerators and showerheads to reduce water consumption. This inexpensive upgrade can lead to substantial ber, every small action counts toward water and energy savings over time.

> while brushing your teeth or shaving. Implementing these small actions can save gallons of water daily and reduce on your energy bills.



Heath Morgan, **Energy Efficiency** Coordinator

the energy required for water heating and pumping.

This St. Patrick's Day, embrace the true spirit of "going green" by implementing these energy-saving tips. Not only will you be celebrating in an eco-friendly manner, but you'll also be setting the foundation for long-term energy conservation habits. Remema more sustainable future. By making Smart water habits: Turn off the tap these inexpensive changes, you'll be doing your part to protect the environment while potentially saving money

Energy-Saving Tips Around the House

- Replace incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs.
- Wash laundry in cold water.
- Lower thermostats by 7-10 degrees.
- Unplug electronics and appliances when not in use.
- Turn off tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving.



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Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation

CECF announces first quarter grant recipients

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

Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters - set enough 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 February to review grant applications. Grants totaling \$16,003.93 will be distributed to four of the applicants. First quarter grant recipients include: Chattanooga Fire and Rescue, Cotton County Fairboard, Stephens County Humane Society, and the Town of Temple.

Second quarter applications are due May 13, 2025. The Board of Directors for CECF will meet again May 27 to review applications for the quarter.

CECF grant guidelines and applications can be downloaded and completed at www.cottonelectric.

Chattanooga Fire and Rescue \$7,500 for pumper engine equipment **Cotton County Fairboard** \$6,207 for electrical work **Stephens County Humane Society** \$1,000 for spay/neuter services **Town of Temple** \$1,296.93 for LED lights for the nutrition center

com/grant-applications. Applications can also be submitted by email to zyoung@cottonelectric.com or by mail to 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.





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HVAC Tune-Up rebate program begins April 1

Spring is approaching, and now is the perfect time to start prepping for summer. From April 1 through June 20, Cotton Electric is offering to help members offset the cost of getting air conditioning units ready for high summer temperatures.

Through the HVAC Tune-Up rebate program, the co-op will provide a rebate of 50% of the cost of your spring tune-up service, excluding repairs and not exceeding \$50. For heat pump systems, the co-op will provide a rebate for 50% of the cost of annual maintenance contracts, excluding repairs and not exceeding \$75. The goal of this incentive program is to ensure the largest power-consuming appliance in members' homes is ready to operate at peak performance when needed most.

Heating and air conditioning systems are typically the largest purchases for homeowners, led only by home and vehicle purchases. Like with a vehicle, lack of maintenance can have a impact on the efficiency and life of HVAC systems. Most car owners would not even consider skipping scheduled maintenances of their vehicle, and the same type of thinking should be applied to air conditioning service.

There are two schools of thought when it comes to maintaining these systems: Reactive and preventive. Reactive or "run-to-fail" practices are marked by forgoing regular maintenance and running equipment until parts fail. Preventive practices involve periodic maintenance as required by manufacturers.

There are numerous studies showing the effects that poor maintenance procedures have on HVAC systems. A majority of studies shows a 5% loss of efficiency over the course of one year. This loss in efficiency can be attributed to a reduction of air flow through indoor and outdoor coils. As dirt attaches to coils, airflow is limited. Units not properly serviced, even for just a few years, can have up to 40% loss of efficiency throughout its life.

Lack of maintenance can affect more than just the efficiency of the unit. Restricted airflow can raise operating amperage of motors and compressors, resulting in a shortened operating life span. You wouldn't drive your car with a flat tire, would you? Continuing to drive with a flat tire would result in further damage. The same is true for your air conditioning system. Running components at higher amps than

life of that component.

It may be difficult to tell if your unit has a weak start capacitor or is low on refrigerant; this is why we recommend involving a professional contractor. Scheduled tune-ups allow professionals an opportunity to perform recom-

they are designed for will decrease the mended cleanings and test specific components and refrigerant levels that keep your system operating efficiently.

> Applications will be available on our webstie, through your contractor or at one of Cotton Electric's office locations in Duncan or Walters.

Beginning April 1, Cotton Electric is offering a rebate of up to \$50 per home (50% of the cost of your spring tune-up, excluding repairs, up to \$50) or up to \$75 per home (50% of the cost of your annual maintenance contract, excluding repairs, up to \$75) for members who get a tune-up for their HVAC system. In order to qual*ify, the following guidelines must be met:*

• Must be a Cotton Electric Cooperative member. Residence must be within Cotton Electric's service territory.

• Rebate is not available for new construction.

• A completed rebate application is required. Application forms can be downloaded at www.cottonelectric.com and are available at the Walters and Duncan offices or by calling 580-875-3351.

• Application must be signed and dated by both the member and a licensed and bonded HVAC contractor.

• Member must submit a dated, itemized invoice as proof of service completion from a qualified contractor. A copy of the annual contract must be submitted showing at least two scheduled maintenance checks, if applicable. Failure to provide required information will result in denial of rebate.

• Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds have been depleted.

- Rebate not valid on gas-fired furnaces.
- Rebate limited to one tune-up per home annually.

• HVAC tune-ups must be completed by June 20, 2025. Rebate applications must be received by June 30, 2025.

Tune-Up Checklist

Tune-ups must be performed by a qualified service professional and must include the following criteria:

- Check and correct unit's
- refrigerant pressure and tubing
- Check thermostat settings, wiring and other electric parts and connections
- Inspect air filters
- Test AC and/or heat pump starting capabilities
- Test safety controls
- Clean and adjust blower components

- Measure temperature difference
- Measure volts/amps on AC and/or heat pump
- Lubricate all applicable parts
- Check temperature calibration and adjust, if needed
- Check evaporator coil and clean, if necessary
- Clean condenser coil
- Clean AC condensate drains
- Check thermostat operation





Carefully consider Social Security decisions



Your Social Security or if you should wait until income from other sources, the months during which eligible to receive spousal benefits even if they or the benefits can be an im- your "full retirement age" such as your 401(k) or other your benefits were lowered benefits, which, when com- higher-benefit spouse delays should you start collecting they'll be about 30% lower fits until they're much larger. of us can say for certain how the higher-benefit spouse's

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Electric cooperatives stand out from other types of businesses because we are built and led by the communities we serve. As independent, not-forprofit electric utilities, we are owned and governed by our local membersnot by outside shareholders or investors. That is a powerful differentiator.

Here are a few ways electric co-ops like Cotton Electric bring unique value to the communities they serve:

We put people before profits

Co-ops are not-for-profit and provide at-cost electric service. Any excess revenue is returned to our consumer-members in the form of capital credits, typically as a bill credit or check.

Community comes first

We live and work here too, and we care deeply about our local communities. That's why we engage in development and revitalization projects, sponsor local students for scholarships and youth programs, and give back to local organizations through the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation.

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Cotton Electric purchases electricity from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), our wholesale energy partner. WFEC is a generation and transmission cooperative formed by a group of electric co-ops in our state/region. This cooperative business structure allows us to pool local resources and provide electricity at a lower cost than if we purchased it from outside sources.

As a new year begins, we're focused on our members' energy needs-not only for today but for the long haul. We're advocating for smarter energy policies that prioritize reliability and affordability for all. We recognize we must be inclusive of all energy sources, which is why we work closely with WFEC to ensure use of a diverse mix of sources, including coal, natural gas, wind and solar, to generate the electricity we provide to our members.

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Oklahoma Human Services home energy assistance program opens April 15

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program through Oklahoma Human Services that provides payment assistance to low-income Oklahoma households each year to help them meet the cost of home energy.

One program under the LIHEAP umbrella is the Energy Crisis Assistance Program (ECAP). This program provides assistance through payment of an eligible household's primary source of heating or cooling that is in crisis. Applications for this program open April 15.

A "household" is defined as an individual's one utility meter or energy source.

ECAP Crisis Criteria, verification required:

• Households that have an active cutoff notice for the utility on the day of application

• Written notice from their utility provider for new service establishment or service restoration with a minimum requirement security deposit, carryover debt or other fees

• Written notice from their utility provider refusing to deliver additional fuel without a minimum required payment, and the fuel tank is below 10%

• A prepaid account with less than \$25 balance in the account

• Verification from the utility provider that the

- ID (such as a driver's license)
- Social Security number
- Verification of income
- Household size
- Responsibility for payment of home energy

o Households are not eligible for energy assistance if the utility bill is paid directly to the provider by someone who does not reside in the house.

Households with a member who belong to a federally recognized American Indian tribe may apply for energy assistance through Oklahoma Human Services or tribal nation, but cannot receive assistance from both during the same federal fiscal year.

Eligible households will be authorized for a onetime payment for the minimum amount required to resolve the crisis. Only one annual payment per household is allowed for ECAP. The total crisis payment is capped at \$750 maximum per federal fiscal year, including energy crisis and life-threatening medical assistance.

For people applying to this program in April, you will need to include everyone who resides under the same roof at the same service address. Applicants should also have the most recent heating bill information for their home and utility supplier, along with their ID, Social Security number and verification of income.



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household entered into a payment plan to prevent service cutoff

Information needed to apply for ECAP:

• Most recent utility bill for the household that meets the crisis criteria

ECAP applications open April 15. For more information and to apply, visit www.okdhslive.org.

Source: Oklahoma Human Services



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- **High utility bills?**
- Thermostat wars with your spouse?
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- House just never seems comfortable?
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Local juniors attending Leadership Summit

By Carli Eubank

High school juniors Major Fleetwood and Gavin Waller will represent Cotton Electric Cooperative at the 2025 Leadership Summit on March 17 at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. Each student at Leadership Summit will take home a \$500 college scholarship. Fleetwood and Waller were selected from those who participated in the 2025 Youth Tour essay contest.

Fleetwood resides in Cotton Electric territory and attends Marlow High School. There, he is involved in Marlow FFA, football, basketball and baseball. Fleetwood plans to attend college and continue his baseball career.

Waller, also a Marlow High School student, is a member of their high school band. He plans on attending college and pursuing an engineering degree.

Both Fleetwood and Waller are looking forward to meeting new people and enhancing their leadership skills at the 2025 Leadership Summit.

During Leadership Summit, Fleetwood, Waller and other attendees from Oklahoma electric cooperatives will participate in activities designed to encourage students to become leaders of their schools and communities. They will also hear from inspiring speakers focusing on how to make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

To learn more about Leadership Summit and other youth programs, visit www.cottonelectric.com/youth-programs.



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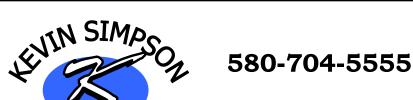
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Think before you climb: Don't take safety shortcuts

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A ladder is often necessary, whether it is for a home improvement project, clearing the gutters or hanging decorative lights. However, before rushing into a project, take a few minutes to inspect your ladder and ensure it is the right one for the job.

Each year in the United States, more than 100 people die and thousands more are injured from ladder-related falls, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

There are five major causes for ladder-related fall incidents, according to NIOSH:

1. Incorrect extension ladder setup angle: In approximately 40% of cases, the cause of ladder-related injuries is a ladder sliding out at the base due to an incorrect setup angle.

2. Inappropriate ladder selection: Selecting a ladder with the proper rating for intended use (duty rating) is also important to avoid structural failure. Select the correct ladder for the job.

3. Insufficient ladder inspection: Reduce the likelihood of ladder structural failure by practicing regular inspection and maintenance (see separate section on inspections).

4. Improper ladder use: Overreaching, carrying objects, applying excessive force, slips and missteps are also frequent causes of ladder-related fall injuries.

5. Lack of access to ladder safety tools and information: Small companies that account for up to 80% of all construction companies, as well as domestic ladder users, such as homeowners, typically do not receive the required safety training on the proper use of extension ladders and step ladders.

Don't skip the inspection

Before using a ladder, check to see if it is broken, in disrepair or not functioning as it should. If this is the case, ensure no one uses it until it is properly repaired. Look for:

Cracks

- Loose steps/rungs
- Defective locks and spreader brac-

Look up first

Always look up and look out for overhead power lines before climbing, transporting or positioning a ladder. When moving a ladder, carry it horizontally instead of vertically since getting too close or contacting overhead power lines could cause electrocution.

Always be aware of overhead power lines and:

• Keep yourself and all equipment 10 feet away from overhead power lines.

o Electricity can arc or jump if a ladder gets too close to a power line or pole.

o A ladder could make direct contact with the line.

• Use a ladder during ideal weather conditions.

o Rain can make the ground slippery.

o Wind could blow a ladder into a power line.

• Do not trim trees/branches that are near power lines.

o It is dangerous to trim near overhead power lines.

o By law, only certified line clearance tree trimmers can do so.

• Do not use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near overhead lines.

o All power lines can cause electrocution, including those feeding your home.

o Always follow the 10-foot distance rule when working or playing outside.

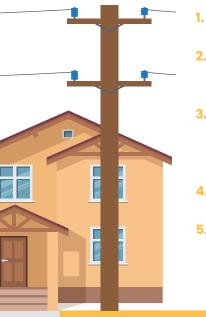
An aluminum ladder is a great conductor of electricity; however, a wooden ladder can be one too, depending on the condition of the ladder and whether it is wet or has metal parts.

Anything that elevates you can take you too close to a power line if you are not aware of your surroundings. For more information on electrical safety, visit www.cottonelectric.com/safety or www.safeelectricity.org.

Think Before You Climb

Before you rush into a job that requires you to use a ladder, take precautions before you climb.

Electrical Safety



- Look up and around for power line locations before using a ladder.
- 2. Keep a minimum **10-foot distance** from a power line or other electrical equipment at all times.
- 3. The minimum distance rule includes you (any part of your body) or **any** object you are holding, such as a ladder or tool.
- 4. Always be aware of power line locations when you are elevated.
- 5. Sources of elevation include, but are not limited to, a ladder, rooftop, boom lift or scaffolding.

General Ladder Safety

- 1. Use a ladder on a stable, level surface.
- 2. Maintain three-point contact on the ladder when climbing.
- 3. Three points of contact mean two hands and a foot or two feet and a hand.
- 4. Keep your body near the middle of the step and face the ladder when climbing.
- 5. Do not use the top step/rung of a ladder unless designed for that purpose.
- 6. For a stepladder, make sure the base is fully open and the spreaders are locked.

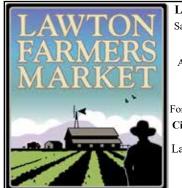


Learn more about electrical safety:

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- Missing or uneven feet

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Sources: OSHA, American Ladder Institute



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Energy Camp essay contest closes March 20

The countdown for the opportunity to grow in cooperation, teamwork, leadership development and safety education at the 2025 Energy Camp is winding down for all incoming and current eighth graders attending schools within Cotton Electric's service territory. Contest winners will be selected to attend an all-expense-paid trip to Canyon Camp in Red Rock Canyon, southeast of Hinton, May 27-30.

The top four students will join students from other Oklahoma electric cooperatives for a chance to be a lineworker for a day, hear from motivational speakers, learn the science behind electricity, and participate in various team-building group activities, all while enjoying the great outdoors at Red Rock Canyon.

Contestants must submit an essay between 50 and 100 words explaining why the entrant would like to represent Cotton Electric at the 2025 Energy Camp. Writers of the top 10 essays move to the second round for a live video interview between students and independent judges where the top four students will be selected to attend this year's Energy Camp.

For contest deadlines, guidelines and submission, visit www.cottonelectric. com/energycamp.





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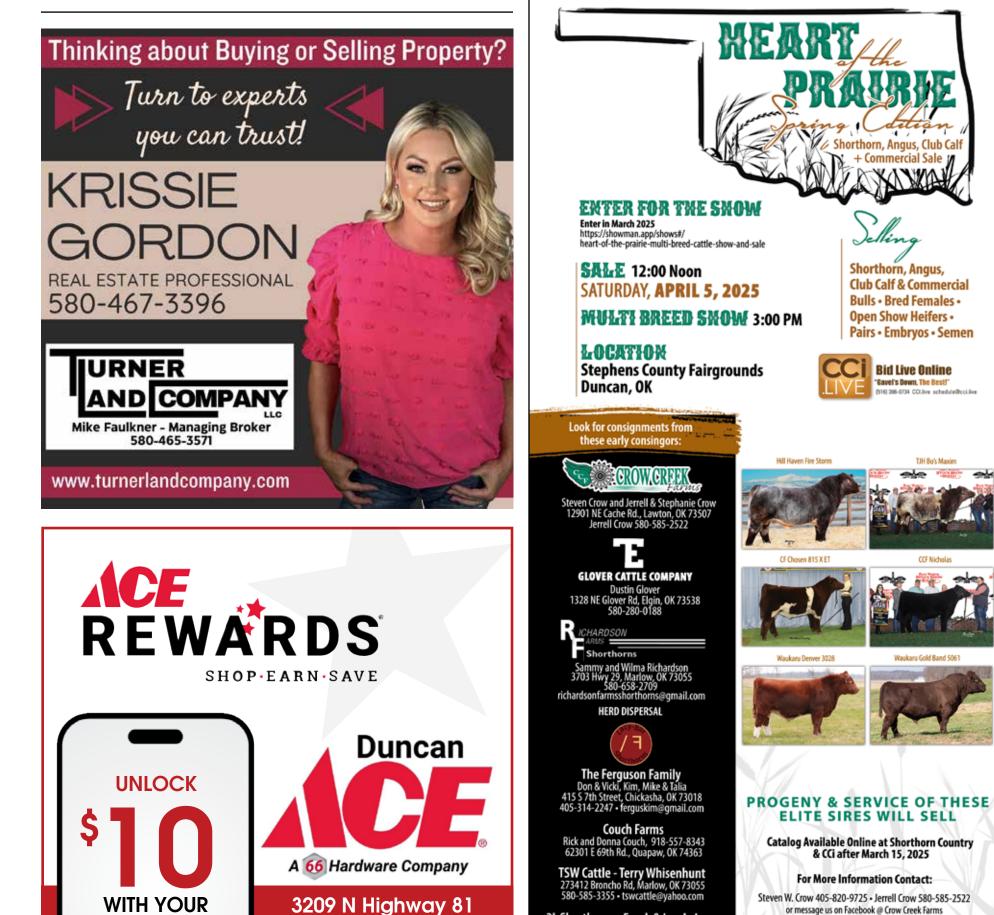
- become an energy expert & experience the life of a lineworker
- discover your passions through leadership development sessions (\circ)
- swimming, hiking, water games and more summer fun
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Energy Camp students enjoy a game of football at Canyon Camp during their free time in the afternoon. Photo courtesy of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.





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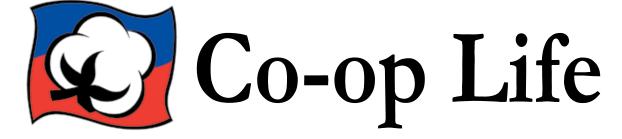
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Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the April issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351 or send an email to TheCurrent@ cottonelectric.com by March 28. Only events occurring after April 11 will be published in the next issue.

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

Music festival returns to Medicine Park

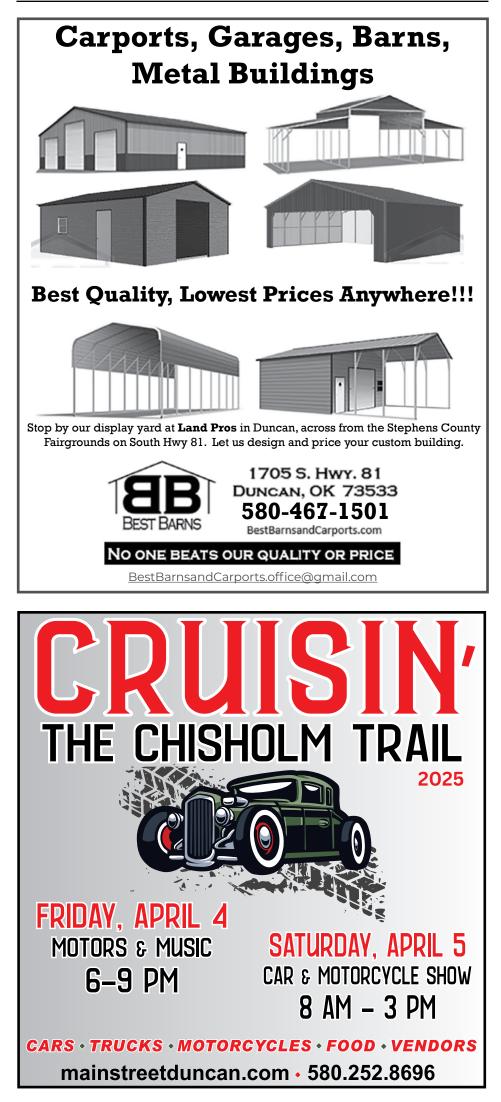
Celebrate the coming of spring amid cobblestone-lined streets at the ParkStomp Music Festival. This annual event features great music for the whole family including bluegrass, country, rockabilly, punk and rock. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to gather around the main stage, or browse the booths of arts and crafts. The event is March 14-16 at Town Center Main Stage in Medicine Park. For more information, visit www.medicinepark.com or call 580-529-2825.

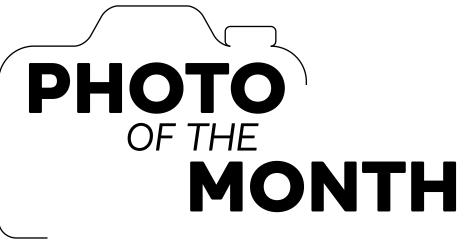
Auto swap meet in Duncan

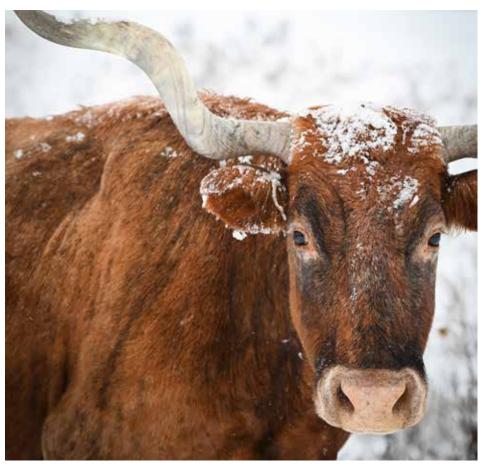
Duncan's annual Automotive Swap Meet takes place March 20-22 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds, 2002 S. 13th in Duncan. This is an indoor and outdoor swap meet for avid muscle car and antique-car enthusiasts. Located in the heart of southwest Oklahoma, the swap meet includes auto-related vendors, and on-site camping facilities and concessions are available. Enjoy browsing through everything from boats and motorcycles to trucks and tractors, as well as auto-related memorabilia. For more information, visit www.duncanokswapmeet.com.

80s themed "fun" draising event

Enjoy an evening of live 80s rock at the Totally Rad 80s Bash by Von Hawks Rising. Compete in a danceoff, an arcade tournament, a best dressed 80s style contest and much more. This fundraiser event will help families of children impacted by severe illness or trauma. Tickets will be available at the door or online at www. Rock4kids.org. Sponsorships are also available. The event is scheduled from 7:30 to 11 p.m. March 29 at the Duncan Golf and Tennis Club. For more information, visit their Facebook event page or call 580-656-0222.







Cotton Electric member Kelly Dillon snapped this photo of Twisted Sister earlier this year at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. The theme for April is The Great Outdoors! 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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Your accounting department reviews spreadsheets and statements to ensure your cooperative is well managed financially. Your IT department maintains and checks the security of technology equipment.

Your billing and member services department answers questions on outages, billing and more. Your energy efficiency coordinator provides tips and expertise on how you can help lower energy bills. Your marketing department provides information and updates on cooperative business.

Your dispatch department relays vital information to crews and helps keep them safe when working in hazardous conditions. Your engineering department works on operational planning, analysis, and design.

Your warehouse and garage departments monitor inventory of cooperative equipment and materials. Your meter and transformer department installs and maintains meters across the service territory.

Your vegetation management department trims trees and greenery from interfering with power lines to help maintain reliable power. Your line operations department is dispatched to areas across the service territory to fix and maintain electrical equipment in order to ensure public safety and restore power.

The Cotton Electric Services Inc. (CESI) team constantly tests personal protective equipment to help keep thousands of lineworkers safe on the job.

Everyone on these pages plays an important part on the team that keeps our communities safe and powered by bringing unique skills that contribute to the success of your cooperative. Together we are making a powerful difference.



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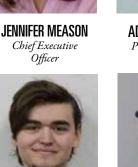
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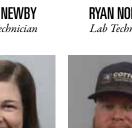
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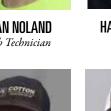
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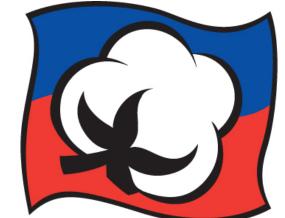
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Food Connects Us: March is National Nutrition Month 2025



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD



This year's National Nutrition Month campaign is Food Connects Us. National Nutrition Month was established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and ing and physical activity habits.

sential role of food in every aspect of vide individualized nutrition care based our life, across all stages of life. There are on science, culture, socioeconomic staweekly themes that guide you through tus, medical history and current medical the month. The first theme is Connect status. You can use the Find a Nutrition with Food, focusing on learning how Expert function at www.eatright.org/ to acquire and prepare food, where our find-a-nutrition-expert to connect with food comes from, and what are commu- a RD or RDN that best fits your needs. nity resources that can help those who Not only can RD or RDNs provide may struggle to feed themselves and their you with personalized nutrition guidfamily. A quick search online reveals that ance, they can also help you filter nutrithe Oklahoma Department of Agricul- tion noise that bombards us on social ture, Food, and Forestry has a Farm to media and traditional media and from School Program. Take a look at the web- well-meaning friends and family. site: https://okfarmtoschool.com/. Are you or do you know someone experienc- nection Between Food and Culture. ing food insecurity? Learn more about Culture can be many things - different Oklahoma-specific resources to help at countries, different religions or different www.hungerfreeok.org/.

Dietetics. It was established to highlight a Nutrition Expert. It is vital to get nu- community; open our eyes and palates national-nutrition-month.

food choices and developing healthy eat- reputable source. Registered dietitians (RD) and registered dietitian nutrition-Food Connects Us celebrates the es- ists (RDN) are uniquely trained to pro-

The third theme is Explore the Conways in which we were raised. Exploring The second theme is Connect with our food differences creates a sense of

the importance of making informed trition information and advice from a to new foods, flavors and seasonings; and can enhance the enjoyment of nourishing our bodies.

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The fourth theme is Build the Connection Across All Stages of Life. Our nutrition needs change across our life spans. The website www.myplate.gov is a great starting point to understand the general nutrition needs across your life span and use technology to receive individualized recommendations. Seeking out an RD or RDN can help you further refine your individualized needs as you age and can provide expert support for necessary behavioral changes.

Use National Nutrition Month to celebrate the role food plays in our life, help others be adequately fed and further connect to our communities through food. Ideas can be found at www.eatright.org/

Lucky mint brownie perfection

this recipe just in time for St. Patrick's Day. This one and the chocolate syrup pouch. Bake and cool comis a twisted combination of mint and sweet chocolate that's sure to have almost anyone's taste buds screaming end of your rainbow this year.

First, a supreme brownie on bottom. Then a fluffy, green mint layer that's full of flavor and color. Last, but chocolate chips, butter and a little whipping cream.

All of these layers create a smooth, sweet, minty, bitesized dessert perfect for any occasion but especially St. Patrick's Day. The green mint color really pops off the plate, giving it some extra flare and an appetizing glow.

To start, create the soft, chocolate filled brownie.

(Culinary.net) How lucky you must be to come across Combine brownie mix, vegetable oil, one egg, water pletely.

Then it's time for some colorful, festive fun. Make the 'yum." This dessert might just be the pot of gold at the filling with powdered sugar, butter, whipping cream, softened cream cheese, a splash of peppermint extract These Mint Brownies have three delicious layers. and a few drops of green food coloring. Beat and pour over the cooled brownie pan.

The last layer is simple. In a saucepan, melt whipping definitely not least, a chocolate layer on top made with cream, chocolate chips and butter until smooth. When it's cooled to lukewarm, pour it over the filling for the final layer.

> Refrigerate the Mint Brownies for two hours before serving. Cut them into bite-size pieces for small chunks that will melt in your mouth.

Find more seasonal dessert recipes at Culinary.net.



Servings: 9-12

Nonstick cooking spray

1 box supreme brownie mix with chocolate syrup pouch

3 tablespoons water 1/3 cup vegetable oil 1 egg

Filling:

3 1/2 cups powdered sugar 1/4 cup butter, softened

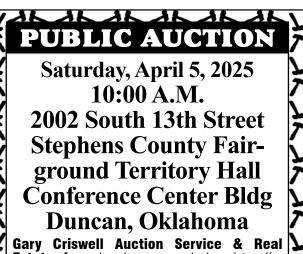
Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F.

Spray 8-by-8-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, mix brownie mix, water, oil and egg until combined. Pour into prepared baking pan. Bake 35 minutes. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

To make filling: In large bowl, beat powdered sugar, butter, whipping cream, cream cheese, peppermint extract and food coloring. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate 1 hour, or until set.





1/4 cup whipping cream 5 ounces cream cheese, softened

- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 5 drops green food color

Topping:

1/2 cup whipping cream 1 bag (12 ounces) chocolate chips 1/2 cup butter

To make topping: In saucepan, melt whipping cream, chocolate chips and butter until smooth. Cool until lukewarm, about 10 minutes. Pour over filling; spread to cover. Refrigerate 2 hours, or until set.

Before serving, let brownies set 10 minutes at room temperature.

Tips: Cut brownies with wet knife for cleaner cuts. Store covered in refrigerator.

A one-pot soup to simplify family dinner

(Family Features) If you feel like you're constantly busy with gatherings and get-togethers, you may be looking for easy, filling meals you can enjoy with your nearest and dearest. Warm, hearty Meatball Tortellini Soup can do just that as a delicious one-pot solution. Visit Culinary.net to find more family recipes.



Meatball tortellini soup

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy" Servings: 6-8

4 cups beef broth 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes 16 ounces frozen meatballs 19 ounces tortellini 6 ounces frozen spinach 1 tablespoon onion powder 1 tablespoon garlic powder 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese, plus additional for serving, divided salt, to taste pepper, to taste

1/4 cup heavy cream bread, for serving

Directions:

In Dutch oven, pour in beef broth and diced tomatoes. Fill empty diced tomatoes can with water and add to pot. Stir in meatballs, tortellini and spinach. Cook over medium heat then add onion powder, garlic powder, Italian seasoning and 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Cook 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add heavy cream and cook 5 minutes.

Serve with bread and additional Parmesan cheese.

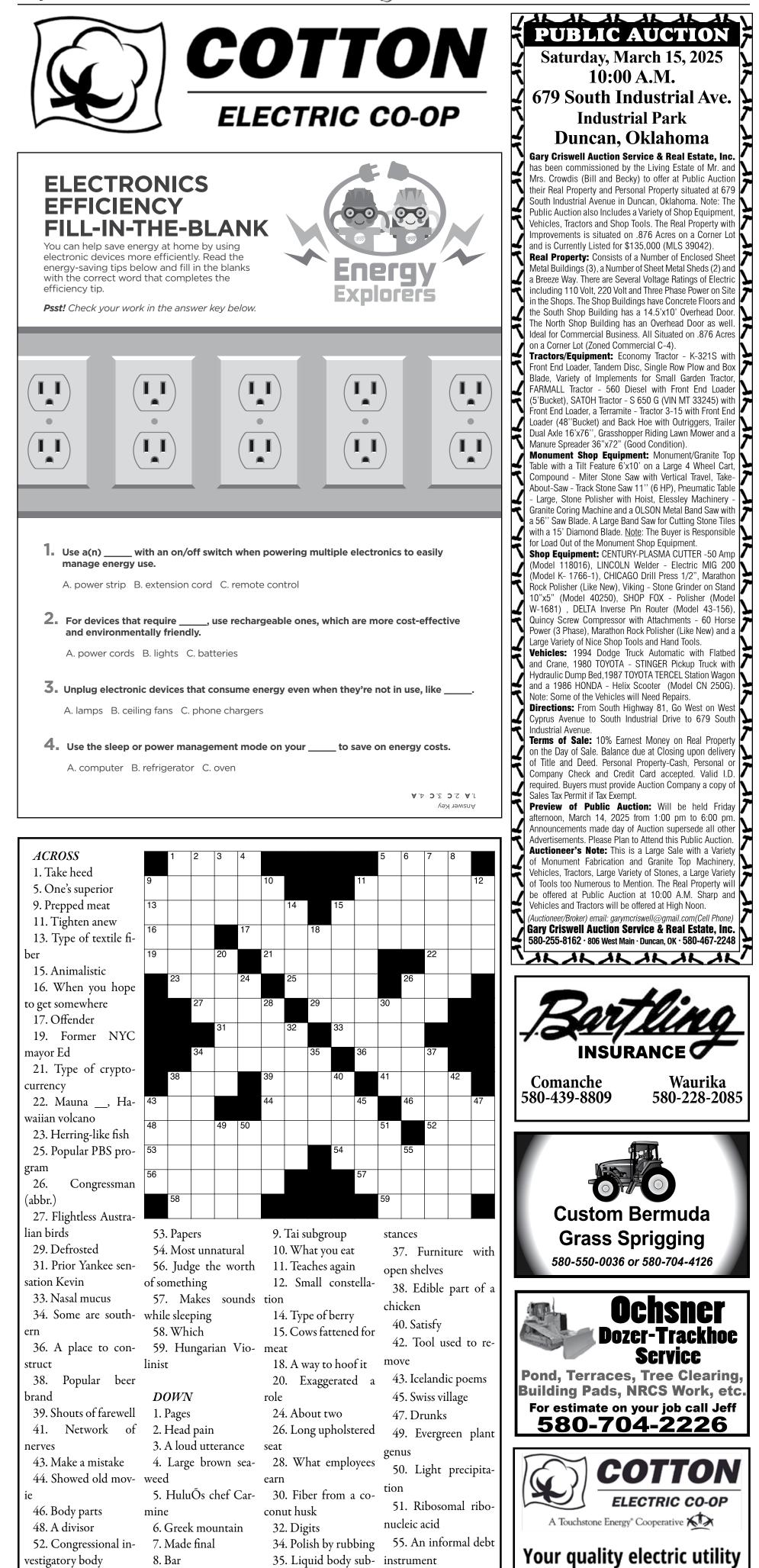
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 Wood Chipper: WOOD/CHUCK - Heavy Duty

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