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## Shocking news! Electricity can be quite dangerous *Lightnin’ Liz and Neon Leon shed bright orange light on safe practices*

By Karen Kaley

We can’t stress it enough: Electricity can be deadly. We can put up signs warning of danger. We can give speeches and write articles about the hazards. But, nothing works quite as well as a visual demonstration. Problem: How do we demonstrate the properties of invisible electricity, its sneaky way of coming in contact with people and how devastating that contact can be?

Solution: Lightnin’ Liz and Neon Leon, who live at Electric Junction and don’t mind getting zapped in the name of safety education.

Electric Junction is a handcrafted portable tool that has served Cotton Electric well in the co-op’s efforts to educate young and old about dangerous situations. It has traveled to schools, parks and community rooms to spread the word, the sights, even the smells of what contact with high voltage can mean.

The large wooden box opens and unfolds to display typical rural scenes. A power plant and substation are painted on the background along with houses, trees and utility poles and lines. Two-dimensional lines meet up with half-dowels glued to outer edges and the lines become three-dimensional as they string from dowel to dowel across the front of a tableau.

These miniature power poles are complete with cross arms, hot and neutral lines, film canister transformers and signs warning: Danger! High Voltage!

The setting includes a doll-sized house sprouting an antenna, a barn, grain silo and auger. Arranged around

the scene are a backhoe, a sailboat, a ladder and a shovel. In the middle of it all stand the stars of the show: Lightnin’ Liz and Neon Leon.

Another part of the display is a heavy-duty power strip that is plugged into a wall outlet. Mike Stephens, power use adviser for Cotton Electric, pulls on thick rubber gloves before he flips a switch on the strip. A small light comes on at the top of one of the dowel poles.

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Neon Leon’s body is made of glass fuse tubes. When he “touches” an object that is energized, such as a grain auger leaning against a high voltage power line, Leon lights up in bright orange, as shown above. Mike Stephens, power use adviser for Cotton Electric, recently used Electric Junction, where Neon Leon and Lightnin’ Liz “live,” to demonstrate safe practices around electricity.





# Thanks

One of our favorite things about Thanksgiving is the occasion to say  
for the privilege of serving you.

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### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after November 1, 2015, is \$0.00351 per kWh.

On a member’s average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a charge of \$5.26 on the November bill.

### October 2015 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	79	62	71	16	75	54	65
2	78	54	66	17	78	48	63
3	75	53	64	18	81	47	64
4	79	55	67	19	83	49	66
5	66	52	59	20	86	59	73
6	85	49	67	21	84	65	75
7	88	55	72	22	71	63	67
8	88	59	74	23	72	64	68
9	75	53	64	24	69	54	62
10	83	48	66	25	72	46	59
11	96	56	76	26	71	44	58
12	89	52	71	27	76	46	61
13	92	44	68	28	71	49	60
14	97	47	72	29	75	42	59
15	97	53	75	30	64	53	59
				31	64	44	54

Source: [srh.noaa.gov/oun/](http://srh.noaa.gov/oun/)  
Average Daily High: 79 Average Daily Low: 52

### Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The December issue of The Current should arrive in mailboxes on Dec. 14, 2015.

### 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](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com). You can also drop us a line at Cotton Electric Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.

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# There is a cooperative difference

*While all electric utilities offer the same product, where it comes from matters*

In the U.S., the vast majority of people receive their electricity from one of three types of utilities: investor-owned, municipal-owned or through their electric cooperative, which is owned and controlled by the people who use it. Let’s take a closer look at these three types of ownership models and see why it matters to you.

In the investor-owned model, the corporation is owned by a great number of stockholders who may or may not be real customers of the utility. Investor-owned utilities tend to be very large corporations such as Entergy, Con Edison or AEP-PSO. They serve large cities, suburban areas and some rural areas, too.

In most cases, investor-owned utilities (IOUs) have few employees in the communities where they operate. This, combined with the fact that they

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

By Adam Schwartz

have outside investors whose sole motive is to make a profit on their investment, generally tends to lead to less personalized service. Consumer surveys confirm that IOUs have the lowest customer satisfaction ratings. About 72 percent of the U.S. population is served by investor-owned utilities.

Municipal electric systems, as the name implies, are government owned. They can serve large cities, like Los Angeles, Austin or Orlando, or smaller areas, like Coon Rapids, Iowa or Duncan, OK. In municipal systems, the city runs the utility with little oversight from the citizens. About 16 percent of the market is served by municipal utilities.

Rural electric cooperatives serve the smallest number of

consumers, about 12 percent of the market, which equals 42 million people. There are more than 800 other electric co-ops in 47 states in addition to Cotton Electric Cooperative.

While co-ops serve the fewest number of people, our electric lines cover more than 75 percent of the U.S. landmass. This is because we provide power where others once refused to go because of the low population density.

Electric co-ops rank highest in member satisfaction among the three types of utilities. We believe this is because we serve member-owners, not customers.

As the electric utility business continues to evolve, we are committed to being there for you, our member, to provide for your electric energy needs. Un-

like large investor-owned utilities, we are rooted right here in southwest Oklahoma.

Over the years, we have answered the call to provide additional benefits and services because it is extremely important to us that our community thrives and prospers. This is why we offer things like energy audits and Co-op Connections partnerships and keep you informed through The Current.

There is a cooperative difference. You own us, and we are here to serve you!

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# Youth Tour contest open to high school juniors

The annual Rural Electric Youth Tour kicks off in November with a preliminary essay contest. This year’s topic, “A message for the co-op member of 2035 or 1940,” will be the key focus for all submissions. Students may choose to address a member of the future or the past.

Each year, students in Cotton Electric’s service territory are eligible to compete in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The contest 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 contest. Area juniors may submit an essay of approximately 600 words to the Cotton Electric headquarters.

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 recite their essay in a speech-type format. As they



will 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 historical and political environment of the nation’s capital through visits to monuments, government offices and cooperative organizations.

Jennifer Kriz, contest coordinator for Cotton Electric, said Youth Tour is a week of hands-on learning for students.

“Youth Tour 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,” Kriz said.

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

The deadline to submit an essay is Jan. 15, 2016. “Preparing for the Cotton Electric 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,” Kriz said.

For more information regarding the essay contest, call Kriz at 580-875-4277 or email [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).

## Eighth-grade entries sought for Energy Camp

Eighth-graders interested in developing leadership skills, learning about electric cooperatives and energy delivery, and having some great summertime fun are encouraged to enter the annual Energy Camp youth writing contest.

To participate, students will be required to write a short paragraph, 50 words or less, on why they would like to attend Energy Camp. Students and their families must be Cotton Electric members.

Winners from Cotton Electric’s service area will be selected from contest participants to attend the 2016 Youth Power Energy Camp held May 31-June 3 at Canyon



near Red Rock Canyon, southeast of Hinton.

At Energy Camp, which is sponsored by Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives, students learn first-hand the world of electric co-ops through demonstrations by electric crews.

There will be opportunities to put on a lineman’s work belt and gloves before climbing a pole and to see the camp from 60 feet

above in the basket of a utility truck. Plus, students will set up and run their own cooperative business.

Activities will include nature hikes, games and other outings with other students representing cooperatives from across Oklahoma.

Contest information will be distributed to area English teachers soon. Students should ask for contest rules and entry forms, or contact Jennifer Kriz at Cotton Electric Cooperative at 580-875-4277 or by email at [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com)

The deadline for entry is Jan. 15, 2016.



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September 2015 Operating Stats			
	2015	2014	
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$5,141,569	\$6,064,782	
Cost of Purchased Power	3,525,536	4,436,102	
Taxes	107,547	128,486	
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	994	1,173	
Average Farm and Residential Bill	136	144	
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,221	1,248	
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,284	18,280	
Miles Energized	5,151	5,128	
Density Per Mile	3.55	3.56	
New Service Connects YTD	253	270	
Services Retired	150	125	

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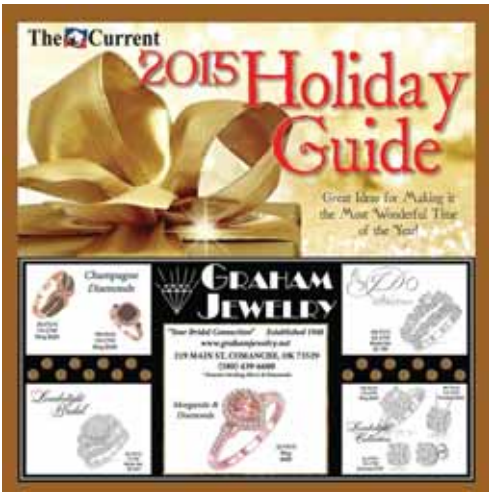
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# Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the December issue, please submit information by Nov. 30, by calling 580-875-3351 or sending an email to [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).



*It's the time of year for parades, tree lightings and special musical presentations throughout the Cotton Electric service area. See a listing of Holiday Happenings on Page 3 of our special Holiday Guide.*

**OCC sends gifts around the world**  
Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Packed shoeboxes are sent to one of 150 countries around the world to delight children in need. In 2015, 11 million shoebox gifts are expected to be collected and distributed.

During National Collection Week, Nov. 16-23, volunteers staff centers around the U.S. to give donors a convenient place to leave their gifts. Local drop-off sites are in Duncan, Lawton and Walters. The Duncan site is the north end of First United Methodist Church, 2300 Country Club Road. For information, call LaVonna Funkhouser at 580-467-2493. In Walters, the site is First Christian Church, 119 E. California Street. In Lawton, go to First Baptist Church, 501 SW B Avenue.

**Fall Classic returns to area**  
Touted as the "largest swine show in the world," the Fall Classic returns Nov. 18-21 to the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center. The National Swine Registry sponsors the four days of sales and shows featuring exhibitors from 27 states. Schedule of events, entry forms and more information are available at [NationalSwine.com](http://NationalSwine.com).

**Magic Lantern hosts classic films**  
Magic Lantern Film Society of Cameron University screens DVD presentations of classic films each month in the CETES Conference Center, Room B. Each evening begins at 7:30 p.m. The Nov. 20 offering will be "The Caine Mutiny," in which crewmen of a peacetime destroyer relieve their captain after he panics during a typhoon and are tried for mutiny. Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer and Van Johnson star in the 1954 film. 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](http://Cameron.edu/magiclantern).

**DLT offers 'Miracle on 34th Street'**  
Is there really a Santa Claus? Find out when Duncan Little Theatre presents "Miracle on 34th Street," a heartwarming holiday comedy of the story of Kris Kringle, who gets a job working as Santa for Macy's Department Store. Kris unleashes a wave of good will with Macy's customers and suggests that parents find what their children have asked for, even in other stores. Seen as deluded and dangerous by Macy's counselor, Kris ends up in

court in a competency hearing. Especially at stake is one little girl's belief in Santa. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20 and 21 at the Simmons Center Theatre.

**Holiday Stroll is Nov. 21 in Duncan**  
Duncan residents are encouraged to kick off the holiday shopping season locally during the 29th annual Holiday Stroll from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 21. 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.

**Christmas Bazaar set for Nov. 20-22**  
Crafts, baked goods, Christian articles, gifts and books are some of the goodies to be found at the Christmas Bazaar hosted by Assumption Catholic Church in Duncan. Christmas shoppers won't want to miss this event from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 21, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22 at 711 W. Hickory. There will be a concession full of tasty treats for hungry shoppers.

**Stephens County hosts Rising Star**  
Stephens County Fairgrounds will host the 14th annual Rising Stars of Calf Roping, a premier event featuring more than 500 of the most talented ropers in the nation. Activities will take place Nov. 26 through 29. Thursday opens at 8 a.m. with 12 and Under Tie-Down. All-Star Calf Roping begins at 3 p.m. A Thanksgiving meal will be served all day. Friday's activities begin at 8 a.m. with 12 and Under Breakaway. The 13-15 Tie-Down begins around 2 p.m. Saturday starts with 13-15 Breakaway at 8 a.m., with 19 & Under Girls Breakaway set to begin around 2 p.m. Cowboy Church service begins at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, and 16-19 Tie-Down follows at 9:30 a.m. For information, visit [RisingStarsCalfRoping.com](http://RisingStarsCalfRoping.com).

# Photo of the Month



This photo of Samantha Havens enjoying corn on the cob is our LET'S EAT contest winner. Cotton Electric member Edwina Myers submitted this shot of her granddaughter. Samantha's parents are Emily and Darren Havens. Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for December is JOY! Entries can be emailed to [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com) or mailed to The Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize package of CEC goodies.

**Christ Kindl Markt planned in MP**  
Mark your calendars for the Dec. 5 and 6 Christ Kindl Markt, the biggest German market-themed shopping and entertainment event in southwest Oklahoma. The 17th year for this German-themed Christmas adventure will be in a new location, the historic cobblestone village of Medicine Park. The Medicine Park Economic Development Authority is partnering with Fort Sill's Morale, Welfare and Recreation division to present an old-fashioned shopping venue filled with holiday magic, Santa, music and entertainment, lighted tents, and a decorating contest for businesses and residences. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6.

**CTAC presents The Hunts**  
Chisholm Trail Arts Council presents The Hunts at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Simmons Center. With a harmony-laced take on alt-folk that's both breathtaking and sweetly ethereal, The Hunts are a Chesapeake, Virginia-based band made up of seven brothers and sisters who've been playing music together almost their entire lives. The Hunts hold true to a songwriting process that taps into each member's unique style. Tickets are available at [ChisholmTrailArts.com](http://ChisholmTrailArts.com); the CTAC office, 810 West Walnut; or at the box office. Call 580-252-4160 or visit the website for more information.

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High School Juniors:  
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Check with your English teacher or counselor for details, or call us at 580-875-3351





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Nancy Litsch leads an ESL class through pronun-  
ciations of parts of the human body.



By Karen Kaley

It is hard to say if the students or the instructors get more out of the ESL (English as a Second Language) class conducted by volunteers Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Assumption Catholic Church in Duncan. A camaraderie has developed over months of encouragement and accomplishment. The Thursday gathering in the last week of October had a festive air. Participants were bringing food and dressing up to celebrate Halloween. On this particular morning, all who came to learn were women and some had small children with them. The women are literate in their native Spanish, but they are attending the classes in order to communicate better in their Oklahoma lives. Before the fun, the work. The learners sat around a large table while witch-hatted Nancy Litsch stood at the front of the room to conduct a review of the English words for parts of the human body. The students took turns drawing slips of paper from a jar. Some looked at the word written on the slips and paused to flip through a new bilingual

dictionary, a book filled with colorful illustrations. She would run a finger along a page until finding the word and its Spanish counterpart. Then she strode with confidence to the front of the room. Her task was to point to the spot on a comical skeleton that corresponded with the word on the paper. The class would then guess the body part. When the hand was pointed out, Litsch asked the class about its parts. “What are these?” she said, wagging her fingers. She turned her hands, balled up her fingers and made a universal positive gesture. “What about these?” She pointed to each student and had them say, “Thumb.” She gently corrected, “No, th- th- thumb, not tum.” Litsch reminded the class the model’s name was Mr. Skeleton or Señor Esqueleto. She used the English pronunciation – es-kwe-le-to – and the class gently corrected – es-ke-le-to. Amid it all were giggles and Spanish asides. The ESL class is a function of the Duncan Area Literacy Council



A \$789 Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation grant purchased bilin-  
gual dictionaries and workbooks for  
Duncan Area Literacy Council. The  
new books are more user-friendly  
than traditional Spanish-English  
dictionaries such as the one on  
the left.

# DALC volunteers work to improve adult literacy

(DALC). The group will offer another ESL class in the evenings now that it has more sets of the bilingual dictionaries and workbooks purchased with a Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation grant of \$789. DALC also matches up learners with tutors for one-on-one sessions. These are more for English-speaking adults who are struggling with reading and writing issues. One in five adults in Oklahoma fall into that category. By reading this far into this article, you can be satisfied you fall into the other category, the four out of five who can read well. And here is the real message of this story: DALC needs your help. Money and books only do so much. What they really need is your time. “What we need most is tutors,” said Mary Brancich, director of DALC. “We get calls all the time from people needing help. They want to learn to read to their grandchildren. They want to learn to write so they can fill out job applications. They want to earn a GED. “We have a waiting list of people who want to become literate.”

They are waiting for you. Brancich said anyone willing to commit the time can become a tutor. “No previous teaching experience is necessary.” Potential tutors are required to complete a certification process that is spread out over two Saturdays. Once certified, the tutor can meet with learners on a schedule and in a location that works for both parties. All materials for both the tutors and the learners are provided by DALC, funded by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and United Way of Stephens County. The only cost is time. “The tutors don’t even have to come to Duncan,” Brancich said. “They can fill needs in other areas. DALC is willing to train people from other communities.” This is a good thing, since the only other literacy councils in southern Oklahoma are based in Ardmore and Altus. Want to learn more about helping? Want to meet someone eager to enter the world of literacy? Call Brancich at 580-736-1170 or send her an email at DALC73533@gmail.com.



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# Start Your Own Investment ‘Traditions’

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. And like all holidays, this one has plenty of traditions, such as Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade (started in 1924) and football (the first broadcast Thanksgiving Day game was played between the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears in 1934). Traditions are important, and you may want to establish some in one of the key activities of your own life: investing. So, what sort of investment traditions could you start? Here are a few ideas: **Invest regularly.** By definition, engaging in a tradition means performing the same acts over and over. This type of behavior can impose discipline and consistency to your investing. For example, consider contributing the same amount of money each month to the same investments. When the price of these invest-

ments is down, your contribution will pay for more shares – in other words, you’ll be “buying low,” one of the key principals of investing. And when the price of your investments is up, you’ll be a savvy enough investor to buy fewer shares. Over a long period, this technique can help lower the per-share price of your investments, but it does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. To make it easier to follow through, you could set up monthly, automatic purchases of these investments from your checking or savings account. **Increase 401(k) contributions when you get a raise.** Why not make it a tradition to boost your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan every time your salary increases? Your 401(k) is a great way to save for retirement, as your contributions are typically

made with pretax dollars, resulting in lower taxable income, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. Even if you don’t reach the contribution limit (which, in 2015, is \$18,000, or \$24,000 if you’re 50 or older), you can help yourself make progress toward your retirement goals if you give your 401(k) a “raise” every time you get one. **Review your progress at least once a year.** Pick one day a year – perhaps a “milestone” day, such as your birthday or wedding anniversary – to review your overall investment picture. Are your investments performing the way you had hoped? Is your portfolio properly diversified, or are there gaps you need to address? Are you investing too aggressively or too conservatively? A yearly review of your investments and long-term financial

strategy, possibly with the help of a financial advisor, can help keep you on track toward your objectives. Of course, you don’t need to wait 12 months before looking over your situation; you may need to adjust your holdings during the course of any given year, in response to changes in the financial markets or your individual needs. But by committing yourself to at least one full-scale review a year, you can greatly reduce unpleasant “surprises” while staying abreast of exactly where you are and where you’re headed. On Thanksgiving, you can enjoy the holiday’s traditions, along with those that may be unique to your family. And someday, you may well be thankful that you followed some productive investment “traditions.”

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By Karen Kaley

Everyone who uses a computer on a regular basis knows there are bad guys out there trying to do harm. Users want to be vigilant but even the terminology can be bewildering.

Hacker. Malware. Spam. Phishing. Spear-Phishing. Zombie computers. Social engineering.

Can someone just explain all this clearly and slowly so we can all understand? Can someone please offer advice about how to deal with these threats?

Yes and yes.

Greg McComber, Cotton Electric’s IT supervisor and chief security stickler is a subscriber to Cyber-*heist*News, which recently offered no-charge limited time access to an instructional presentation. He sent the link and password to all Cotton Electric employees along with this note:

Send this to friends and family to keep them safe during the holiday season and prevent their machines from getting infected.

Well, a handful of my family members receive *The Current* and I consider every Cotton Electric member to be my friend, so here goes:

Site: <https://www.knowbe4.com/security-awareness-training>

Password: knowbe4

This presentation is an ideal way to become familiar with the tricks hackers use to invade your computer and your life for their gain and your misery. Falling for some of their tricks can be just plain dangerous.

The entire Kevin Mitnick Home Internet Security Course takes about 90 minutes to complete. That sounds like a long time until you think about how long it would take to undo the damage if malicious software took over your computer, cleaned out your

bank account, ran up debts on your credit cards and then emailed itself to everyone on your contacts list to do the same to them.

Still, 90 minutes staring at a screen can make the eyelids heavy. The program is set up so you can advance through it at your own pace, clicking buttons and topic headers to proceed or go back and hear what is said again.

If pressed for time, you can stop the presentation and return at your leisure. Just don’t wait too long. The course expires on Dec. 31, 2015.

There are eight main topics discussed: Spam, passwords, online banking, identity protection, personal information, protecting children, home network security and suspicious email and attachments.

Throughout the course, reminders indicate there are a couple of downloadable documents available on the main menu page. The nine-page security checklist recaps the points offered in each segment. The single-sheet Social Engineering Red Flags document points out all the warning signs that an email might be malicious.

The course and documents don’t just tell you about the scary stuff. A number of suggestions are made to help computer users combat and thwart the hackers.

In the case of computer security, the adage “knowledge is power” applies. Share this knowledge, this website and password, with your family and friends before the end of the year. Tell them it is a holiday gift from Cotton Electric.

More scams to watch out for

**Black Friday Deals** Black Friday and Cyber Monday are the busiest on-line shopping days and the bad guys are out to get rich with your money. Don’t buy anything that seems too good to be true.

**Complimentary Apple Watch** Watch out for the too-good-to-be-true coupons that offer complimentary watches, phones, or tablets on sites all over the Internet. Don’t fall for it. Make sure the offers are from a legitimate company.

**Postal Deliveries** Watch out for alerts via email or text that you just received a package from FedEx, UPS or the US Mail, and then asks you for some personal information. Don’t enter anything. Think Before You Click.

**Fake Refunds** There is a fake refund scam going on that could come from Amazon, a hotel, or a retail chain. It claims there was a “wrong transaction” and wants you to “click for refund” but instead, your device will be infected with malware.

**The Grinch E-Card Greetings** Your email has an attachment that looks like an e-greeting card, pretty pictures and all. You think that this must be from a friend. Nope. Malicious e-cards are sent by the millions, and especially at the office, never open these things as they might infect your workstation.

**The Fake Gift Card Trick** Internet crooks promote a fake gift card through social media but what they really are after is your information, which they then sell to other cyber criminals who use it for identity theft. Here is an example: A Facebook scam offering a complimentary \$1,000 Best Buy gift card to the first 20,000 people who sign up for a Best Buy fan page, which is a malicious copy of the original.

**The Charity Tricksters** The holidays are traditionally the time for giving. It’s also the time that cyber criminals try to pry money out of people that mean well. But making donations to the wrong site could mean you are funding cybercrime or even terrorism. So, watch out for any communications from charities that ask for your contribution, (phone, email, text, and tweets) and make sure they are legit. It’s a good idea to contact the charity to make sure the request did in fact come from them. It is safest to only donate to charities you already know, and refuse all the rest.

**The DM-Scam** You tweet about a holiday gift you are trying to find, and you get a direct message (DM) from another twitter user offering to sell you one. Stop - Look - Think, because this could very well be a sophisticated scam. If you do not know that person, be very careful before you continue and never pay up front.

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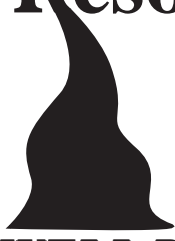
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Capital credit checks amounting to \$500,000 were issued recently to people and businesses listed here.

A refund of capital credits demonstrates how a not-for-profit electric cooperative works. Annually, money over and above the cost of operations and other necessary expenses and reserves is declared margins. When the board of trustees determines that a portion of those margins can be refunded, members who contributed to those margins receive a share.

A share of the capital credits was allocated among active and inactive members and a check

was mailed to the latest known valid address for the member. Checks addressed to members listed here were returned to the cooperative because of incorrect or insufficient addresses.

Cotton Electric Cooperative needs help finding the people listed here. If you see a name on the list that you recognize and if you have information about a current address, please call 580-875-3351 or e-mail [info@cottonelectric.com](mailto:info@cottonelectric.com).

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Mike Stephens holds an ordinary frankfurter between an energized and neutral line to demonstrate how electricity can pass through a human body.

Visual demonstration gets message across

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“Scoot back,” he told a group of kids at Geronimo Elementary School recently.

“When light is on, the display is energized. It can be dangerous and that is the time to not touch it.”

Stephens explained to the group that electricity travels. It is always looking for a path to the ground. That path is along conductors such as metal, water, and ... well ... people. In this case, Liz and Leon.

“We can see electricity running through Lightning Liz. The path of electricity will run from the line to the earth and you can see it go through her body.”

Stephens worked his way through different scenarios using a metal rod to make contact with the energized line. He would touch one end of the rod to the line and move it toward an object. Before making contact, an orange electrical arc would snap and sizzle between the two objects.

“See how the electricity jumps? I don’t have to really touch it and it will jump.”

Leon is arranged near the ladder, his wire fingers touching a rung. His body lights up when contact is made. If Liz makes contact with Leon’s other hand, she also lights up, showing how electricity will travel from one body to another.

There are a few other helpers in the demonstration. A metal squirrel crackles and pops when he makes contact with the hot line from

the top of a transformer. A metal bird on the wire has no problem until his wingspan creates a path between the neutral and hot line.

The wet string of a paper kite smolders when it hangs from a line. Smoke curls up from a slim leafy twig, pulled from a live tree to represent one in the tableau. Stephens asks the saucer-eyed children if they think it would be a good idea to climb that tree.

That prompted a loud chorus of “No!”

In the end, Lightning Liz and Neon Leon were upstaged by a hot dog. While Stephens skewered the frankfurter on the metal tines of a long fork with a wooden handle, he compared it to the human body. He pointed out that both contain a lot of water, a big conductor of electricity.

Then he turned the fork so the hot dog was vertical and held it between the hot and neutral lines.

Zzzzzttt!

Arcs could be seen at both ends of the frank as electricity passed through it.

The children’s chorus sounded again.

“Whooooaaa!”

There was a familiar aroma.

Stephens said, “The electricity is cooking the hot dog as it passes through. It will cook your body, too. It’s a very serious situation.”

Afterward, the kiddos wouldn’t come near the display, even when it was turned off. We think they got the message.

The message is important and that is why Cotton Electric will make an electrical safety presentation for any school, youth organization or civic group in the service area. Simply call Stephens at 580-875-4256 to schedule a demonstration.

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**HINT:** If all three items in the row were combined, which would make the situation an electrical hazard?

1

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3



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1. KNIFE  
2. SINK  
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**ACROSS**  
1. Powder mineral  
5. Ten million (in India)  
10. Culture medium and a gelling agent  
14. Cain and \_\_\_  
15. Bullfighting maneuvers  
16. Baseball’s Ruth  
17. Venice beach  
18. Infirm due to old age  
19. Attentiveness  
20. Mortify  
22. Whale (Norwegian)  
23. Family Bufonidae  
24. “A Passage to India” author  
27. Ocean  
30. Dad’s partner  
31. Owned  
32. Swiss river  
35. Female golf star Gibson  
37. Base  
38. A way to summons  
39. Acquit  
40. Male parent  
41. Brendan Francis \_\_\_, author  
42. Rattan  
43. Aromatic hot beverage  
44. Inflorescence  
45. Former CIA  
46. Make lace  
47. Airborne (abbr.)  
48. Thieving bird  
49. H. Potter’s creator  
52. Frequency  
55. Nothing  
56. More lucid  
60. Riding mount  
61. Deducted container weight  
63. Molten rock  
64. In this place  
65. Ancient upright stone slab bearing

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**DOWN**  
1. W. Samoan monetary unit  
2. Baby’s feeding apparel  
3. Queen of Sparta  
4. Shut  
5. Certified public accountant  
6. Payment for release  
7. Red twig dogwood  
8. Basked in  
9. Midway between E and SE  
10. A way to detest  
11. Mother of Cronus  
12. In bed  
13. Bolsheviks  
21. Farro wheat  
23. CNN’s Turner  
25. Farmers of America  
26. Small amount  
27. \_\_\_ and Venzetti  
28. Hers in Spanish  
29. Belongs to sun god  
32. Expressed pleasure  
33. Small terrestrial lizard  
34. Regenerate  
36. Own (Scottish)  
37. Cry made by sheep (slang)  
40. Explode

41. Notice  
43. Pitch  
44. Run due to the batter  
46. Fight referee declares  
47. Alternate forms of a gene  
49. Shifted in sailing  
50. One who cables  
51. Elaborate celebrations  
52. Expresses pleasure  
53. Carbamide  
54. Persian in Afghanistan  
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## Community Spotlight

### Lawton Pro Musica sets holiday concert

Lawton Pro Musica presents a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at First Presbyterian Church, 1302 SW A Ave. The event is listed as a gift to the community of great music with great singing. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

### LCT opens auditions for ‘Anne Frank’

Auditions for Lawton Community Theatre’s third production of the 2015-16 season, “The Diary of Anne Frank,” will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 at John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue. Auditioners should wear close-toed shoes and be prepared to read. Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank’s remarkable diary has since become a world classic – a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. LCT’s presentation is a stage adaptation by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett of the book “The Diary of a Young Girl” by Anne Frank. Performances are set for Jan. 22-24 and 28-31, 2016. For information, visit LCT-OK.org.

### Food pantry opens twice monthly

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.

### WMASC offers many activities

Wichita Mountains Area Senior Citizens offers a variety of activities and sponsors weekly and monthly events at the Legion Building near Medicine Park. Potluck dinners, games and TV are offered every Monday from 5 to 10 p.m. An Indian taco sale is held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Drinks and desserts are included. For information about other activities, visit WichitaMountainSeniors.org.

All activities are held in the Legion Building on Wildhorse Road near Medicine Park. From Interstate 44, take Exit 45 to Oklahoma Highway 49. Traveling east, bear right onto Wildhorse. The building is on the right.

### Honor Guard serves veterans in area

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, email theschg@yahoo.com or visit the Stephens County Honor Guard Facebook page.



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# Jarrood Hooper has found the right place to work

By Karen Kaley

Jarrood Hooper was no stranger to hard work when he sought a job at Cotton Electric. He had been in that blue-collar world where a person leaves one backbreaking job for another sweat-of-brow job in order to get a raise. If he didn't put in a day of physical labor, whether it was because of sickness or bad weather, he didn't get paid.

After years of farming and construction work, operating heavy equipment and moving to places from Chicago to Dallas and everywhere between to chase the next good job, the Temple native was ready to find something that offered more.

"Some people have to go from place to place until finding *the* place," Hooper said.

"It was time to settle down and look for something with a future."

He had married Mandy. They had purchased a home south of his hometown and were raising daughters Savannah and Peyton. They needed stability.

The late Keith Hooker was a family friend and Cotton Electric retiree who advised Hooper to get a foot in the door at the co-op. Hooper did just that and landed a job he can stick with for the rest of his working life.

"I definitely feel like I have found the *right* place," Hooper said.

"This is the best job I've had, bar none. It is the only one that offers me anything as far as retirement and benefits go," he said in that deep, deep voice that often comes with a 6-foot, 7-inch frame.

The appeal of the job wasn't just about Hooper's future. It was the work itself.

"When I first came to work here, I felt like I wasn't earning the paycheck. It wasn't the same as the work I was used to doing. This is more structured and safety-oriented than any other job I had before.

"I love to come to work every day. I don't know what I'm going to do from one day to the next, but I like knowing that I'll be in my district every day."



Hooper's district runs from Comanche to the Red River, southern Stephens County and all of Jefferson County.

A lot has changed for Hooper in the 10 years he has worked for Cotton Electric. A son, Wriley, was born. The daughters became adults and Hooper is now a grandfather to Aiden.

Hooper spent his first three years at the co-op on the construction crew, going to locations throughout the eight-county service area to erect poles and build lines. It is an excellent starting job for a lineman helper.

Before long, Hooper entered the lineman apprentice program. He was among the first to complete a formal learning program that Cotton Electric played a key role in developing. Hooper received his journeyman lineman certificate in May 2010.

He has seen a lot of linemen come and go. Many served Hooper as mentors before retiring. Some left for personal reasons, some transferred to other departments and some just weren't suited for the work.

"Not everyone can be a lineman," Hooper observed.

So what qualities does a lineman need?

The first thing Hooper said involved being thoughtful.

"You have to be calm, retain your composure while thinking about how to carry out a particular task," he said.

"Nothing's worth rushing into."

You have to be good at problem solving, he said, "sometimes under difficult circumstances – rain, snow, darkness, wind ..."

He mentioned some other things: Keep an eye on the news and the weather. Have a bit of a sense of humor. Can't be scared of dogs.

As he listed a lineman's qualities, it became evident that things have turned around and Hooper has become the mentor.



Jarrood Hooper has all personal protection equipment in place before raising up in a bucket to work on a transformer.

"Linemen have to be good at verbal communication in order to teach and help apprentices understand what they've been told," he said.

"Linemen have to understand what's dangerous and have good respect for it. Don't work in a lightning storm. Take your time, think about it, wait for the right time to do a job.

"I have to watch the guy next to me, too. All of our helpers in this area are apprentices. I try to be attentive and patient with them."

His final thoughts were for those he serves.

"Linemen should have empathy for the members. Sometimes a member needs a little more than what our job description says.

"We have to look out for them."

Hooper's attitude toward his job has earned him the respect of fellow employees, who selected him as Employee of the Year in 2012. He is one of many who feel committed to keeping the lights on for the co-op membership.

With folks like Hooper shepherding in the next generation of linemen, the future should be bright.

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# Red, processed meats fall into carcinogenic classifications

Processed meat and red meat came under fire last month for their association with cancer. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), part of the World Health Organization, released a report putting processed meat in Group 1 of carcinogenic classification and red meat in Group 2A of carcinogenic classification. Confusing headlines ensued, and unless you read the original report, you are probably at a loss for what this all means.

The first step to understanding this information is a few definitions.

The committee defined processed meat as any meat transformed through salting, curing, fermentation, and/or smoking, as well as other processes designed to enhance flavor or preserve the meat. Processed meats can be made from any kind of meat; it's the processing that is the concern.

Red meat was defined as meat coming from cows, sheep, pigs, goats and horses.

The "Groups" put forth by the IARC are defined by the quality of the evidence to support the conclusion, and



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the items in the groups cannot be considered equally likely to cause cancer (i.e., processed meat is not as likely as cigarette smoke to cause cancer, but they are both in Group 1).

Group 1, carcinogenic to humans, is based on research that there is an association between cancer and the compound being studied.

Group 2A, probably carcinogenic

to humans, includes limited evidence of an association and recognizes there are possibly other explanations of the association. The types of studies reviewed were epidemiological studies, and this type of study can only indicate an association and not cause.

The research reviewed by the committee indicated associations between processed meats and colorectal and stomach cancer. For red meat, associations were found with colorectal, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.

IARC conclusions suggest that if you are at risk for any of these cancers, you should consider eliminating processed meats and red meat from your diet. If you are not at risk but want to lower your risk, you should consider limiting your intake of those foods.

Cooking methods were also mentioned as potentially cancer-causing, but the committee indicated that their role is not fully understood. As well, the committee could not make a conclusion on how much red meat was too much because the evidence reviewed was not strong, but they did suggest

the cancer risk with eating processed meat increased incrementally with the amount consumed.

The current Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend limiting the amount of red meat and processed meats and eating a variety of foods. Because the research reviewed by the IARC cannot prove that processed meats or red meat actually cause cancer, our current dietary guidelines remain good dietary advice.

Red meat can be part of a healthy diet, and processed meat eaten occasionally and in small amounts is still reasonable.

However, if you have a family history of colorectal, stomach, pancreatic, or prostate cancer, you should have a conversation with your physician about possible dietary changes that may decrease your risk.

In addition, we all need to consider modifying other behaviors that may increase your cancer risk – being overweight or obese, lack of physical activity, smoking, and alcohol consumption, just to name a few.

### Side Dishes, Vegetable Casserole: Avery Ashford (Smith), Empire

#### Shoepeg Corn Side Dish

- 1-14 1/2 oz. can French style green beans, drained
- 2-7 oz. cans white or shoepeg corn
- 1-10 3/4 oz. can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup French-fried onions
- 1-4 1/2 oz. jar sliced mushrooms, drained

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first 7 ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with onions during the last 15 minutes of cooking. Serves: 8

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### Ethnic Favorites: Ryley Dumas, Empire

#### Italian Bacon Bombs

- 1 lb. Italian sausage
- 2 lg. yellow onions
- 1 pkg. bacon
- 1/4 cup diced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup diced onions
- 1/4 cup diced bell pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup spaghetti sauce
- 1/4 cup Italian style bread crumbs
- 2 T. Italian seasoning
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup spaghetti sauce

Cut off tops and bottoms of onions and remove skins. Slice onion in half vertically and peel the layers, set aside. Mix Italian sausage, diced onion, mushrooms, bell pepper, 1/3 cup sauce, garlic, seasoning, bread crumbs and egg until well combined. Take small handfuls of meat mixture and form into ball. Place ball between 2 onion layers to form a ball, continue until meat mixture is gone. Wrap 3 pieces of bacon around each ball and secure with toothpicks. Bake or grill for 60 minutes until internal temperature reaches 165°. Heat remaining spaghetti sauce in pan and serve on the side. Serves: 8

### Dip: Eric Craig, Homeschool

#### Nutella Cheesecake Dip

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 T. powdered sugar
- 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup Nutella
- Fresh strawberries
- Graham crackers

In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Set to the side. In a separate large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, whip powdered sugar and cream cheese for about 1 minute or until smooth. Add Nutella and mix until well combined. Add half of the whipped cream to cream cheese mixture and gently fold until nearly blended. Add remaining whipped cream to the mixture and gently fold until well blended. Serve with fresh strawberries or graham crackers. If you have leftovers, store in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Yield: 6 servings

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# 4-H Cook Off yields plenty of winners



The 32nd annual Stephens County Cook Off was held the first Monday in November. Participants included 89 4-H'ers and Cloverbuds. The young cooks prepared recipes to be judged on taste and appearance. Awards were presented to the top three in each category. First-place winners received a monogrammed apron and second- and third-place winners received kitchen items. Cloverbud participants received a

certificate and mini-spatula. 4-H members submitted recipes in 15 categories and the top eight are chosen for the final competition. Cloverbuds bring one of their favorite recipes to the final competition. All awards are sponsored by Stephens County Farm Bureau Women. Here and on Page 12 are some of the top recipes from the 2015 competition. More will be published in December.

### All Other Desserts:

*Ayden Hinds, Comanche*

#### Apple Pie Roll-Ups

- 12 slices white bread
- 1 T. cinnamon
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
- 1 can apple pie filling
- 1/2 cup sugar

Cut crusts off of bread and roll flat with rolling pin. Melt butter in a bowl. Mix sugar and cinnamon in bowl. On the center of the sandwich bread place 1-2 teaspoons of apple pie filling and line it across the bread. Roll up the bread with the apple pie filling. Roll the bread through the melted butter and then the sugar/cinnamon mix. Place on a baking tray. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes or until golden brown and crispy. Best enjoyed warm! Serves: 12



### Cookies:

*Tori Gibbs, Central High*

#### Chunky Chewy Snickerdoodles

- 1-17.5 oz. pkg. snickerdoodle cookie mix
  - 1 egg
  - 1/2 cup butter
  - 1 T. water
  - 1 t. vanilla
  - 1 cup chopped Snickers candy bars
- Heat oven to 375° F. prepare cookies as directed on cookie mix package, mixing in vanilla with the egg, butter and water. Stir in the chopped candy bars. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Roll each cookie in the cinnamon sugar provided in cookie mix package. Place rolled cookie balls back on baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool a minute on baking sheet and then move to a cooling rack. Yield: 24

### Salad:

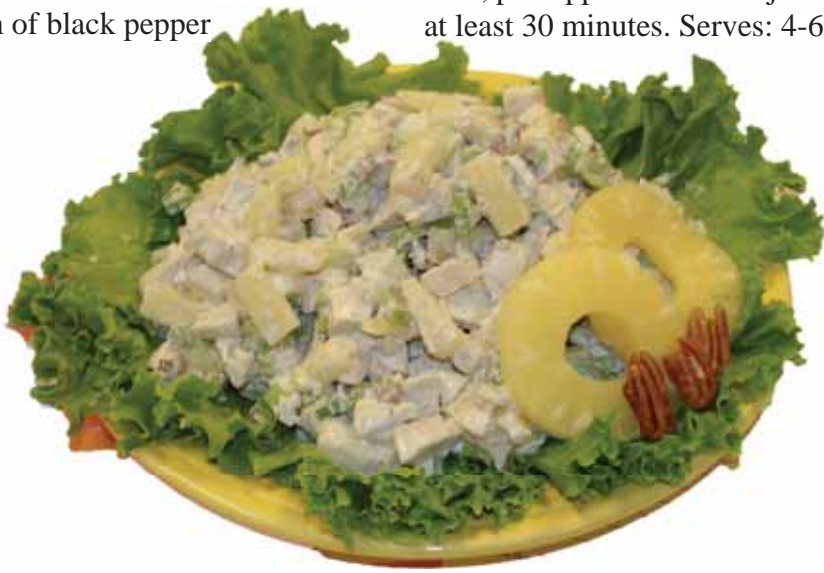
*Carson Baker, Central High*

#### Pineapple Pecan Chicken Salad

- 3 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 1 cup celery, finely chopped
- 2 green onion, sliced
- 2 T. green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 t. salt
- Dash of black pepper

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1-20 oz. can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 2 t. lemon juice

Combine chicken, celery, green onion, green pepper, salt, pepper and mayo in a bowl; mix well. Stir in pecans, pineapple and lemon juice. Chill at least 30 minutes. Serves: 4-6



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