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“The first thing I noticed about the village was the beauty of it. It was so picturesque. It was mountainous, deep green. Absolutely beautiful,” Hooper said.

Hooper helps light the way for Guatemalan village

By Danielle Quickle

Sacrifice - it is the calling of a lineman. To pack up their gear, leave their loved ones and go to those who are in the dark. This sacrifice has been made by many Cotton Electric linemen throughout the years, but for one co-op lineman, that calling took him overseas.

In August, 20 linemen from Oklahoma and Colorado electric cooperatives made the journey to Sillab, Guatemala with Energy Trails to bring electricity to those who had never had it. Among them was Cotton Electric's very own Safety and Loss Coordinator Jarrod Hooper.

Hooper applied for Energy Trails earlier this year and, after an extensive selection process, was chosen for the project. In only 10 working days, their mission was to provide power to a school, four churches and 37 homes belonging to the villagers of Sillab.

Upon arrival the linemen began taking inventory and developing a plan.

“We kept all of our equipment in a building next to the school we were working on,” Hooper said. “NRECA International had provided basic tools we needed to build lines and wire homes.”

The villagers had set the power poles by hand prior to the team's arrival. All the linemen needed to do was change the single-phase lines to two-phase and wire each structure to receive power.

“When they asked for volunteers to wire the homes, I raised my hand,” Hooper said. “It was something different, something I had never done before.”

Each home received four lights, two plugs and two switches. Before work began at each house, a Kekchi translator would ask the homeowner where they wanted everything.

“Every single villager we talked to wanted a light in their kitchen and a light outside,” Hooper said. “Their kitchens were usually a separate building from the house because they constantly have a fire going with a lot of smoke. One woman was very excited that she wouldn't



Hooper volunteers to wire villagers' homes.

have to make tortillas in the dark at 5 a.m. anymore.”

The homes were wired with two-wire lamp cord - the cord Americans use to plug in a desk lamp. The cord was stapled along the house and through the rafters.

“It was tricky figuring out how to wire the buildings. Their homes would not even be considered houses where we live,” Hooper said. “And yet, it is hard to consider them in poverty. They have so much joy and are content with what they have.”

After two weeks, the lights were turned on for the people of Sillab in an emotional lighting ceremony. Local residents gathered at the school where backpacks full of donations were handed out to the children and water filters were given to each family. Linemen and villagers alike rejoiced, prayed, hugged, cried and said their goodbyes.

“I didn't really realize the impact we were making until we were leaving,” Hooper said. “And once it was time to leave, I didn't want to. It was hard walking away knowing there was so much more I could do for them and that I would probably never see them again.”

Hooper argues that the linemen were not leaving a legacy for the villagers, but a foundation. Now it is up

to the people to decide what they are going to do with it.

“People ask me what the villagers had that they could plug in. I always respond with ‘Well, what did we have in Oklahoma in the 1930s that could be plugged in?’” Hooper said. “They will progress and advance just like we did. One day those kids will tell their great grandkids about the American linemen who came and brought them power.”

According to Hooper, the most challenging part of the project was being on an emotional rollercoaster. Happy to be helping the villagers, sad to not be doing more, not wanting to leave and yet missing home. No Wi-Fi available and poor cellular service made it nearly impossible to contact family, adding more emotions to the ride.

“My wife was worried that something would go wrong at the house while I wasn't there and I missed my son's very first ballgame. It was tough leaving them,” Hooper said. “It is hard to say no when you know someone is without power. This is the life that linemen have signed up for.”

This trip to Sillab marks the fourth project with Energy Trails. Next year, Oklahoma will be sending linemen to Bolivia. Hooper intends on applying again.

“What we did down there, work wise, wasn't nearly as important to me as the relationships we made and the lives that were changed,” Hooper said. “To us it was a job, to them it was life-changing.”

He also encourages members to participate in these programs. Spreading the cooperative model to the world is a benefit for us all.

The easiest way to get involved is to contribute financially to the cause. Visit www.tinyurl.com/energytrails to donate. You can also read about past mission trips, watch videos about this life-changing program and look at photos of people whose futures are brighter because of this mission.

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Nov. 1, 2019, is (\$0.00866) per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1250 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a credit of \$10.83 on the November bill.

October 2019 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	87	73	80	16	66	41	54
2	88	71	80	17	76	39	58
3	75	57	66	18	75	45	60
4	82	56	69	19	74	52	63
5	89	67	78	20	83	43	63
6	67	55	61	21	69	38	54
7	71	45	58	22	71	34	53
8	75	43	59	23	78	43	61
9	80	59	70	24	56	41	49
10	80	43	62	25	45	40	43
11	54	32	43	26	64	42	53
12	66	28	47	27	71	42	57
13	77	37	57	28	45	36	41
14	80	51	66	29	37	30	34
15	81	55	68	30	37	27	32
				31	47	23	35

Source: srh.noaa.gov/oum/

Average Daily High: 69 Average Daily Low: 45

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Nov. 28-29 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. 16, 2019.

Contact Us

Do you have a story idea for The Current or do you need to place an ad? If so, let us know.

We can be reached at 580-875-3351 or by email at info@cottonelectric.com.

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

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From the CEO

Co-op's tax-exempt status threatened

Due to an unintended consequence of current federal tax law, many electric co-ops are finding themselves in a precarious position.

Imagine working hard to secure funding for an important local project only to turn around and give a large chunk of that money back in taxes.

That's the situation many cooperatives, including Cotton Electric, may face because of recent tax law changes. And it could jeopardize the not-for-profit tax status of cooperatives that receive federal or state government funding of any kind, including disaster relief aid, energy efficiency grants, economic development support and rural broadband development grants.

In order to maintain tax-exempt status, an electric cooperative must receive at least 85 percent of all revenue from its members. However, an unintended consequence of a 2017 change to federal tax law modified the calculation for some contributions by a government entity or civic group.

Now, grants and other contributions may be consid-



Jennifer Meason, CEO

ered non-member revenue and could threaten a co-op's tax-exempt status. This would have a profound impact on co-ops and their members. Here are two examples:

- Otsego Electric Cooperative received a \$10 million broadband grant from the state of New York, which will put the co-op well over the 15% limit for non-member revenue in 2019. Otsego will lose its tax-exempt status if the Rural Act is not passed this year, CEO Tim Johnson said in April. Twenty-one percent of the grant money will have to be used to pay taxes.
- West Florida Electric Cooperative Association has received \$24 million in expedited reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this year for storm recovery work in the wake of Hurricane Michael in 2018. That's about 40% of the co-op's projected annual revenue. Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative to the south is in the same tax position, and three other Florida co-ops could surpass the 15% threshold by year's end. It's unfair to classify the FEMA reimbursement as revenue — it was for expenses that West Florida incurred to restore service to a large swath of its members after the category 5 hurricane pounded the Florida panhandle.

Many of you remember the 2010 ice storm that severely impacted our cooperative. If a storm of a similar

damage level were to happen again under today's law, the FEMA reimbursement Cotton Electric receives would surpass the 15% threshold and we would lose our tax-exempt status.

Encouraging Congress to fix the tax code to exempt government grants from being defined as member revenue is one of the highest priorities of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the service organization representing America's electric co-ops. Legislation called the Rural Act has been introduced in both the House and the Senate, attracting large groups of bipartisan cosponsors. However, getting it enacted into law will be a heavy lift, given the political sensitivity of tax issues on Capitol Hill.

Congress must act now to correct this unintended consequence and protect the tax status of electric co-ops. In doing so, Congress would preserve the full value of government grants that deliver societal benefits to our communities.

You can play an important role in encouraging Congress to act and we need your help. Please take a few minutes to voice your support for the Rural Act by visiting www.action.coop/ruralact.

Thank you for your continued support of Cotton Electric Cooperative.

Vegetation Management moves to north Walters

Cotton Electric's Vegetation Management (VM) program is a proactive effort to ensure quality power delivery. Aggressive and preventive vegetation management is a good value to the co-op's members from a service and an economic perspective. Keeping trees away from power lines is also a matter of safety.

Scott Crew, vegetation management coordinator for Cotton Electric, oversees an in-house crew and several contract crews in the year-round effort to clear trees and prevent regrowth.

He said all tree-clearing crews make every effort to contact land and home owners in person as they move into an area. In some cases, they will leave bright-colored door hangers either at the house or tied to a gate post.

"Please call the number on the hanger or call me at 580-875-4224. Plan to leave a message," he said, noting that he is likely to be out on the job.

After trees are cleared, crews return to the area at regularly scheduled intervals to apply a specially formulated herbicide that will prevent tree growth while protecting grasses. Spraying is done only during the growing season.

Crews have completed the clearing of vegetation along the north Hulen circuit, allowing work in other areas along Cotton Electric's service territory to be worked on.

Northeast Rural Services (NRS) has completed work in the east Walters circuit and will be moving to the north Walters circuit during the fourth quarter of the year. They will be prioritizing the clearing of vegetation to improve power quality and make room for pole changeouts.

The co-op's newest contractor, Davey Tree Company will be working the Clear Creek Lake and Lake Humphreys areas through November.

As always, Cotton's vegetation management crews



will work with district linemen on VM clearing where needed throughout the service area.

Scott Crew said his crews are always looking for land and home owners in need of free untreated wood chips. Because these chips are untreated, it is not recommended to use them next to a structure.

Landowners looking for material to help with erosion problems may want to contact the co-op, too. Using the skid steer, the VM crew can deliver stumps and other debris too large to chip or mulch.

Chips and large debris will be delivered to members nearest the day's work location. Work crews will deliver wood chips only to members they can reach by phone and whose location is nearest the day's work. There is no guarantee a member will receive wood chips at any particular time.

Leave a message at 580-875-4224 to have your name added to the list of members willing to take wood chips.

SMART TIPS

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Space heaters can be a cost effective option when heating no more than one or two small areas.

- Review and follow all manufacturer directions.
- Place them out of high-traffic areas and on a hard, level floor surface.
- Keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items.
- Plug them directly into outlets. Avoid using an extension cord.
- Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep.

Learn more at: SafeElectricity.org



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install - you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov

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Our mission is to be the leader in providing the most reliable and innovative electric system, with affordable rates, through the positive, enthusiastic and professional use of its resources and people.

	2019	2018
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$5,007,499	\$4,963,237
Cost of Purchased Power	3,510,123	3,263,516
Taxes	115,383	101,271
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	990	924
Average Farm and Residential Bill	138	131
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,405	1,200
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,474	18,356
Miles Energized	5,200	5,165
Density Per Mile	3.55	3.55
New Service Connects YTD	247	224
Services Retired	100	82

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Departmental Spotlight Dispatch

Dispatchers available to membership day or night

By Danielle Quickle

Twenty-eight substations distribute power along 5,167 miles of energized line to 22,214 active meters throughout Cotton Electric's service territory. Despite the co-op's best efforts, members may experience outages or equipment failure from time to time.

When problems arise, Cotton Electric members have the benefit of being able to speak to a live human being at any time to discuss these issues.

With the co-op's dispatch department, someone is available by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. System Engineer Chace Penn supervises four dispatchers who serve various shifts.

Most of the time, day-time dispatch callers will speak with Glendel Cole until later in the evening when Dispatcher Ron Clifton takes over. Mackenzie Coston starts his shift around midnight and Dane Kerr fills in where needed.

"Our shifts rarely change," Cole said. "But we are really good about switching around if one of us is sick or going on vacation."

The functions of the department change with the weather, but most of the dispatcher's time is spent assisting linemen and answering phone calls from members.

"On an average day I would say we get about 200 phone calls," Cole said.

Calls range from a variety of things including outages, blinking lights, broken

poles and tree trimming. Out of all the calls the department receives, outages are typically reported the least.

When outages do occur, it is important for members to report it to the co-op's dispatcher. During large outages, especially after hours, the Cooperative Response Center (CRC) assist dispatchers with phone calls.

"We are not aware of any outages until it is reported by the member," Cole said. "They can contact us by calling us or by entering information into the SmartHub app."

Having your account number or meter number handy is the most efficient way to report your outage.

"Names and addresses are nice to have," Cole said. "But having the account or meter number that is unique to each member can help us pinpoint the issue and could lead to quicker restoration."

Reporting an outage through SmartHub is a quick and easy way to make dispatchers aware that you are in the dark without having to call in.

Just like when you call in, be sure to have your account or meter number handy and provide as much detail about your outage as possible.

"If members can tell us if their lights were blinking before the outage, what they heard when the outage occurred or if there is a tree fallen down on the lines, then we can get a better idea of what the problem might be before linemen arrive

on the scene - leading to a faster restoration," Cole said.

In return, dispatchers strive to help members understand what is going on in the field. Linemen communicate with the dispatcher, either by phone or over the radio, to troubleshoot issues.

The information they obtain from linemen is then passed on to members who call in and posted on the co-op's social media accounts.

"We know how difficult it can be to wait in the dark and not know what is going on," Cole said. "It is our number one priority to get service to the members and help them in any way that we can."

Cotton Electric encourages members to call in if they are experiencing any issues at all, not just with outages.

"Never assume that we are already aware of an issue," Cole said. "Always report problems and hopefully we can help

explain it and get it fixed."

Having dispatchers on call 24/7 is part of the co-op's dependable power commitment to members. In a world where technology is exponentially advancing, a live human being can always be reached at Cotton Electric.



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Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the December issue, please submit information by Dec. 4 by calling 580-875-3351 or send an email to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com.

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, running through the beginning of May 2020.

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.

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 2018, 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. 18-25. Volunteers staff centers around the U.S. to give donors a convenient place to leave their gifts.

Local drop-off sites are in Walters, Duncan, Lawton and Elgin. The Duncan site is the north end of First United Methodist Church, 2300 Country Club Road.

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

Duncan's holiday stroll is Nov. 23

Duncan residents are encouraged to kick off the holiday shopping season locally during the annual Holiday Stroll from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 23.

Main Street Duncan merchants will offer special discounts during this snack-and-shop event. Santa Claus will stroll through downtown stores for pictures, carolers will line the sidewalks, and food trucks will fill the downtown streets.

Gobble Wobble is Thanksgiving Day

Start the Thanksgiving holiday with a brisk walk or run in the one-mile Poul Bolt at 8 a.m. or the 5K Gobble Wobble at 8:15 a.m. Nov. 28.

Participants will gather in front of the Museum of the Great Plains in Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton.

Registration is free and ends on Nov. 25.

The event is also a food drive. Walkers and runners are encouraged to bring canned goods, boxed meals, cereals and pasta to be donated to the Lawton Food Bank.

Information available at GobbleWobbleLawton.com

CTHC hosts Open House

Chisholm Trial Heritage Center is hosting a Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 3 in Duncan.

The museum will be decorated with

western flair for the holidays. There will be refreshments, door prizes and surprises for visitors. Browse the fine art landscape photography of Sarah Rodefeld in her exhibit "Designed by Nature."

Guests will have the opportunity to meet Rodefeld from 2 to 6 p.m. when she shares stories behind many of her images.

The gift shop will be stocked with new and unique gift items, stocking stuffers, holiday décor and much more. There will be free admission all day.

For information, call Toni at 580-252-6692.

Elgin hosts Ugly Sweater run

Come out in your ugliest Christmas sweater and run/walk in the 3rd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K as part of An Elgin Christmas celebration. The untimed race in which participants run, jog or walk in their ugliest Christmas sweaters, sets off at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 from Mighty Owl Avenue in Elgin.

There will also be a parade, live nativity scene, food trucks, a city-wide house lighting contest and live entertainment.

Proceeds go to the Elgin Chamber of Commerce's project to sponsor local families during the holiday season and to support the Winter Wishes program in the school.

CTAC present TAKE3 Jan. 17

The Chisholm Trail Arts Council presents TAKE3 on Jan. 17 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Simmons Center Theater in Duncan.

With a flair for the wild and unexpected, the genre-defying trio brings the refinement of a rigorous classical music background and infuses it with rock-star charisma.

Known for their infectious and down to earth onstage personalities, this threesome leaves their indelible mark on captivated crowds around the country performing their arrangements of top pop hits, Americana and classical favorites.

TAKE3 makes it their mission to impart their love, passion and joy in music making to all who hear them, using their artistic ability as a conduit for storytelling.

For information or tickets, call 580-252-4160 or go to ChisholmTrailArts.com.

CU screens 'Before Sunrise' Feb. 7

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

The Feb. 7 offering will be "Before Sunrise," a 1995 romance directed by Richard Linklater.

On his way to Vienna, American Jesse meets Celine, a student returning to Paris. After long conversations forge a surprising connection between them, Jesse convinces Celine to get off the train with him in Vienna.

Since his flight to the U.S. departs the next morning and he has no money for lodging, they wander the city together, taking in the experiences of Vienna and each other.

As the night progresses, their bond makes separating in the morning a difficult choice. With Ethan Wallace in the lead role, the cast includes Julie Delpy, Andrea Eckert and Erni Mangold.

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.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Cotton Electric member Maria Lipscomb submitted this photo of her nephew, Michael Arzola. Michael is considered a hero on both a national and local level. He has served as a U.S. Marine for six years and as a Lawton police officer for four years. Thank you for your service, Michael!

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for December is GENERATIONS. 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.

Candy Cane Chase is Dec. 7

Candy Cane Chase, one-mile fun run and the 24th annual Frost Ya Fanny 5K race start at 5:45, 6 and 6:30 p.m. respectively Dec. 7 in Elmer Thomas Park. Register at the okc.enmotive.com or until 2 p.m. day of the event.

the day of the race or from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5-6 at Owen's Center 1405 SW 11th.

Awards will be presented to first- and second-place overall male and female and to the top three finishers in each age group.

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Upcoming Deadlines for The Current

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So many reasons to be

Thankful

for our membership

May your Thanksgiving be filled with happy moments, simple goodness and gratitude.

- The Board of Trustees and Employees of Cotton Electric Cooperative



Making the holidays efficient and bright

Holiday season can be one of the most costly times of the year due to increased expenses associated with shopping, energy used for decorations, hosting family and friends and cooking. Following these suggestions can cut down on your holiday energy consumption while saving you some much-needed cash.



Heath Morgan,
Energy Efficiency
Coordinator

Decorations

When decorating for the holidays, keep efficiency in mind. Any decorations that don't require electricity, such as wreaths or tinsel, are obvious ways to save on your energy bill. For some, it wouldn't be the holidays without Christmas lights. In that case, choose LEDs. These lights use 75 percent less energy than conventional lights and last up to 20 times longer. Not only are they cheaper to use, these bulbs are more durable to impacts and are cool to the touch. Setting your lights to operate on a timer is another great way to save money.

Hosting Family and Friends

The best advice on saving energy when hosting family and friends revolves around making sure your home's appliances and heating system are serviced and operating at their maximum efficiency. The combined energy used by your central heating system, water heater and refrigerator account for 65 percent of your total electric bill.

Be sure to turn your thermostat setting down prior to guests arriving. Increased

body heat from your guests and warmth from holiday cooking will help keep your home comfortable while giving your heater a break.

The Department of Energy suggests there is no need to preheat your oven when slow roasting your turkey for several hours. Avoid opening the oven door to check on food by using the window and light instead. Each time the oven door is opened, the internal temperature can drop 75 degrees or more. For stovetop cooking, be sure your pot matches the burner size. Otherwise, between 30-40 percent of energy being used could be wasted.

Finally, be sure to allow your leftovers to cool before placing them in the refrigerator. Room temperature food will keep your refrigerator from working too hard and avoid adding humidity to the refrigerator. You can find more energy saving tips for each of these appliances on the Department of Energy's website at <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver>.

Green Gifts

Think of ways to give efficient or "green" gifts. Consider gifting non-material items such as a subscription to someone's favorite streaming service, membership to their gym, or tickets to a concert or game. Presents that don't use batteries or electricity such as art supplies, board games, books, or sports equipment are all great ideas for conserving energy. For gifts that require batteries, use rechargeable ones to save money and reduce waste. As for big-ticket items such as electronics, appliances and office equipment, look for Energy Star products and compare their yearly cost to operate.

Travel

Don't miss out on great energy-saving opportunities if your holiday plans include traveling out of town. While away, set your thermostat between 50-55 degrees. This is low enough that your heater shouldn't be running non-stop, and warm enough to prevent water pipes from freezing. Don't forget about your water heater. If the water heater is inside the house in a conditioned space, you can turn off the breaker or set the thermostat to the "off" position. However, if your water heater is located in the attic or an unconditioned space like your garage, you should set the thermostat to the "vacation" or "low" setting to keep the water from freezing.

Think about other major appliances that can be completely unplugged or turned off during your trip. It is a great idea to leave lights on around the house while you are out of town, but there's no need to leave them all on. There are

lighting devices such as Z-Wave bulbs and other comparable components that can be controlled from your phone or through smart home devices such as the Amazon Alexa or Google Home. These platforms can allow you to remotely control things in your home such as lighting, heating and cooling systems, smart appliances, garage door openers and even home security devices.

Ensuring that we are using energy efficiently is one of the many ways we can directly impact issues such as climate change and CO2 emissions. Efficiently consuming energy leads to less waste production. The benefits from these choices extend beyond simply saving some money on your electric bill. Although small, making these everyday choices can have a huge impact on our environment and future generations.



Energy Efficiency Coordinator Heath Morgan was recently recognized for his monthly energy efficiency column. He received Honorable Mention for Best Column in a statewide competition sponsored by Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. Congratulations, Heath!

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Community Spotlight

Lodge hosts local fundraiser

The Masonic Lodge in Elgin is hosting a fundraiser at 5 p.m. March 7 at the Medicine Park Music Hall. Funds raised will benefit local charitable endeavors such as local food banks, youth leadership and families in need.

With the purchase of a \$40 ticket, guest will receive a steak dinner with all the fixings, live entertainment from Southern Highway Band and the chance to participate both a silent and live auction.

For tickets and information, contact any Pilot Lodge member or call 580-591-2623.

Chapter of the Blind meets

Duncan Chapter of the Blind meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Stephens County Historical Museum, 1402 W. Beech Ave.

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

For information about the group or to arrange free transportation to the monthly meeting, call 580-786-8041 or 736-8454.

Food pantry opens twice monthly

Marlow Nutrition Center is open to the public from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at Redbud Park in Marlow. Nutritious meals are served on site or as carry-out, \$2 for guests 60 years old and older or \$5.85 for guests younger than 60 years.

To place carry-out orders or for further details, contact Cheris at 580-658-5773.

Walters Community Food Pantry is open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The pantry is in the old City Hall, 131 1/2 W. California Street.

Pantry organizers try to provide a two-week supply of basic staples to anyone with identification.

For information, call Roger Noland at 580-591-6826.

Kids' activities in Central High

Central High presents Story Time from 10-10:30 a.m. every Wednesday while school is in session at the high school library.

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

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

Honor guard serves SWOK

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

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

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

For information about joining the guard or securing its services, call Kenneth Youngblood at 859-684-5128 or Clinton Swanson at 580-251-0629 or visit TheSCHG.com.

Senior center hosts weekly dances

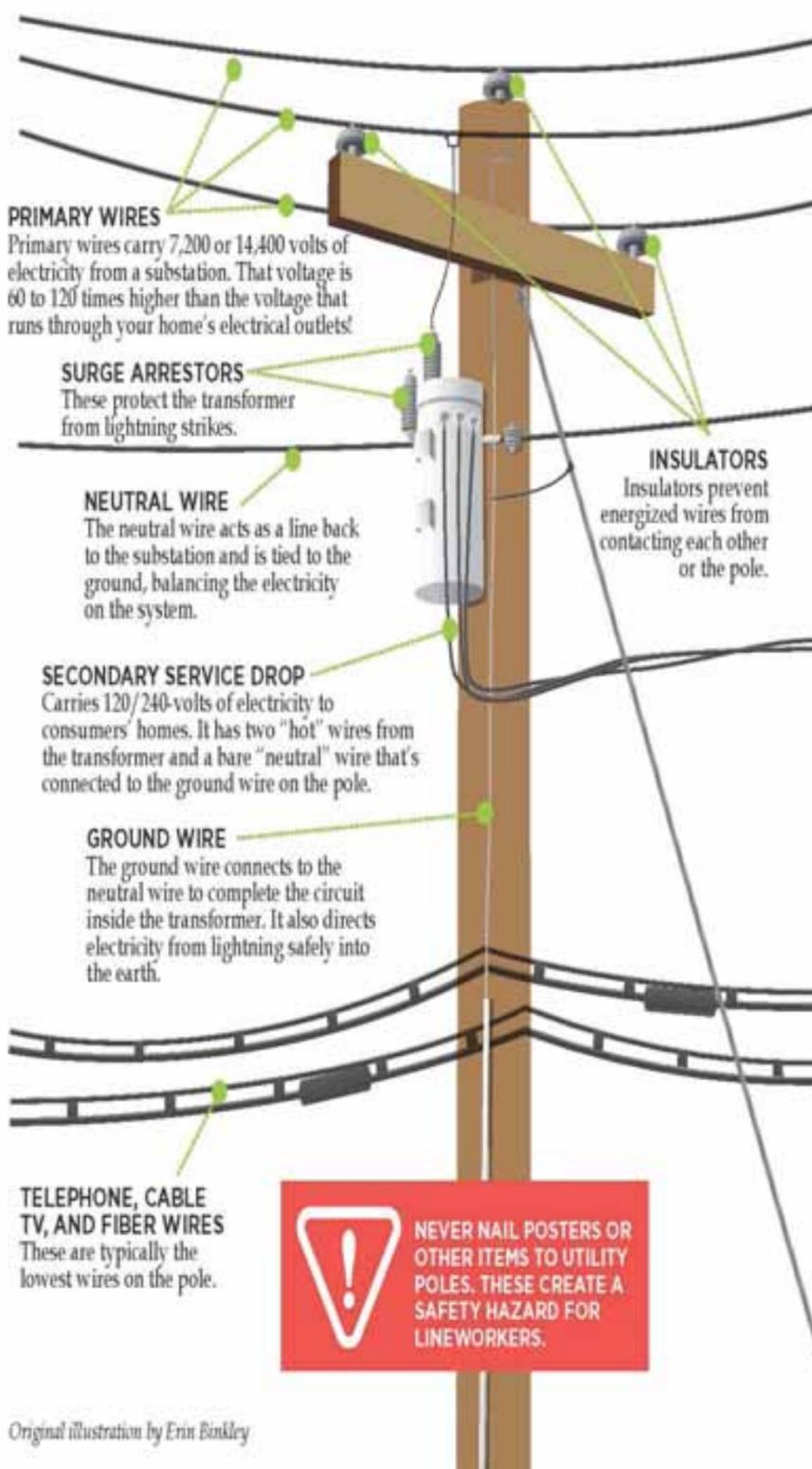
Duncan Senior Citizens Center presents country and western dances from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday. Tuesdays feature Bill Dewbre and Old Country. Buzz Carter and the Shadow Riders play every Saturday.

Admission is \$6 and includes free coffee and soft drinks. Donations are appreciated.

The center is at 1110 N. Seventh. For information, call the center at 580-255-6902.

WHAT'S ON THAT POLE?

This illustration shows the basic equipment found on electric utility poles. The equipment varies according to the location and the service they provide.



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FALL SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS!

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing, the weather is cooler and the holidays are just around the corner. But Fall also brings a higher risk of home fires and electrical safety hazards.

Read the safety tips below and fill in the blank with the correct term from the word bank.



1. Candles and _____ should only be used by adults.
2. An adult should always stay in the kitchen when something is _____.
3. Smoke alarms should be tested every _____ to ensure they are working. Batteries should be replaced at least once every _____ or right away if they start to "beep."
4. Make sure all _____ are blown out before leaving a room.
5. Keep any items that can burn away from the stove, toaster and other cooking _____.



WORD BANK

- APPLIANCES
- YEAR
- CANDLES
- COOKING
- MATCHES
- MONTH

Answer Key: 1. matches 2. cooking 3. month 4. candles 5. appliances

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Fun By The Numbers

Level: Beginner

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Editor's Note:

For 2019 we will be alternating between crossword and sudoku puzzles to challenge the mind differently each month. The crossword puzzle will be back in December. For now, test your skills with this sudoku.

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Elevate Holiday Cooking with Seasonal Skillet Dishes

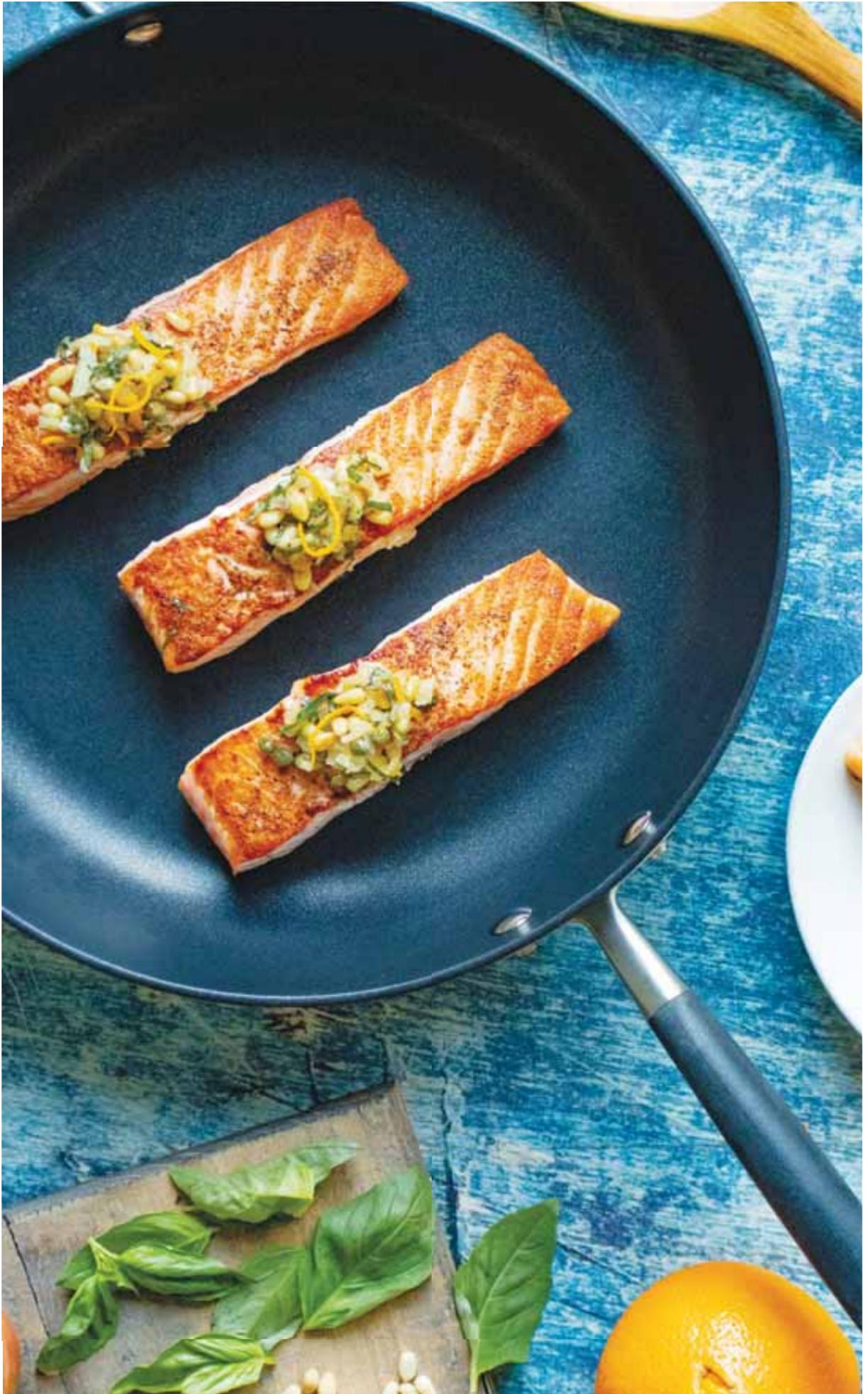
FAMILY FEATURES

The rush of the holiday season – shopping for gifts, decorating the house, hosting loved ones and other added obligations – can be challenging. Restore balance and holiday cheer by treating yourself and others who are home for the holidays to a no-fuss, relaxing dinner that feels celebratory.

Supported by a menu that can be prepared entirely using a skillet, you can easily add to the joyful holiday spirit while also lowering stress levels typically associated with this time of year. Start with a main course like Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Capers and Fennel Topping, which can go a long way toward building a tasty holiday meal. Paired with Long-Cooked Green Beans with Tomatoes and Garlic, the savory salmon and complementary side can be on the family table in less than an hour then capped off by a seasonal Stovetop Apple Pie.

These dishes and more can be created for holiday festivities with the help of kitchen equipment like Anolon Advanced Home skillets, part of a collection designed for everyday cooking with heavy-gauge hard anodized aluminum construction for durability and even heating. With a triple-layer, sapphire-reinforced interior that resists chipping, the cookware offers durability and easy cleaning along with features like nonstick exteriors, convenient volume markings for saucepans and stockpots, and comfortable SureGrip handles.

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Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Capers and Fennel Topping

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 4 servings

- Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch nonstick skillet**
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 shallot, finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
- 1/2 medium fennel bulb, cored and finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons drained capers
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh orange zest
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon, plus 1/8 teaspoon, salt, divided
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets (6-7 ounces each)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add pine nuts and cook, shaking pan often, about 4-5 minutes until lightly browned. Transfer pine nuts to medium bowl.

In same skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add shallot and fennel; cook, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes until slightly softened. Add capers and cook

1 minute. Transfer to bowl with pine nuts. Stir in remaining oil and orange zest. Let cool 5 minutes before adding basil and 1/8 teaspoon salt; reserve.

Season salmon with remaining salt and pepper. Heat skillet over medium heat until hot. Add salmon, flesh-side down, and cook 5 minutes until nicely browned. Flip salmon and continue cooking 4-5 minutes until skin is crisp and salmon is cooked through but still slightly translucent in center. Place one salmon fillet on each of four serving plates; top each with pine nut mixture.



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Long-Cooked Green Beans with Tomatoes and Garlic

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Yield: 4 servings

- Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch nonstick skillet
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup yellow onions, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 pounds green beans, ends trimmed
- 3 large ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In nonstick skillet over medium heat, warm olive oil.
Add onions and cook until soft, stirring occasionally, 7-10 minutes. Add garlic and continue stirring 1 minute. Add green beans and tomatoes; cover and cook over low heat until green beans are soft, 25 minutes.
Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
Cook, uncovered, until liquid is almost gone, 2-3 minutes.



Stovetop Apple Pie

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 1 10-inch pie

- Anolon Advanced Home 10-inch nonstick skillet
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, sugar, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon or apple pie spice
- 6 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into eight wedges each
- 1 refrigerated pie crust
- 2 teaspoons cream

In nonstick skillet over low heat, melt butter; remove from heat. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Arrange apple wedges evenly in skillet, overlapping as needed.
Heat oven to 350 F.
In skillet over medium heat, cook sugar mixture until it is light amber in color and bubbly, 8-10 minutes.
Carefully place pie crust on top of apples; cut few slits in pastry to allow air to escape. Brush pastry with cream and remaining sugar. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Benefits of walking increase with age

The benefits of walking for older adults continue to emerge. A study conducted by Lamonte and colleagues and published in JAMA Network Open in October 2019 found a relationship between walking and lower risk of hip fracture in older women. Another study by Rasmussen and colleagues, published in the same journal, used a test of walking speed and balance to assess brain function and the rate of aging and cognitive decline. They found that trouble with walking in mid-life indicates faster aging.

How much should you walk? The benefits are incremental – the more you walk, the greater the benefit. Studies have shown health benefits in older adults who walk as little as one hour per week and as much as six hours per week. Benefits include reduced premature death from a variety of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

How fast should you walk? Ideally you get your heart rate up, but any speed of walking is better than nothing.

While studies have recently pointed to walking outdoors as being better for your mood, there are some days during this time of year that walking outside is less desirable.

There are many options for indoor



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD



walking that do not require a gym membership. Malls, large retail stores, grocery stores, libraries, churches and museums are mostly free options. If you work in an office building, walk the halls and take the stairs on your breaks. If you are on vacation during the holidays, walk the halls of your hotel and take the stairs. You can also bundle up and brave the elements to get the added benefit of mood improvement.

Walking is not about losing weight, although it can certainly help. It is about staying functional as you get older so you can delay premature aging, avoid health set-backs that are hard to recover from and improve overall health.



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From left, Colby Gilpen, Aurelia Holguin, Aryanna North and Jessie Bone were the 2019 recipients of an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. through Oklahoma Youth Tour. Cotton Electric is now accepting entries for the 2020 Youth Tour.

Call for essays launches annual contest

The annual Rural Electric Youth Tour kicks off in November with a preliminary essay contest. This year's topic, "What do you find most interesting about electric cooperatives?" will be the key focus for all submissions.

Each year, high school juniors in Cotton Electric's service territory are eligible to compete in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The students and their families do not have to be Cotton Electric members.

Preparing for the essay contest is a good way to help develop creative writing skills that are important for all high school students, especially those planning to attend college.

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

Writers of the top 25 essays move to the second round, which includes a personal interview with the student. The question-and-answer meeting is conducted at the cooperative headquarters in Walters.

The top 10 of those finalists advance to the banquet, where they and their parents will be guests of Cotton Electric. The finalists will be required to present their essay in a speech-type format. As they speak before judges and banquet guests, the final four winners will be determined.

The banquet is held in the spring, with the date and location to be announced.

Cotton Electric Youth Tour winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. For a week in June, they will join 1,500 students and follow state-planned itineraries, including time with Oklahoma's congressional delegation.

The students will have an opportunity to learn about government, the cooperative form of business, and the business of rural electrification. The students will become more familiar with the his-



torical and political environment of the nation's capital through visits to monuments, government offices and cooperative organizations.

Youth Tour is a week of hands-on learning for students. The experience gives high school students an opportunity to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community development and today's social issues.

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

The deadline to submit an essay is Jan. 6, 2020.

In addition to the information included in the packets, students are encouraged to use other sources of information found at the local library or from the internet.

For more information regarding the essay contest, call Cotton Electric at 580-875-3351 or email Info@CottonElectric.com.

10 reasons to apply for Youth Tour

You could stay home next summer, or you could kick it off with a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. On Youth Tour, you'll laugh until your face hurts, crane your neck at tall buildings, stand humbled by national memorials and get inspired by leaders. You'll love it so much that you'll weep when it's over. Need more convincing? Here are 10 reasons to apply for Youth Tour.

1. It's free.

Cotton Electric Cooperative and Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives completely cover the cost of Youth Tour, including airfare, hotels, meals and attractions.

2. It's fun.

You spend days touring popular attractions in D.C., including memorials, monuments and museums. You'll go on a cruise on the Potomac River and see a show at Toby's Dinner Theater.

3. You get to travel.

You get to leave your summer job, siblings and routine behind for 7 days! No making your bed for a week!

4. You meet new people.

You'll make new friends from among the more than 1,500 teens from across the nation, including more than 70 from all over Oklahoma.

5. You get a classic American adventure.

Washington, D.C., is rich in history and heritage. That's why Youth Tour was created more than 50 years ago, inspired by Lyndon B. Johnson, to give you the opportunity to discover "what the flag stands for and represents."

6. You learn a lot.

You are surrounded by venues that focus on science, art, history, space, American culture and so much more. You return home with a ton of newfound knowledge.

7. You can gain leadership experience.

Any Youth Tour participant can apply to be on the national Youth Leadership Council. One student selected from each state returns to D.C. in July for a leadership workshop.

8. You can make your voice heard.

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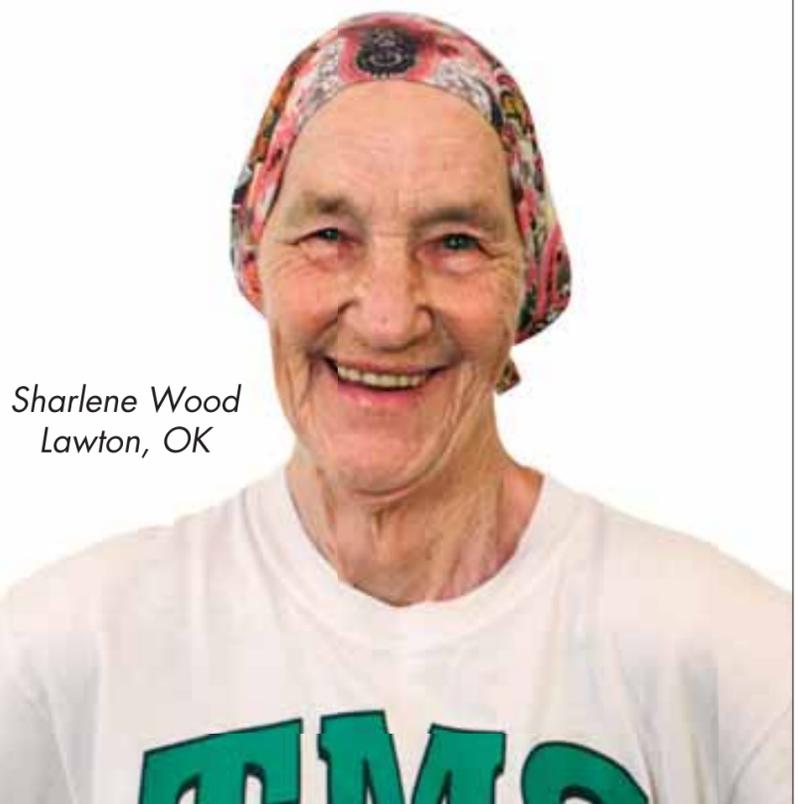
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Clues help spot scammers on social media

Many of us have received phishing email, either at work or home. These emails look as if they come from legitimate sources such as your bank, your boss, or your favorite online store, but are really an attack attempting to pressure or trick you into taking an action such as opening an infected email attachment, sharing your password, or transferring money.

The more savvy we become at spotting and stopping these email attacks, the more cyber criminals try other ways of contacting and scamming us.

Attempts to scam or fool you can happen over almost any form of communication you use—from Skype, WhatsApp, and Slack to Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and even gaming apps.

Communication over these platforms or channels can feel more informal or trustworthy, which is precisely why attackers are using them to fool others. In addition, with today's technologies, it has become much easier for attackers anywhere in the world to pretend to be anything or anyone they want.

It is important to remember that not all communications that come your way are what they seem and that people are not always who they appear to be.

Here are the most common clues that a message you just received or a post you just read may be an attack:

Urgency

The message has a sense of urgency that demands "immediate action" before something bad happens, like threatening to close your account or send you to jail. The attacker wants to rush you into making a mistake.

Pressure

The message pressures you to bypass or ignore policies or procedures at work.

Curiosity

The message invokes a strong sense of curiosity or



promises something that is too good to be true. No, you did not just win the lottery.

Sensitive

The message includes a request for highly sensitive information, such as your credit card number or password, or any information that you're just not comfortable sharing.

Official

The message says it comes from an official organization, but has poor grammar or spelling. Most government organizations will not use social media for official communications directly with you. If you are not sure if the message is legitimate, call the organization back, but use a trusted phone number, such as one from their website.

Impersonation

You receive a message from a friend or co-worker, but the tone or wording just does not sound like them. If you are suspicious, call the sender on the phone to verify they sent the message. It is easy for a cyber attacker to create messages that appear to be from someone you know. In some cases, they can take over one of your friend's accounts and then pretend to be your friend and reach out to you. Be particularly aware of text messages, Twitter, and other short message formats, where it is more difficult to get a sense of the sender's personality.

You are the best defense against scams, cons, and attacks like these. If a post or message seems odd or suspicious, simply ignore or delete it. If it is from someone you personally know, call the person on the phone to confirm if they really sent it.

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