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Apprentice program keeps cooperative strong

By Karen Kaley

There is a challenge to becoming a lineman. The work is physically demanding and requires a thorough understanding of electricity and how to deliver it safely. In a way, achieving journeyman lineman status is like climbing a pole, starting at the bottom and working up.

At Cotton Electric, the first step is to spend some time working as a crewman. During that time, an employee gets first-hand exposure to the job and what it requires. It is also a time to assess the employee’s ability to carry out a lineman’s duties.

After at least six months, a crewman can be considered for the four-year lineman’s apprentice program, a mixture of academics, off-site instruction and on-the-job training. The academic aspect features four 10-part modules of study. The apprentice is expected to complete one module each year.

They gather at regular intervals with other apprentices from across the state for Essential Skills instruction at Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC). The statewide organization also serves as an administrator, ordering modules from Northwest Lineman College and tracking

progress of journeyman candidates.

Locally, the apprentice is paired with experienced linemen working in various disciplines for hands-on work.

“The depth of the apprentice program goes beyond the academics and the work. It requires a real commitment on the part of the employee, the co-op, and even myself,” Jarrod Hooper said. Cotton’s Safety and Loss Control Coordinator facilitates the apprentice program, monitoring their progress, administering tests and serving as an additional mentor.

“I want them to be as good or better than I was when I worked on the lines,” he said. “We try to improve the program all the time, incorporating new advances in technology, technique, gear and equipment.”

Hooper said the program is an opportunity for apprentices to demonstrate their character and develop relationships with co-workers and co-op members. “What they’re training for requires a certain degree of personal responsibility. Achieving goals within an expected timeframe indicates to us that we can count on them to carry out a task in a timely fashion.”

Apprentices are self-driven as they navigate the components of the pro-



DILLON WIYGUL
Journeyman Lineman



KYLE LINTHICUM
Journeyman Lineman



DILLON THOMPSON
Journeyman Lineman

gram. “Testing proves they understand language and concepts,” Hooper said. “It also shows they are willing to go above and beyond when they come in early to take a test, for example.

“They are evaluated four times a year and nothing is given to them – they earn what they achieve.” During apprentice observations, Hooper will note how they carry out tasks such as job briefings, communication with members and taking the lead on tasks.

What they earn is nationally recognized certification upon completion of the Power Delivery program from Northwest Lineman College and what they achieve is the rank of journeyman lineman.

Pandemic concerns have delayed an OAEC ceremony but not certification of three employees who have most re-

cently become Cotton Electric journeyman linemen: Dillon Wiygul, Kyle Linthicum and Dillon Thompson.

Eight are at various points in the program: Keeton Sallee, Braylin Dowlen, Conner Daniel, Quaid Ogletree, Case Hurst, Prestin Green, Billy Kennard and John Baker. This slate indicates a strong future for the cooperative.

Line work is truly a vocation, given the depth of training and commitment required to successfully complete the program. “There is a great deal of dedication an apprentice puts into achieving journeyman status,” Hooper said. “It’s not a 9-to-5 job. Members can feel confident and trust the experience and knowledge linemen have.”

Each one has conquered a great challenge, climbing from crewman to apprentice to journeyman.



JOHN BAKER
Apprentice Lineman



CONNER DANIEL
Apprentice Lineman



BRAYLIN DOWLEN
Apprentice Lineman



PRESTIN GREEN
Apprentice Lineman



CASE HURST
Apprentice Lineman



BILL KENNARD
Apprentice Lineman



QUAID OGLETREE
Apprentice Lineman



KEETON SALLEE
Apprentice Lineman

*May the good things of life be yours in abundance,
not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year.*

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



Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Nov. 1, 2021, is \$0.01243 per kWh.

On a member’s average bill of 1,300 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$16.16 on the November bill.

October 2021 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	79	64	72	16	74	39	57
2	81	61	71	17	75	40	58
3	85	57	71	18	76	39	58
4	89	53	71	19	82	55	69
5	86	52	69	20	76	49	63
6	85	52	69	21	78	45	62
7	92	53	73	22	85	50	68
8	97	58	78	23	88	58	73
9	94	61	78	24	85	54	70
10	88	61	75	25	82	47	65
11	82	52	67	26	85	62	74
12	83	53	68	27	65	53	59
13	79	58	69	28	70	57	64
14	81	53	67	29	70	38	54
15	71	56	64	30	75	35	55
				31	69	45	57

Source: srh.noaa.gov/ou/

Average Daily High: 81 Average Daily Low: 52

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of The Current should arrive in mailboxes on Dec. 13, 2021.

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.

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From the CEO

It's a matter of (Co-op!) principles

For me, this is a time of year for reflection, and topping my list of things I'm grateful for is our wonderful community. I know I speak for all Cotton Electric Cooperative employees when I say that we are thankful to be in such an incredible place. We are fortunate to live in the same place where we work, which makes our ties to this community that much stronger.

You may recall that my column in October touched on the first three Cooperative Principles: Voluntary & Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, and Members' Economic Participation. This month, I'd like to tell you about the remaining four principles. The Cooperative Principles are essential to the co-op business model and benefit all members of the co-op.

Autonomy and Independence

The fourth principal, Autonomy and Independence, means that the co-op operates in an autonomous way that is solely directed and guided by its members, reflecting the values and needs of our local community. This means the co-op is not being influenced by leaders or



Jennifer Meason, CEO

shareholders several states away. Instead, the co-op is led by the local members it serves.

Education and Training

The fifth principle, Education and Training, focuses on enhancing the knowledge of co-op employees and board members, which enables them to contribute to the development of the co-op.

By investing in continuous learning for our employees and board members, our co-op is making a commitment not just to individual professional and personal growth, but to the future of the co-op and the high quality of service our members expect and deserve. It's a win-win situation.

We also strive to inform our members (that's you!) and the public about the mission and operations of the co-op. In fact, that's why you receive this newspaper every month, so we can share the latest co-op news and updates, as well as energy efficiency and safety tips.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperation among cooperatives is the sixth principle and fosters the way that co-ops work together to address bigger challenges. While this principle applies to all types of cooperatives, it is especially relevant in the energy industry. In our case, we put this principle in action after major storms and disasters that cause widespread power outages. When this happens, we call on nearby co-ops to come to our aid and assist with restoration efforts—and we of course extend the same help to them when they need us. I can't think of a better example of cooperation among cooperatives.

In addition, because we are part of the national electric co-op network, we can connect and collaborate with other electric co-ops to tackle industry-related

challenges, like cybersecurity and an everchanging energy landscape.

Concern for Community

The seventh principle, Concern for Community, is essential to who we are as cooperatives. We serve our community not only by being an essential service, but by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in this community because it's our home too.

The Operation Round Up and Cotton CARES programs were established based on the seventh principle and we take pride in working to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

I think you'll find that most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in the community. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

On behalf of everyone at Cotton Electric, we're thankful for your membership, and we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Deck the halls with LED holiday lights.

Save energy, even with a full house

Even with a house full of company and decorations lighting up the season, you might be able to save energy when compared to Christmases past.

Here are five small changes you can make to keep your energy use under control during the December holidays:

1. Switch to LED lights for the tree and the outside of the house. Even if your old fluorescent lights are still in pretty good shape, it might be worth it to replace them with strands of LED lights that use less energy, emit less heat and will last for years longer.
2. Put your outdoor lights on timers. There's no need to keep the lights on all night. Program timers to turn the lights on once the sun goes down and to turn them off at bedtime.
3. Don't just turn the holiday lights off;

unplug them. When electric devices are plugged into the wall, they still consume small amounts of electricity, even when you turn them off. Consider investing in power strips and plug several strands into each one. That way, you don't have to unplug so many devices—you just have to unplug the power strips.

4. Mix non-electric decorations with those you have to plug in. Hang wreaths and garland. Display battery-operated candles in your windows. If you don't have to plug it in, it won't use any energy.

5. Put your crockpot and microwave to work. Your oven will be full for days as Christmas approaches. Consider slow-cooking some of your meals in a crockpot or speed-cooking side dishes in the microwave. Both use less energy than your regular oven.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the upcoming winter chill. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip areas that typically need sealing. Start by sealing around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional savings.

Source: Energy.gov

August 2021 Operating Stats

	2021	2020
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$6,869,653	\$5,953,310
Cost of Purchased Power	4,883,341	4,046,922
Taxes	125,926	118,360
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	1,262	1,062
Average Farm and Residential Bill	186	171
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,651	1,632
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	19,026	18,754
Miles Energized	5,216	5,206
Density Per Mile	3.65	3.60
New Service Connects YTD	328	275
Services Retired	122	121

September 2021 Operating Stats

	2021	2020
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$6,222,176	\$4,865,548
Cost of Purchased Power	4,628,177	3,213,013
Taxes	134,166	112,852
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	1,204	933
Average Farm and Residential Bill	157	128
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,239	1,125
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	19,039	18,783
Miles Energized	5,216	5,207
Density Per Mile	3.65	3.61
New Service Connects YTD	367	310
Services Retired	130	124

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Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the December issue, please submit information by Dec. 1 by calling 580-875-3351 or send an email to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com. Events that occur before Dec. 13 will not be published in the next issue.

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

OCC sends gifts around the world

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Gift-filled shoeboxes are sent to 150 countries around the world to delight children in need. In past years, more than 11 million shoebox gifts from all over the world were collected and distributed.

National Collection Week is always the 3rd week in November, so this year that is Nov. 15-22. Volunteers staff centers around the U.S. to give donors a convenient place to leave their gifts. Local drop-off sites are at First Baptist Church in Walters; the north end of First United Methodist Church in Duncan; First Baptist Church in Lawton; Letitia Baptist Church near Pumpkin Center; and Crossroads Baptist Church in Elgin.

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

Magic Lantern hosts 'La Vie En Rose'

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

The Nov. 15 offering will be "La Vie En Rose," a 2007 biographical musical film about the life of French singer Édith Piaf. The film was co-written and directed by Olivier Dahan, and stars Marion Cotillard as Piaf.

Born into poverty and raised in a brothel, Édith Piaf manages to achieve worldwide fame. Though her extraordinary voice and charisma open many doors that lead to friendships and romances, she experiences great personal loss, drug addiction and an early death.

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

CTAC plans Holiday Art Show

The Chisholm Trail Arts Council (CTAC) will host the 2021 Holiday Art Show and Sale from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the CTAC office, located at 810 W. Walnut Ave. in Duncan.

Awards and prize money will be distributed to artists who have participated in the event. Prize money will be awarded during the come-and-go reception.

All art pieces will remain on exhibit and available for purchase from Nov. 18 to Dec. 16. This is a great opportunity to support local artists and purchase local art for the holidays. Admission is free.

For information, visit ChisholmTrailArts.com or call Darcy at 580-252-4160.

CTHC hosts Blackhorse exhibit

Blackhorse: A Retrospective is a special exhibit by Apache/Kiowa artist Jackie "Blackhorse" Tointigh. The exhibit will run through Dec. 31 at Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan.

This award-winning artist has works in museums, galleries, and private collections throughout the United States

and in several other countries. His work blends modern style and traditional ideas to provide a visual history of his people. His paintings are a mix of contrasting colors and techniques reminiscent of modern, contemporary, abstract-expressionism, with a traditionalist idea.

The Heritage Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Cotton Electric members presenting a Co-op Connections Card can get \$1 off admission.

DLT presents 'Home for Holidays'

Duncan Little Theatre presents "Home for the Holidays," at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2-4 and a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Simmons Center in Duncan.

This original production will feature songs and scenes from favorite holiday shows. Each performance will feature special guest performers, making each show fresh and exciting.

Visit the Duncan Little Theatre Facebook page for details and DuncanLittleTheatre.com to purchase tickets.

CTAC Live offers Backtrack Vocals

CTAC Live concert series continues the 2021-22 season with Backtrack Vocals, a 5-person professional singing group that transforms familiar tunes with new vocal and beatbox arrangements. The group plans an a cappella Christmas performance, sure to put patrons in a holiday mood.

Performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Simmons Center in Duncan. Tickets are available at the door or ChisholmTrailArts.com.

DALC offering free classes

Can you read this? One in five adults in America can't. Duncan Area Literacy Council (DALC) has started free classes for Adult Basic Education (ABE), Citizenship, and English Language Learners (ELL) to help those who want to read.

Learners pay nothing for tutoring. It is confidential, and attendees can walk away with confidence to fill out a job application, pay bills, understand prescriptions, follow a recipe or help their children with homework.

Tutors are available in the morning, afternoon or evening and most tutoring takes place at The Duncan Public Library.

If you or someone you know are in need of these services, please contact Mary or Joy at 580-736-1170 or email DALC73533@gmail.com to be placed on a list for free classes.

DALC is a non-profit organization providing free services for those living in Stephens County and surrounding areas.

Market returns to winter hours

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

Shoppers will find a variety of choices at the winter market, including winter produce, sprouts, micro greens, meat, eggs, honey, nuts, and handmade and artisan items. The building is located on Southwest 38th Street and is south of Dr. Elsie Hamm Drive and the railroad crossing. Parking is available on the south side of the building.

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

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A warm breakfast on a cool, fall morning, a great picture of HOME. Jordan Smith, 11, created this happy arrangement on a dreary day and her grandmother, Nancy Martin, snapped a photo. Jordan is the daughter of Joe and Melinda Smith. All are Cotton Electric members in Stephens County.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for December is JOY. 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 package of CEC goodies.

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.

Food pantry open once monthly

Walters Community Food Pantry, 131 1/2 W. California Street, is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month.

Monetary donations may be sent to Food Pantry, c/o Paul Metcalfe, 211 E. Colorado St., Walters, OK 73572.

For information, call 580-591-6826.

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Upcoming Deadlines for The Current

December		January		February	
Ad Sales	Nov. 29	Ad Sales	Dec. 30	Ad Sales	Jan. 28
Classified	Dec. 4	Classified	Jan. 5	Classified	Feb. 2
Publish Date	Dec. 13	Publish Date	Jan. 18	Publish Date	Feb. 14

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budget-friendly tips for winterizing your home



Cold weather is right around the corner. Preparing for winter now can help you save on energy consumption and keep you more comfortable when the cold air arrives. Space heating is the largest energy expense in the average U.S. home, according to the Department of Energy (DOE). Following these tips now can help you reduce the amount of energy it takes to keep your home comfortable this winter.



Heath Morgan,
Energy Efficiency
Coordinator

Insulate

One of the largest areas for heating loss in a home is inadequate attic insulation. Have your attic inspected for proper insulation levels. According to the EPA, attics in our area should have a minimum of R-38 insulation. Typically, this requires 10-14 inches of insulation. A properly insulated attic will prevent heated air in your home from flowing into the attic. Before insulating, be sure to look for air-sealing opportunities in the attic too. Holes around pipes, ducts, wires are common areas for leakage. Seal around ceiling penetrations also. Fire block caulk or foam should be used around any electrical boxes.

Install Electrical Outlet Gaskets

Electrical outlets and switches can be another source for a surprising amount of air leakage. When you start to add up small leaks around each of these penetrations, the total can be equivalent to an open window. An easy and affordable way to seal these outlets is with foam rubber outlet gaskets. The job will require little more than a screwdriver. Simply remove the outlet cover and install the gasket according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Replace Door Weather Stripping/Install Draft Guards

Inspect the weather stripping around all your exterior doors. Make sure this seal is not torn, crushed, or missing. If you can feel air movement around your door this seal needs to be addressed. In

some cases, the seal is fine, but the door is not closing properly and it should be adjusted. Also, check under the door, making sure your door sweep is in good condition and that your threshold is properly adjusted.

Hang Insulated Window Treatments

Even the best sealed and efficient windows feel a bit cold during the winter. Consider installing thick drapes over your windows to make your room feel warmer. Be sure to open the drapes covering west- and south-facing windows during the day to allow solar radiation to help heat your home.

Insulate Hot Water Pipes

Insulate your hot water pipes where accessible. This will reduce heat loss and help to save energy. Pipe insulation comes in two basic types: Foam sleeves that slip over your pipes, and insulating wraps that you wind around the pipe.

Flush the Water Heater

Over time, sediment and other particles can accumulate in the bottom of your water heater, hindering efficiency. Flushing your water heater at least once a year can help to reduce this build up. Turn off the circuit breaker or fuel source for your water heater, and shut the cold-water shutoff at the tank. Attach a hose to the drain valve and route outside with no kinks or sharp bends. Open the drain valve and allow the tank to flush 5-10 gallons for a normal flush. For more significant build up, you may need to drain

the tank further. There are a number of online videos that demonstrate this process.

Change your Air Filters

A clogged filter can limit airflow through your heating system, thus lowering the efficiency of it. Be sure to change these filters about every two months. If your filters seem very dirty when you swap them out, increase the frequency at which you are changing them. Now is also a good time to have those heating systems tuned up. Most HVAC contractors offer yearly maintenance contracts that include a spring and fall tune-up. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, too.

Reverse Your Fan

Prepare your ceiling fans for winter by moving the rotation switch. Fans should rotate clockwise during the winter. This will direct the airflow up toward the ceiling, forcing warm air back down into the room.

Programmable Thermostat

The DOE estimates that you can save 1% on your energy bill for every degree you lower your home's thermostat setting during winter. Installing a programmable thermostat allows you to set a schedule to offset temperatures during certain periods. For instance, you can lower the setpoint while you are away from the house during the day, and at night while you are sleeping. Basic versions can run from \$40-\$60, and smart home versions can run \$100-\$250.

Air Seal

Reducing the amount of air that leaks in and out of your home is one of the most cost-effective ways to cut heating and cooling costs. Caulking and weatherstripping are two very simple and relatively cheap ways to air seal around your home. Use a high-quality acrylic-latex or other flexible caulk to seal open seams. Pay close attention to areas around windows, doors, hose faucets, and any place that siding or trim overlaps. Cobwebs can be a great indicator of air movement. Expanding foam sealant can be used to seal larger gaps. Pay close attention to the application though. Some types of foam are designed to seal around doors and windows, while other types are made for sealing large gaps.

Maximize Your Charitable Giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you'd like to take part in this special day, you'll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.

So, consider these questions:

- Is the charity reputable? Does

it use its resources wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it.

To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link.

An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30% to 35% of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

- Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your

charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

- Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions.

If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable

gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision.

Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction.

The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks.

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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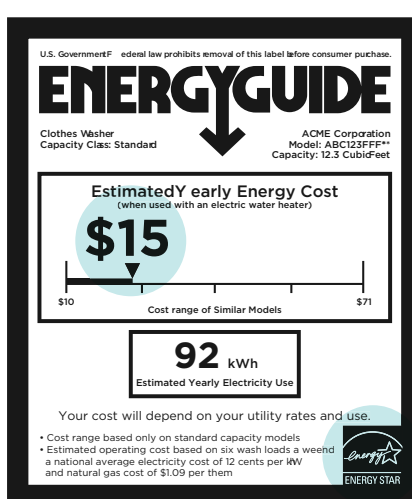
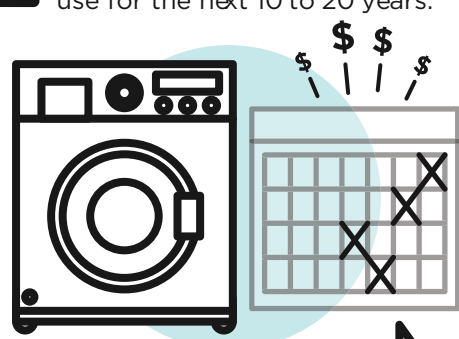
TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

In the market for a new appliance? Remember, every appliance has two prices:

1. Purchase price: Think of this as a down payment.



2. Operating cost over the appliance's lifetime: What you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.



When buying a new appliance:

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.
- Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.
- After you choose your make and model, compare prices.
- Recycle or sell your old appliance if possible.

TIP: The EnergyGuide label will include the estimated annual energy cost.

'Watt' to know about appliance electricity use

Determining how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use can help you understand how much money you are spending to operate them. Electricity is measured in units of power called watts, and one watt is a joule of energy used or produced per second.

The power consumption of small devices is usually measured in watts, while the power use of larger devices is measured in kilowatts (kW) (1 kW equals 1,000 watts). Knowing how much electricity an appliance uses and how much the electricity costs can help you decide whether to invest in a more energy-efficient appliance or make other cost-saving decisions, such as unplugging appliances when not in use. Becoming watt savvy is also helpful if you are considering purchasing a generator.

There are several ways to estimate how much electricity your appliances and home electronics use:

See the data plate

Appliances usually have data plates located on the back or inside the door. They tell you how many amps, watts

and volts are needed to power the appliance. If your appliance does not list watts for some reason but does list the number of volts and amps, you can multiply them to get the number of watts.

Review the EnergyGuide label

The EnergyGuide label, a yellow-colored sticker or tag found on new products, provides an estimate of the average energy consumption and cost to operate the specific model of the appliance you are considering. The FTC requires the label, and the dollar amount is the estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity.

Use a monitor or meter

Wattage meters are affordable instruments that are easy to use and can measure the electricity usage of any device that runs on 120 volts. Just plug the monitor into the electrical outlet and then plug the device into the monitor. The monitor will display how many watts the device uses.

These devices provide approximate numbers and do not take the place of verified meters.

Comparing an older appliance to a newer one

Now that you know how to measure the energy used by your appliances and home electronics, you can visit EnergyStar.gov to access information that can help you decide if you should upgrade to newer, more efficient models. Energy Star provides energy use data on specific products that have earned the Energy Star rating. You can compare this information to your current appliances' energy use to see if an upgrade is worth your while. EnergyStar.gov also provides tools that allow you to select and compare specific models to one another. Depending on the type of appliance, Energy Star-certified appliances use between 10% and 50% less energy than their standard counterparts.

If you want to know how many kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity a device uses over a length of time, just leave everything set up and read the display later. Some monitors even allow you to plug in your utility's cost per kWh rate to determine how much that specific appliance costs you over a certain length of time.

Install a whole-house system

Whole-house energy monitoring systems provide more detailed data on your home's energy use, as well as the ability to measure the energy use of 240-volt appliances. The features of these systems vary, and the cost and complexity depend on the number

of circuits you want to monitor, how detailed the feedback is and the type of features available. The monitors are often installed directly into the main breaker panel of the home, and some require an electrician to install. Some monitors must be connected to your home's wireless network, with data being viewed on a computer or smartphone, while others come with a dedicated display. In addition to providing information on the energy consumption of your appliances, this type of monitoring system helps you understand where and when you use the most energy, allowing you to develop strategies to reduce your energy use and costs.

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Scammers on Legitimate Sites

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- Be wary of sellers who are new to the online store, lack reviews, or who sell items at unusually low prices.
- Review the online store's policy on purchases from such third parties.

- When in doubt, purchase items sold directly by the online store, not by the third-party sellers that participate in its online marketplace.
- Even with legitimate vendors, be sure that you understand the seller's warranty and return policies before you make your purchase.

Fake Online Stores

Criminals create fake online stores that mimic the look of real sites or use the names of well-known stores or brands. When you search for the best online deals, you may find yourself at one of these fake sites. By purchasing from such websites, you can end up with counterfeit or stolen items, or your purchases might never be delivered. Take the following steps to protect yourself:

- When possible, purchase from online stores you already know, trust, and have done business with previously. Bookmark these online stores.
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a deal sounds too good to be true, it may be a scam.

- Be careful with websites that have no way to contact them, broken contact forms, or use personal email addresses.
- Be suspicious if a website looks just like one you've used in the past, but the website domain name or the name of the store is different. For example, you may be used to shopping at Amazon, whose website address is www.amazon.com, but end up at a fake website that looks similar, but has the website address www.amazonshoppers.com.
- Type the name of the online store or its web address into a search engine to see what others have said about it. Look for terms like "fraud," "scam," "never again," and "fake."
- Protect your online accounts by using a unique, strong password for each of your accounts. Can't remember all your passwords? Consider storing them all in a password manager.

Online Payments for Purchases

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Electronic payment services or e-wallets such as PayPal are also a safer option for online purchases, since they do not require you to disclose a credit card number to the vendor. Avoid websites that only accept payment in cryptocurrency or require obscure payment methods.

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ESSAY CONTEST



Call for entries launches annual essay contest

Three-round competition format will modify as needed for safety

Cotton Electric's annual essay contest is ready for a third year of challenge. The co-op conducted the 2020 contest as usual, only to have the final prize cancelled during the early days of a global pandemic. Instead of an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., contest winners each received a \$1,500 scholarship. Anticipating a second year of safety restrictions in 2021, the co-op hosted a "no-touch" contest and awarded scholarships again.

As we prepare for the 2022 contest, uncertainties are still an issue. Cotton Electric is launching the contest in November as usual. It will follow the traditional timeline with the no-touch aspect in place for as much of the contest as safety dictates.

The topic for Cotton Electric's 2022 Essay Contest is "How has the Rural Electrification Act impacted America?" The competition is open to all

high school juniors in the Cotton Electric service area. The students and their families do not have to be Cotton Electric members.

The contest is broken into three rounds and starts with the essay submissions. Area juniors may submit an essay of approximately 600 words to Cotton Electric. The deadline to submit an essay is Jan. 18, 2022.

Writers of the top 15 essays move to the second round, an interview during the second week of February. The question-and-answer between students and independent judges will be arranged by Cotton Electric. Safety concerns at the time will determine if the interviews are conducted in person at the co-op headquarters in Walters or via live video call.

The top 5 will advance to the final round. The finalists will be required to make an oral presentation of their es-

say. Again, safety concerns will affect the format.

If possible, the co-op will host a banquet for the students, their parents and their teachers. The finalists will be required to recite their essay in a speech-type format. As they speak before judges and banquet guests, the final two winners will be determined.

If safety prevents an in-person gathering, the finalists will be required to record a video of themselves reciting their essay in a speech-type format. Videos will be submitted to judges and the final two winners will be determined.

Health and safety will also determine the grand prize. Cotton Electric hopes to send two representatives on Youth Tour, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for a week in June 2022. If organizers determine travel is still a health hazard, a \$1,500 schol-

arship will be awarded to the two top essay writers.

The contest launched in early November. Information such as contest rules and regulations, entry forms, cooperative information and basic details of the contest can be found on our website at www.cottonelectric.com/scholarship.

In addition to the information included on our website, students are encouraged to use other sources of information found at the local library or from the internet. Preparing for the Cotton Electric essay contest is a good way to work on creative writing skills that are important for all high school students, especially those planning to attend college.

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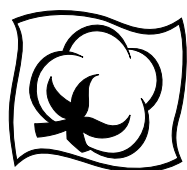
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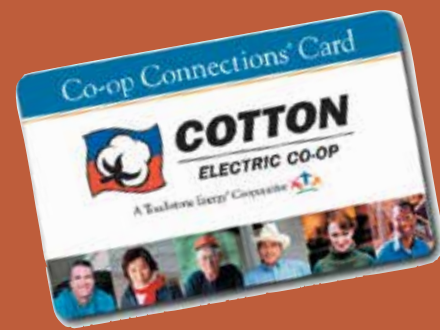
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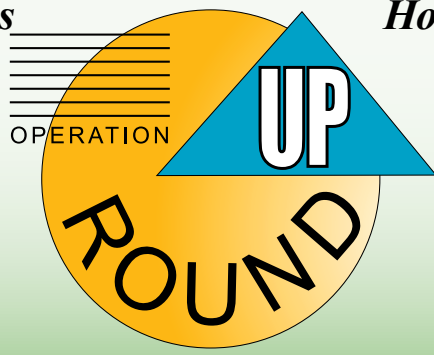
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2021 golf tournament raises funds for CECF

Gentle breezes and warm temperatures set the stage for some 96 golfers who turned out for the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation Not-So-Summer Classic on Oct. 8 at The Territory Golf and Country Club in Duncan.

The 13th year for the event drew 25 teams although one was unable to play on the day of the tournament. The remaining teams were divided into two flights. A scorecard playoff determined second and third place in the A Flight.

The team of Adam Red Elk, Eric Dedmon, JR Komalty and Amon Laurenzana, representing Comanche Properties placed first with a score of 52 in the A Flight.

Micah Russell, Randy Russell, Brent Cole and Mike Kreiger, representing Sonny's Tank Trucks, was second in the flight with a score of 54. Third place was awarded to the team of Scott Watson, Blake Watson, Clint Hughes and Justin McVicker, representing Legacy Insurance.

First place in B Flight was awarded to Goodyear colleagues Buddy Bowers, JC Harrison, Jacob Caldwell and Jordan Johnson for their score of 63..

Second place went to Mike Zaccardo, Barry Holt, Jeff Simpson and Kelby Boyd. Representing Texas Electric Co-ops, the team scored a 64. Representing Hornbeek, Vitali and Braun, the team of Dan Bryan, Brice Bisel, Ray Patterson and Dr. John Fagan

filled the third-place slot with a score of 65.

"We would like to express our appreciation to the players who took time to support this great cause and to the hole sponsors and contributors who continue to help make the tournament a success," said Bryce Hooper, vice president of marketing and subsidiary services for Cotton Electric.

"We would also like to thank the staff at The Territory for having the course in excellent shape and always going out of their way to take care of our tournament participants," Hooper said.

Proceeds are expected to exceed \$10,000. Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation will distribute proceeds to organizations and individuals in need.



Cotton County's Sheriff's Department was recently awarded a Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation grant to cover the cost of trauma kits, which will allow effective rendering of first aid until EMS units arrive. Check presentation participants include, from left, Paula Huckabaa, Cotton Electric's marketing and communication director; Cotton County Sheriff Tim King; Shane Bowers, manager of HR and IT at Cotton Electric; and Undersheriff Gary Whittington.



Paula Huckabaa, Cotton Electric's marketing and communication director; presents a CECF grant to Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's Leah Mulkey, assistant director, and Tim Metelko, executive director. The grant provides supplies and covers costs associated with educational programs at CTHC.



One True Light of Duncan recently received a CECF grant to help with updating technology in the office. From left, Paula Huckabaa, Cotton Electric's marketing and communication director; and Shane Bowers, manager of HR and IT; present the grant to One True Light's Executive Director Joan Brock and Krista Lolar, assistant executive director.



Paula Huckabaa, Cotton Electric's marketing and communication director; presents a CECF grant to Erica Stuch, math teacher at Chattanooga High School. The grant will be used to create a STEM program at the school.

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A Festive Menu Fit for Family and Friends

FAMILY FEATURES

Hearty snacks, seasonal sides, flavorful main dishes and tantalizing desserts all complement one another perfectly for holiday celebrations among loved ones. This year, when planning your menu, be sure to consider recipes that keep family and friends content from the moment they hang up their coats to the goodbye hugs.

These delicious options for a satisfying bread bowl, pumpkin spice potatoes, artfully glazed lamb chops and fresh apple pie can bring your guests running to the kitchen (and keep them there) as you celebrate all the season has to offer.

Find more recipes fit for holiday festivities at Culinary.net.

Beckon Holiday Guests with a Bread Bowl

While your loved ones wait patiently for the main course to be served, hearty appetizers like bread bowls can keep appetites at bay. This Spinach-Ham Dip is the perfect combination of comforting and satisfying when served with bread cubes, crackers or tortilla chips for a warming snack ahead of the big meal.

To find more seasonal appetizer inspiration, visit Culinary.net.

Spinach-Ham Dip

- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/4 pound ham, cubed

- 3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 round bread loaf (16 ounces), unsliced

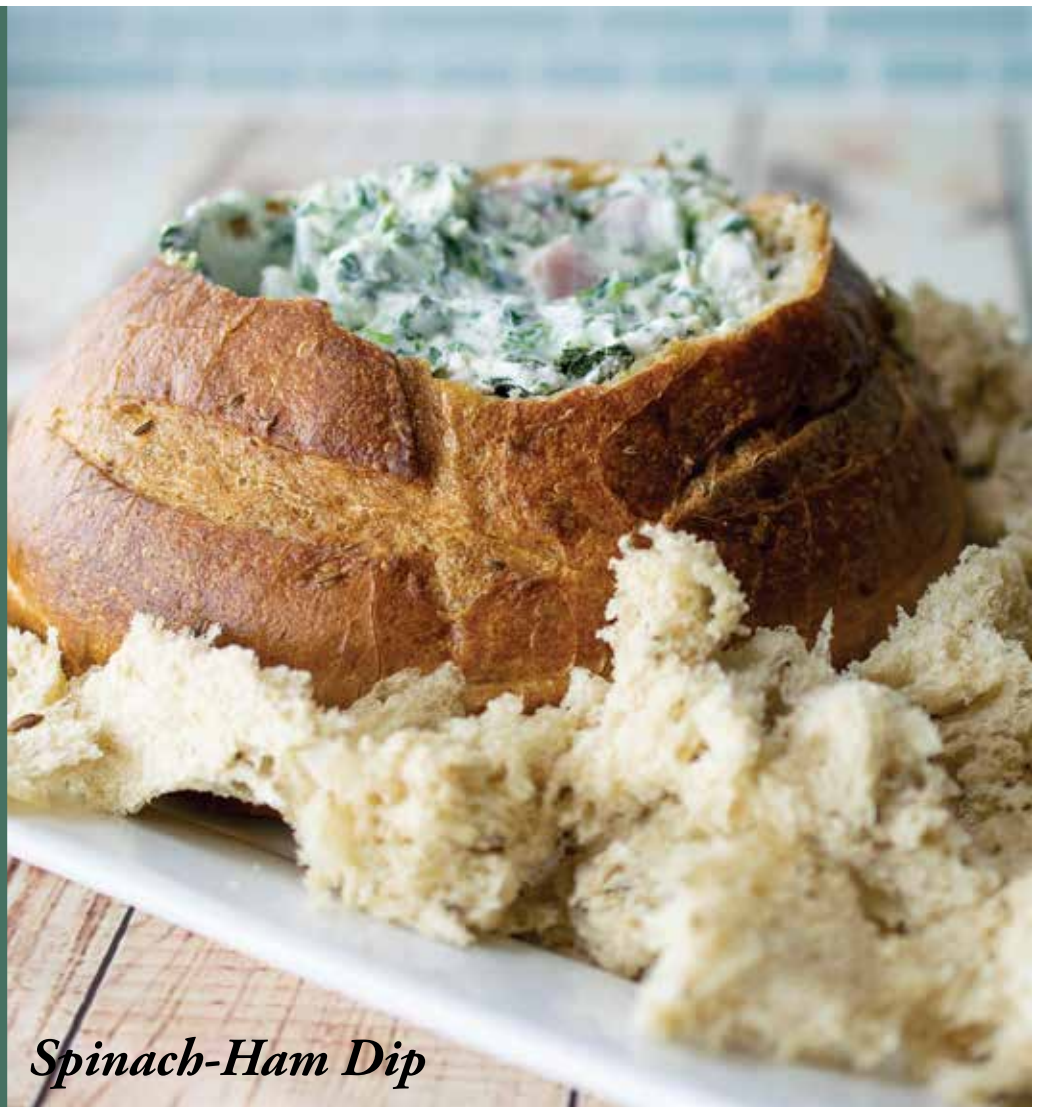
Heat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, blend ricotta cheese and sour cream until smooth. Add spinach, ham, Parmesan cheese and green onions; mix until blended.

Cut 1-2-inch diameter circle out of top of bread loaf. Reserve top. Remove bread inside loaf, leaving about 1 inch along sides. Pour cheese mixture into bread bowl. Replace top. Cover bread loaf in aluminum foil and bake 60 minutes, or until warmed through.

Take bread removed from inside bread bowl and cut into dipping sized chunks.

Remove bread from aluminum foil and place on platter. Scatter bread chunks around bread bowl to use for dunking in cheese sauce.



Spinach-Ham Dip

A Seasonal Side with a Tasty Twist

No matter what life may look like this holiday season, you can put a smile on loved ones' faces with classic meals and sides that memories are made of.

You can use a traditional holiday ingredient, potatoes, to make easy yet delicious recipes like these Pumpkin Spice Scalloped Potatoes. Perfect for serving with your favorite main course, they're a tasty twist on a classic sweet potato casserole.

Plus, they're made with Little potatoes that come ready to use with no washing or peeling required, perfect for busy families during bustling holiday gatherings. Try them roasted, boiled, smashed or mashed in your favorite seasonal dishes. For a time-saving hack, use the slicer attachment in a food processor to evenly slice potatoes in minutes.

Visit littlepotatoes.com for more holiday recipe inspiration.

Pumpkin Spice Scalloped Little Potatoes

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 1 hour Servings: 4

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 lb. Terrific Trio Little Potatoes, 1/8-inch sliced, kept in water until ready to use

- 5 slices thick-cut bacon, sliced, cooked until crisp and drained
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons water
- 1 cup pecans, rough chopped

Preheat oven to 375 F.

In pot over medium heat, melt butter. Add flour and cook 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low then slowly add milk gradually, ensuring it is incorporated before adding more. Turn heat to medium-high and cook until thickened, stirring continuously. Remove from heat and set aside.

In bowl, add drained potatoes, sauce, bacon, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cloves. Season with salt and pepper, to taste; mix well.

In greased 8-by-11-inch baking dish, line potatoes on sides in desired pattern. Stuff extra bacon between potatoes from remains left in bowl. Pour extra sauce over potatoes.

Bake 60 minutes.

In small pot over medium-high heat, add brown sugar and water. Cook to melt sugar and allow to bubble, about 5 minutes. Add pecans; stir 2 minutes. Lay on parchment-lined baking sheet and allow to cool. Once cool, chop into pieces.

Remove potatoes from oven and sprinkle pecans over top.



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Cranberry Maple Glazed Grass-Fed Lamb Chops

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 4

- Glaze:**
- 1 cup fresh or thawed cranberries
 - 1/3 cup maple syrup
 - 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
 - 2 teaspoons orange zest
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - cracked black pepper

Lamb Chops:

- 8-10 New Zealand grass-fed lamb rib chops
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- olive oil

To make glaze: In small bowl, whisk cranberries, maple syrup, orange juice, orange zest, garlic, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper. Set aside.

To make lamb chops: Pat lamb chops dry with paper towel.

In small bowl, whisk brown sugar, chili powder, smoked paprika, salt and garlic powder.

Sprinkle dry rub on lamb chops and press mixture into meat.

In large skillet, heat thin layer olive oil over medium heat until drop of water sizzles in pan. Sear rib chops 2 minutes on each side, or until internal temperature reaches 140 F.

Remove chops from pan and set aside.

Add glaze to pan and cook 3-5 minutes, whisking constantly until reduced by half.

Drizzle glaze over chops before serving.

Serve Up a Seasonal Treat

No seasonal gathering is complete without dessert, and quality baking during the holidays results in fresh favorites like Apple Pie.

Allspice, nutmeg and cinnamon add spice to this festive favorite while brown sugar adds a hint of caramel sweetness with a nutty, moist, subtle molasses flavor that's ideal for use in desserts of all kinds. Bring your family and friends together at dominosugar.com.

Apple Pie

Prep time: 30 minutes Cook time: 40 minutes Servings: 8

- 1 prepared 9" double-crust pie pastry, divided
- 3/4 cup Domino Light Brown Sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter

- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 2 pounds apples, cored, quartered and sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice

Preheat oven to 375 F. Line 9-inch pie pan with half pastry then prick bottom and sides with fork.

In large saucepot, combine brown sugar, flour, butter, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, lemon juice and lemon zest. Add apples and toss to coat evenly. Slowly heat over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until sugar dissolves and apples begin to soften and cook down to about 6 cups.

Turn apple mixture into lined pie plate. Top with remaining pastry. Trim and flute edges with fork. Slit top crust to allow steam to escape.

Bake 35-40 minutes, or until crust is golden. Serve warm or at room temperature. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.



Holiday food safety: Give thanks, not salmonella

Foodborne illness is an unwelcome visitor during the holidays. Especially this year as we continue to live in the COVID-19 pandemic, food poisoning is not something you want. Luckily, with attention to detail, most foodborne illness can be prevented.

The first step is paying attention to food recalls. The best place to stay up to date is <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/outbreaks/multistate-outbreaks/outbreaks-list.html>. You will find a current list of foods and brands which have recently resulted in a foodborne disease. An outbreak is defined as two or more people sickened by the same food. Make sure your menu does not include these foods. Also, avoid using ingredients that are expired or are exhibiting signs of contamination, such as foul smell, discoloration, or obvious signs of mold or decay.



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The second step is proper food safety during food preparation. Always wash your hands before and after food preparation and whenever handling

raw meat or raw eggs. Keep raw meats and eggs separate from fruits and vegetables that are not going to be cooked, using separate cutting boards and separate utensils to avoid cross-contamination. Inspect ingredients for signs of contamination, including avoiding cans of food that are dented or bloated.

Always cook meats to the correct internal temperature, using a food thermometer to ensure the temperature has been reached. Temperatures should be 145 degrees for beef, pork, lamb, veal; 160 degrees for ground meat; and 165 degrees for all poultry. Follow instructions for thawing; avoid leaving foods to thaw on the counter.

The third step is keeping food safe while serving. During the meal, keep hot foods hot – above 140 degrees – and cold foods cold – below 40 de-

grees. After 2 hours, the risk of bacterial replication within foods increases significantly; foods should be refrigerated after sitting out for 2 hours.

Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees, and reheat in single servings unless everything will be consumed. Leftovers should only be reheated once; if not consumed after reheating once, they should be thrown away.

If you are wondering if you have food poisoning, visit this website: <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/symptoms.html>. The most common symptoms of food poisoning are stomach discomfort including cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. Symptoms can begin as soon as one hour and as late as one week after consuming the contaminated food. If your symptoms are severe and/or persistent, contact your doctor for further evaluation.

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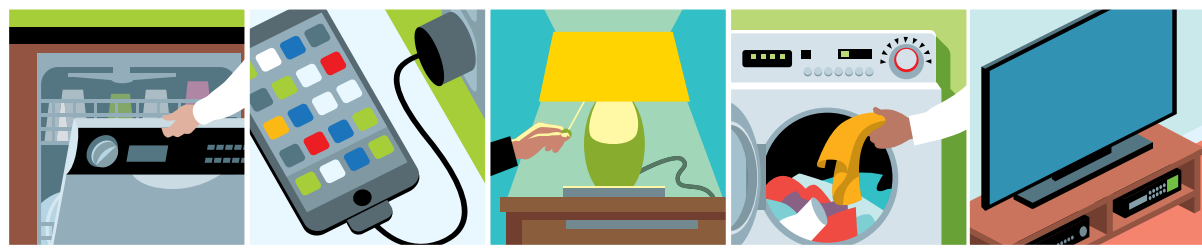
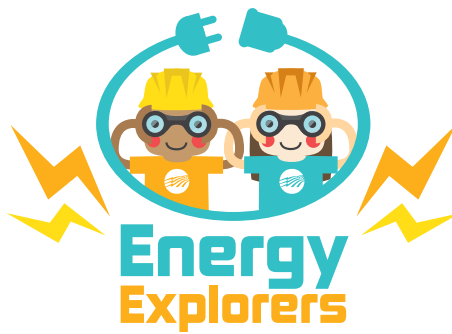
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Tip: Use the word bank for help. Don't forget to check your answers in the key below!



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- Energy vampires, like TVs and phone chargers, consume _____ even when they're not in use. Turn these devices off to save energy.
- Turning off _____ every time you leave the room saves energy.
- Wash clothes in _____ water to reduce the load on your water heater.
- LED light bulbs typically use 75% less energy than _____ light bulbs.
- To save energy, only run full loads when running the _____.

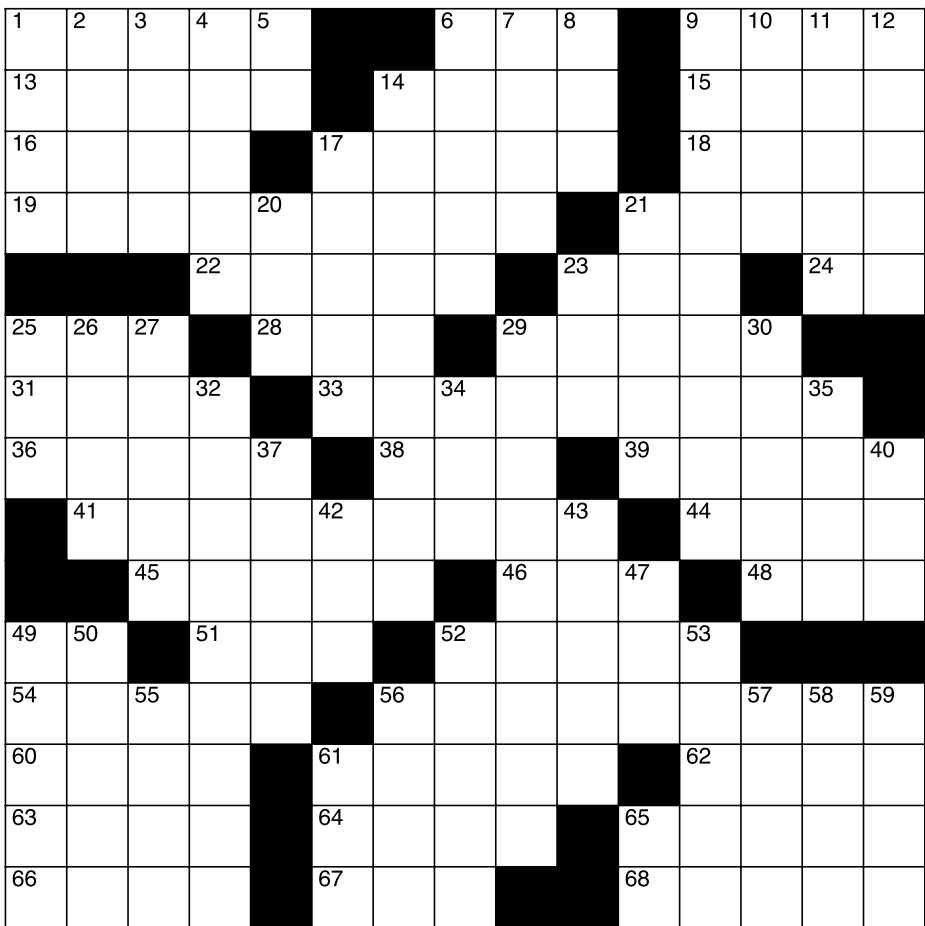
Word Bank:

incandescent	dishwasher
electricity	gallons
lights	cold

Answer Key: 1) gallons 2) electricity 3) lights 4) cold 5) incandescent 6) dishwasher

ACROSS

- German philosopher
- A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- Cincinnati ballplayers
- Deerlike water buffaloes
- Island
- Jewish calendar month
- Round Dutch cheese
- Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- A restaurant needs one
- Decent behaviors
- Groans
- Works hard
- Upset
- A sound made in speech
- One point east of due south
- Boxing's GOAT
- Whittles
- Tailless amphibian
- Surrounded
- Doesn't stay still
- Copycat
- Four-door car
- Morally correct behavior
- Something that is owed
- Pasta needs it
- Ant-Man's last name
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Small period of time (abbr.)
- Woman (French)
- On or around
- Fencing swords
- Fonts
- A command in the name of the court



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| 61. Sprays with an irritant | 11. American investigative journalist | 40. "To the ___ degree" |
| 62. Georgetown athlete | 12. Partially melted snow | 42. Frozen water |
| 63. Dry or withered | 14. Take shape | 43. Medieval circuit courts |
| 64. Sign of injury | 17. Mexican beverage | 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.) |
| 65. Tracts of land (abbr.) | 20. Patti Hearst's captors | 49. Gossipy |
| 66. 365 days | 21. Jacobs and Summers are two | 50. Shopping is one type |
| 67. Physique | 23. Disfigure | 52. Palmlike plant |
| 68. Icelandic poems | 25. Scientists' tool (abbr.) | 53. Partner to "oohed" |
| DOWN | 26. Ill-mannered person | 55. Welsh name meaning "snow" |
| 1. Bodily substance | 27. Overhang | 56. Popular Mexican dish |
| 2. Internal | 29. Famed rat catcher | 57. It helps power devices |
| 3. Provoke or annoy | 30. Passover feast and ceremony | 58. Reddish-brown wildcat |
| 4. Type of lounge chair | 32. Equal to 10 meters | 59. Impertinence |
| 5. Losses | 34. Central processing unit | 61. Legal financial term (abbr.) |
| 6. Makes less severe | 35. Chinese native religion | 65. Atomic #52 |
| 7. Identifies a thing close at hand | 37. Unfermented juices | |

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