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## "The Current - Informing Our Members Since 1957"



#### By Karen Kaley

Cotton Electric members have been pooling pocket change once a month for 13 years and guess what? be as little as zero or as much as 99 cents. The maximum They've put together a million dollars!

This is a classic cooperative result. A group combines resources to achieve a common goal. The cooperative serves a purpose, providing goods or service to its members for their mutual benefit. The same can be said of multiplied by the number of Cotton Electric members Operation Round Up.

Cotton Electric created Operation Round Up (ORU) in 2004. It is a voluntary program of rounding amounts from a large group of contributors has result- latest round of grants.

up power bills to the nearest dollar.

Individual amounts rounded up on monthly bills can Oklahoma. annual contribution through rounding up would be \$11.88. On average, individual contributions are about 50 cents each month and about \$6 each year.

Those figures may not sound very large until they are who participate in ORU – around 12,300.

ed in a significant impact on communities in southwest

Administered by the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation, 434 grants have been issued to 215 organizations, communities, families and individuals facing needs ranging from building improvements to safety equipment, from food for hungry bellies to the overwhelming cost of a catastrophic medical condition

So, where has the million dollars gone? Categories This slow and steady method of collecting tiny served are listed below and a story on Page 2 lists the



#### Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after October 1, 2017, is (\$0.00035) per kWh.

On a member's average bill of 1500 kilowatt hours (kWh), this will amount to a credit of \$0.53 on the October bill.

#### September 2017 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	87	60	$7\overline{4}$	16	91	69	80
2	92	68	80	17	87	67	77
3	92	65	79	18	87	65	76
4	95	65	80	19	96	71	84
5	81	60	71	20	95	71	83
6	83	54	69	21	95	75	85
7	86	51	69	22	90	72	81
8	86	53	70	23	90	68	79
9	85	54	70	24	86	69	78
10	85	55	70	25	86	69	78
11	87	54	71	26	71	62	67
12	85	54	70	27	65	61	63
13	91	54	73	28	70	59	65
14	98	57	78	29	71	63	67
15	94	71	83	30	80	63	72

#### **Did You Know?**

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 10. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of The Current should arrive in mailboxes on Nov. 13, 2017.

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

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

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

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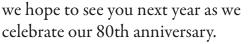
Average Daily High: 86 Average Daily Low: 63

Source: srh.noaa.gov/oun/

#### Current 🖳 News

## From the CEO Together we accomplish great things

Thank you to the 820 members who attended this year's annual meeting in Duncan. It was great to see all of you, to take a few hours to visit with old friends and to make new ones. If you weren't able to attend,



We didn't allow the rain to dampen our spirits as we ate a great meal and conducted important Cooperative business. Plus,



Jennifer Meason, CEO

we celebrated a major milestone for the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation's Operation Round Up program. Operation Round Up exists because of your generosity. Every month, more than 12,300 of

you kick in a little extra change, rounding up your monthly power bill to the nearest dollar. These contributions range from 1 cent to 99 cents and are pooled to provide funds for the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation.

Much like how our first members raised funds and pooled resources to bring electricity to their farms and homes, you've raised funds to continue to improve the quality of life in your communities. Your pocket change has proven to be powerful as you have contributed more than \$1 million to area organizations and individuals!

You should all be proud of that accomplishment. Because of your generosity, volunteer fire departments have been able to purchase much-needed equipment to protect lives and property. Community groups have been able to provide services to area youth and seniors. Neighbors in need have been fed through local food banks. Numerous lives have been impacted by your generosity.

None of this would be possible without you, our members. By pooling our resources, we can accomplish great things and that is the beauty of the Cooperative difference.

Deadline for fourth-quarter 2017 grant applications is Nov. 22. Download CECF grant applications at CottonElectric.com.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program and members may opt out at any time by calling or sending a letter or email stating the account holder's name, account number and the request to be removed.

# KLAHOMA **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT** Proclamation

Whereas, Cotton Electric Cooperative provides electric service to more than 21,000 meters in eight counties in southwest Oklahoma; and

Whereas, since 2004, members of Cotton Electric Cooperative have voluntarily contributed to Operation Round Up by rounding up power bills; and

Whereas, funds are pooled and administered by Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF); and

Whereas, CECF considers grant applications on a quarterly basis from organizations and individuals in the co-op's service territory, and since its inception, has issued 429 grants; and

Whereas, these contributions have made a significant impact toward improving the quality of life in southwest Oklahoma communities; and

Whereas, with the issuance of grants in second-quarter 2017,

Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters set enough of them aside on a regular basis, and the coins add up to dollars. That's \$1,500 CECF grant will purchase 1,300 how Operation Round Up works.

Most Cotton Electric members participate in ORU, in which power bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. The amount rounded up can be as little as 1 cent and is never more than 99 cents. On average, each participating member contributes about \$6 each year.

The funds are pooled and administered nized food bank. by the Cotton Electric Charitable Foun-

Third-quarter grants include:

Third-quarter grants announced

• Duncan Area Literacy Council: A books to be distributed at the 2018 Fiesta in Fuqua.

• Empire Elementary School: A \$804.03 CECF grant will purchase biographical books for the school library.

• Indiahoma Community Food Bank: A \$5,000 CECF grant will purchase food to fill the shelves of this newly orga-

• Stephens County Humane Society:

Cotton Electric members have contributed over \$1 million toward helping organizations and individuals; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to acknowledge the benevolent spirit of CECF members and congratulate the company as it celebrates this noteworthy milestone of giving;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2017 as

"Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation Day" in the state of Oklahoma.

# **Energy Efficiency** Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature - set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

COTTON
ELECTRIC CO-OP Mission Statement
Our mission is to be the leader in provid- ing the most reliable
and innovative electric system, with affordable
rates, through the posi- tive, enthusiastic and professional use of its
resources and people.

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## August 2017 Operating Stats

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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$5,166,166	\$5,529,034
Cost of Purchased Power	3,645,445	3,936,94
Taxes	114,384	119,70
Total Operating Expense Per Mile	1,027	1,08
Average Farm and Residential Bill	143	15
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,439	1,54
Total Meters Billed (farm, residential)	18,344	18,27
Miles Energized	5,169	5,15
Density Per Mile	3.55	3.5
New Service Connects YTD	175	12
Services Retired	105	5

dation, a board of directors that meets A \$1,400 CECF grant will fund a requarterly to consider grant applications. The board consists of Jennifer Meason, the co-op's CEO; Ronnie Bohot, president of the co-op's board of trustees; and have been set aside is a new air-condithree representatives from the Cotton Electric service area: Carly Douglass, Danny Marlett and Carter Waid.

The board met in September to review raised. 11 grant applications. Grants totaling \$11,954.03 were pledged to five of the applicants.

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placement HVAC unit for the shelter and administrative office.

A project in progress for which funds tioning unit for Walters Senior Citizens Center. CECF has pledged \$3,250 to be added to other funds once they are

CECF has awarded or pledged grants totaling \$1,021,605.79 since the foundation was established in 2004.



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Representatives of Empire Elementary School and the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation board of directors gather on stage at the 79th Annual Meeting for a check presentation. With the issuance of this grant, Cotton Electric members contributed a total of \$1M to communities in southwest Oklahoma.

## Annual Meeting 2017 celebrates co-op accomplishments

#### By Karen Kaley

Electric Cooperative."

Addressing the large crowd attending the recent Annual Membership Meeting, Cotton Electric's CEO underscored the general theme of the gathering: Celebrating the people who make up the in southwest Oklahoma since its incepcooperative and the impact it has had on southwest Oklahoma.

members and their families; co-op employees, retirees and their families; and the meeting began.

After thanking those present for choosing to spend the evening with Cotton cooperative's board of trustees, took the cooperative and other power providers.

goes beyond. "What's great about Cot-"Truly," Jennifer Meason said, "the dif- ton and other cooperatives across the Cotton Electric Co-op. You are as valu- penny to 99 cents going to the Operaference is you, the members of Cotton country is that we are not just about pro- able as the board of trustees, the CEO, tion Round Up program. You are heroes viding electricity. We all work together, the employees. You make up the co-op. in my eyes." improving the quality of life in our com- This is your meeting." munities."

> helped Cotton Electric make a difference thing big. tion in 1938.

The gathering consisted of 820 co-op complished quite a bit, she noted. "We've than all of us. gone from 150 farms and homes electrified to serving more than 22,000 meters million dollars to help neighbors, from visitors from other cooperatives. Oh, and in eight counties. We've expanded from Adventures in Catering employees, who just a few hundred miles of line to more served up a fine barbecue dinner before than 5,100 miles that our linemen maintain."

When Ronnie Bohot, president of the

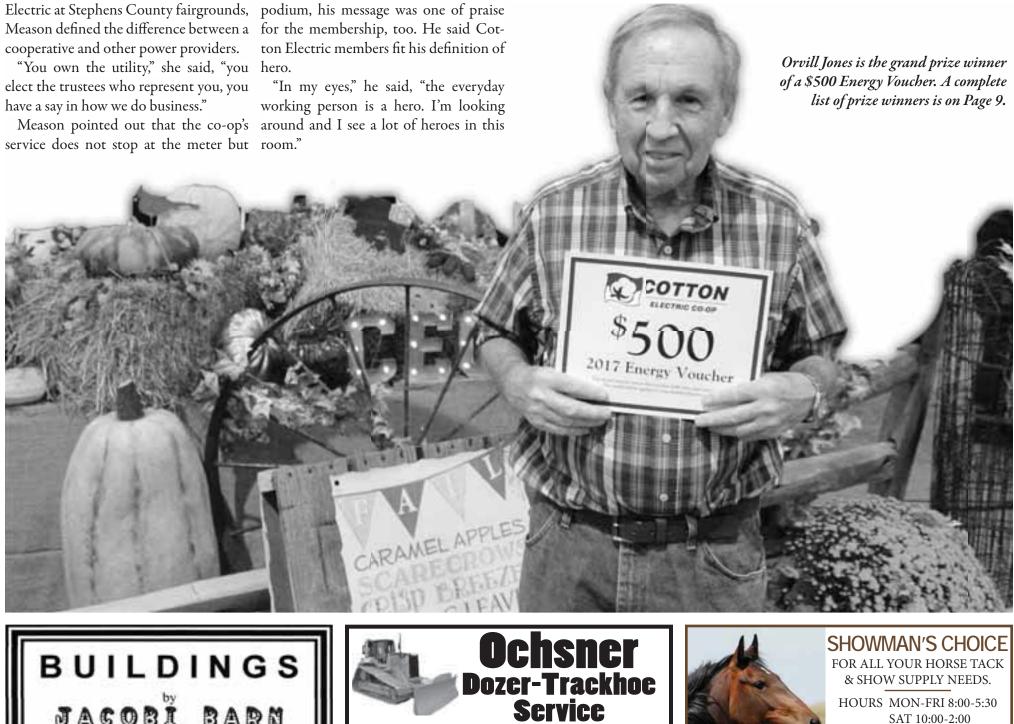
"In my eyes," he said, "the everyday working person is a hero. I'm looking

She said the cooperative spirit had making small contributions to some-

"You may think you've not accomplished a lot in life, but you have. You "Over the past 79 years, we have ac- have been a part of something bigger

> "You have been a part of giving away a young people to elderly and everyone in between. Any time you're helping someone, that's a good thing.

"You have changed lives because of



He pointed out that "you are a part of your monthly contributions, from one

Bohot and Meason were joined on He then spoke of the power of many stage by the rest of the Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation board of directors and representatives of Empire Elementary School for a check presentation. The school had received a \$4,181 grant to assist with the stage curtain portion of a remodeling project.

> The grant was significant in that it put the total amount of giving over the \$1-million mark. "This is a big deal," Bohot said to the membership. "You are part of a million-dollar program.

"You are heroes in everyone's eyes."

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#### Magic Lantern screens classic films

Magic Lantern Film Society of Cameron University screens DVD presentations of classic films each month in the CETES Conference Center, Room B. Powers at 580-574-0121. Most screenings begin at 7:30 p.m.

juice," a 1988 comedy-fantasy film directed by Tim Burton. When a recently-deceased ghost couple find their now-vacant home invaded by an obnoxious family, they hire a sleazy ghost who gets rid of humans to help them. With Michael Keaton in the title role, the cast includes Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis and Winona Ryder.

The Nov. 3 screening is "Only Angels Have Wings," a 1939 drama directed by Howard Hawks, and starring Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Rita Hayworth. It is the story of the manager of an air freight company at a remote South American trading port. He is forced to risk his pilots' lives in order to win an important contract.

"Who Framed Roger Rabbit" is scheduled for Nov. 17. Live action meets animation when a toon-hating detective is a cartoon rabbit's only hope to prove his innocence when he is accused of murder. This 1988 Robert Zemeckis film stars Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd and Johanna Cassidy.

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.

#### Hulen VFD offers Indian tacos

Hungry for Indian tacos? Come out from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 15 to Hulen Methodist Church at Southeast Baseline Road and Oklahoma Highway 65. Make a donation and satisfy your craving.

For a sweet finish, a baked goods auction will begin around 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit Hulen Volun-

If you would like your community event at John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell Avenue in Lawton. All performances are at 8 p.m. except those on Sundays, which are at 2 p.m.

For information, visit LCT-OK.org.

#### Comanche Ag Boosters host festival

Comanche Ag Boosters are planning a Fall Fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 14. Reserve booth space by calling Kasee

In addition to food, fun and entertain-The Oct. 13 offering will be "Beetle- ment, the day will feature a classic tractor show. For entry information, call Jacey Fye at 580-439-2945.

#### Pecan Creek VFD plans fundraiser

Pecan Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold a barbecue fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 21 at the firehouse, 1 SW 112th Street, Lawton. The VFD serves an area south and west

of Lawton city limits.

In addition to brisket, pulled pork and all the fixin's, there will be a silent auction, door prizes and a rifle raffle.

For information, call Larry at 580-284-0388.

#### Prairie Circuit finals are Oct. 19-21

Top cowboys and cowgirls from Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska will ride into Duncan Oct. 19-21 to compete in the Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Stephens County fairgrounds arena. Steer roping will be Oct. 20 only.

Prairie Circuit winners in bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping and bull riding will compete for cash prizes and a spot in the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo. Tickets for all performances are available at Crutcher's Western Wear in Lawton and Duncan or at the door.

#### Bark in the Park is Oct. 22

For the 12th year, four-legged furbearing critters will take over Duncan's Fuqua Park during Bark in the Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 22. This tail-waggin' celebration is open to all pets, their owners and spectators.



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Cotton Electric member Mark Wilson submitted this photo in our SUNRISE / SUNSET contest. He said there were storms all around his home near Elgin, causing the bubbly clouds. "I like the picture because of the details - the sun glowing on the horizon ... the distant ridges of the Wichita Mountains." This is just one of more than 60 submitted photos of the glorious Oklahoma skies. See them all on the Cotton Electric Facebook page.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. Theme for October is OU/OSU-themed: BEDLAM. Entries can be emailed to 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.

Westward expansion was one of the most transformational elements in American life throughout the 19th century. Printed imagery played an impor- host the Mid-America Arts Alliance tant role in the dissemination of knowledge and understanding about the West north of the Simmons Center at 1000 and those who inhabited it.

ny, Real and Imagined" is a traveling ex- 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and hibit featuring 48 hand-colored engrav- from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

**CTHC hosts printed imagery exhibit** ings and lithographs that explore these depictions and the influence artists had on the perception of the wild West.

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center will exhibit through Oct. 20. Located just Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan, the "Imprinting the West: Manifest Desti- heritage center is open from 10 a.m. to



teer Fire Department.

#### Fall fun fests across SW Oklahoma

Fletcher Street Fair is set for Oct. 14. Activities include a car show, beauty pageant, kids' bicycle contest, chalk street art contest, evening glow run and live music. For information, call Kelly at 580-483-6258.

Cache OcTURBOfest Car Show will be Oct. 21 on the Cache School campus. Registration in eight classes begins at 9 a.m. Awards will be made at 3 p.m. For information, call Jaysen at 912-492-5113.

To reserve a booth in the Cache Fall Fest on Oct. 21, call Rachelle at 580-512-0198.

Western attire is encouraged for those attending Boots & Bandanas Benefit Gala, set for 7 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Medicine Park Music Hall. Live and silent auctions will feature Native American artist Diana Beach-Stamper as well as items donated by local merchants. Proceeds will go to charitable projects of Cache Masonic Lodge #391. For tickets and information, call 580-695-9827 or 678-3818.

#### LCT presents 'Oklahoma!'

Lawton Community Theatre opens its 66th season with "Oklahoma!" A favorite in this state, the musical tells the story of cowboy Curly McLain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams.

Performances will run through Oct. 15

The Stephens County Humane Soci-

ety and Friends of the Humane Society plan fun, food, contests, a Bark Boutique/Meow Mart, cat photo contest, vendors, demonstrations, a Strut Your Mutt pledge walk and onsite adoptions. There will be competitions for best costume, best bark, owner look-alike, best trick and longest tail.

For information, call Patti Whitaker at 580-641-0667.

#### Duncan activities set for Oct. 28

Lots of family fun is in store on Oct. 28 in Duncan.

Main Street Duncan merchants welcome trick-or-treaters during the annual Boo Review from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities include a pumpkin carving contest, music, a haunted house and costume contest.

Across town at the Simmons Center, planned activities include a carnival, magic show, craft fair and haunted mansion.

The carnival will include giant inflatables, games, rides, magic tricks and food. It will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Armbands can be purchased in advance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the north entrance of the Simmons Center. Tickets will also be available at the door. The haunted mansion will be open from 7 to 10 p.m.

More Community Spotlight on Page 9

## **Upcoming Deadlines for The Current**

Noven	nber	Dece	December						
Ad Sales	Oct. 27	Ad Sales	Dec. 1						
Classified	Nov. 2	Classified	Dec. 7						
Publish Date	Nov. 13	Publish Date	e Dec. 18						

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Door prize winners at the District 8 meeting were Lavonne High, left, John Johnson and Eugene Norman.



Door prize winners at the District 2 meeting were John Correll, Judy Henry and Mary Scott.



Door prize winners at the District 6 meeting were Lendol Lawrence, David Cantwell and Martin Clark.



## Districts 2, 6, 8 hold triennial cooperative membership meetings

vided into nine districts. A member from each district sits on the co-op's board of is the welfare of you, the membership. trustees. Trustees are elected by members within the district or appointed by district meetings.

Three district meetings are held every year on a staggered rotation. Districts 2, 6 and 8 met in 2017; Districts 1, 3 and 5 will meet in 2018; Districts 4, 7 and 9 will meet in 2019; and the rotation will start over in 2020.

The District 8 meeting was held Aug. 31 in the Cotton Electric Community Room. Nearly 11 percent of the Cotton Electric members residing in District 8 attended the 2017 meeting in Walters.

Promptly at 7 p.m., incumbent District 8 trustee Dewayne High called the meeting to order. He then declared his intent to step away from the board of trustees upon completion of his term.

cooperative.

1999 and they have been good years. The board members that I have served with are not only highly qualified but they ings for door prizes that included a \$50 have become close friends.

"I've been privileged to work with and a Buck knife.

Cotton Electric's service territory is di- quality people who manage and work at Cotton Electric and whose main concern

"I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me to act as your representative the board when a seat is vacated between over these past years and wish only the best for Cotton and my replacement."

Board President Ronnie Bohot thanked Dewayne High for his service to the co-op before asking the 145 members present to select a meeting chairman and secretary. Then, the floor was opened for trustee nominations.

Only one name, Tony High, was put forth, so the assembled members simply needed to write yes or no on the ballots required by the co-op's by-laws. An overwhelming majority wrote "Yes."

Tony High assumed his seat on the board after the Annual Membership Meeting held Sept. 28 at Stephens County fairgrounds in Duncan.

The early September meetings for Dis-He spoke fondly of his time serving the tricts 2 and 6 did not draw quorums and the incumbents, Ken Layn and Tommy "I have served on this board since Jones, respectively, were held over for 3-year terms.

> The meetings concluded with drawenergy voucher, a rechargeable lantern



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Nov. 5. Remember to "fall back" turn clocks back one hour - or you'll get to church an hour early!



## **Building Farm Ponds & Private Lakes** In the Cotton Electric Service Area "Wealth-is-not-measured-in-dollars-"



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Cantwell Fred W

G&T capital credit checks amounting to address for the member. Checks addressed to \$1,037,640 were issued recently to people and members listed here were returned to the cobusinesses listed here.

A refund of capital credits demonstrates how addresses. a not-for-profit electric cooperative works. Annually, money over and above the cost of finding the people listed here. If you see a operations and other necessary expenses and name on the list that you recognize and if you reserves is declared margins. When the board have information about a current address, of trustees determines that a portion of those please call 580-875-3351 or email info@cotmargins can be refunded, members who con- tonelectric.com. tributed to those margins receive a share.

among active and inactive members and a CURITY NUMBER TO VERIFY THE check was mailed to the latest known valid MEMBER'S IDENTITY.

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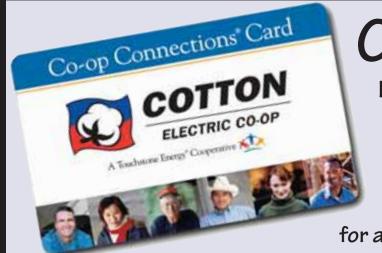
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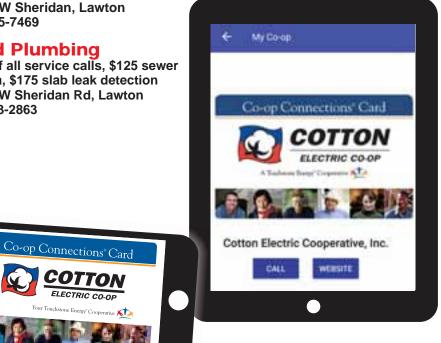
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discounts on 1,104 prescriptions not covered by insurance. A total of \$34,061.86 was discounted for an average savings of \$30.85 per use. The card is free to all members and can be obtained by calling 580-875-3351.

To find a participating pharmacy, call In 2016, members used their cards for Member Services at 800-800-7616 or visit www. locateproviders.com. Type 2203OK19 into the Group field and click 'log in' to start your search.



## **Community Spotlight**

#### DACHA Holiday Craft show set for Nov. 3-4

Duncan Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Association is making preparations for a Holiday Craft Show on Nov. 3 and 4 at the Stephens County Fair & Expo Center. A variety of crafts will be showcased, demonstrating the talents of the people of Duncan and surrounding areas.

Entrance to the show is free. Visitors should pick up tickets at the big wheel booth to be eligible for drawings which include a flute, handmade by Duane Paul.

The group has booth space available and encourages those who have never brought their crafts to the public eye to consider this event. For more information, call Rachael at 209-914-9112 or send an email to ILUV-MYCOT35@gmail.com.

#### Farmers Market closes season with festival

Lawton Farmers Market closes the season with a Harvest Festival and 4-H Pumpkin Show on Oct. 28.

The market is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from April through October at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, 920 SW Sheridan Road.

In addition to local seasonal produce, expect to see specialty foods such as jams, jellies, salsas, baked goods, wine, freshly roasted coffee beans, as well as handmade soap, herbs, plants, eggs, beef and an assortment of handcrafted items and food concessionaires.

For information, visit Lawton Farmers Market on Facebook.

#### CTAC presents Vocal Trash on Nov. 17

Vocal Trash is the second in the 2017-18 CTAC Live concert series. The musical aspects of this exciting, high-energy troupe from Texas should appeal to everyone with its perfect mix of pop, rock, swing and classic oldies.

Vocal Trash combines uniquely recycled musical instruments with an industrial percussion section made up of metal trash cans, plastic barrels, water bottles and other rescued items. Their hip presentation promotes use the imagination in a meaningful way.

Performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in the of basic staples to anyone with identification.

Simmons Center. Tickets are available at the door or through the ChisholmTrailArts.com website.

#### Annual Christmas Bazaar returns Nov.17-19

Arts and crafts, baked goods, Christian articles, gifts and treasures are among the holiday items offered at the 5th annual Christmas Bazaar hosted by Assumption Catholic Church, 711 W. Hickory in Duncan. Christmas shoppers won't want to miss this event from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 18, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 19.

There will be a concession for hungry shoppers. Friday will feature spectacular chili provided by the Knights of Columbus. Saturday is Asian food; Mexican food on Sunday.

Don't miss out on the Christmas Bazaar Raffle. Tickets can be purchased any Sunday after church services in Duncan, Marlow or Walters or on each day of the bazaar.

Drawing will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday for prizes in amounts of \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500 and two at \$250. Winners do not need to be present.

#### Duncan Chapter of Blind meets monthly

Duncan Chapter of the Blind meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at New Hope Baptist Church, 200 S. 42nd Street. This is an opportunity for those who are visually impaired or blind and their caregivers to learn about the availability of services and equipment.

For information about the group or to arrange free transportation to the monthly meeting, call Jerri Gay at 580-252-6404.

#### Walters 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.

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Kids \$5: Andre Lovett, Kate Farris, Landon Edmond, Rose Farris, Morgan Clark, Jared Stapp, Makayla, Ashton Ford, Ayden Ford, Makenna Brown, Paisley Lovett, Cash Clark, Addy Lederer, Stormy, Jacklynn Slate, Katie Lovett, Chevyo Baquera, Mary Farris, Myles Brown Cole Anderson





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Kids Grand Prize X-Box 1 Minecraft: Aaron Edmond

3 Dozen LED Light Bulbs: Bret Taylor, James Sanders, Oscar Romero, Dana Blevins, Brenda Gandy, Bethel Methodist Church, Deanna Brooks, Reba Fletcher, Wesley Barrow, Joe Farley, Shirley Buchwald

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm: Kent Smith, iHome Smart Plugs: Chick Payette, James Eckart Ninja Auto IQ Kitchen System: Travis Payne Monster Mini Wireless Speaker: William Crouch iRobot Roomba Vacuum: Marlene Wiles, Earleen

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Food Saver Vacuum Sealing System: Terry Wiles Large Digital Safe: Donna Evans



Aaron Edmond shows off the kids' grand prize X-Box won in the prize drawing at the 79th Annual Meeting.

GoPro Hero 5 Camera: Richard Rhodes Vizio Smart Cast Sound Bar: James White \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Card: Bruce Fleetwood, Peggy Corcorran

Keurig Coffee Maker: DeAnna Dear Food Saver Vacuum Sealing System: Lois Love Black Max Gas Pressure Washer: Florita Lane \$100 Ace Gift Card: Rod Gilbert 32" Vizio TV: Ray Zachary



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# Are you secure?

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

#### By Alison Kennedy

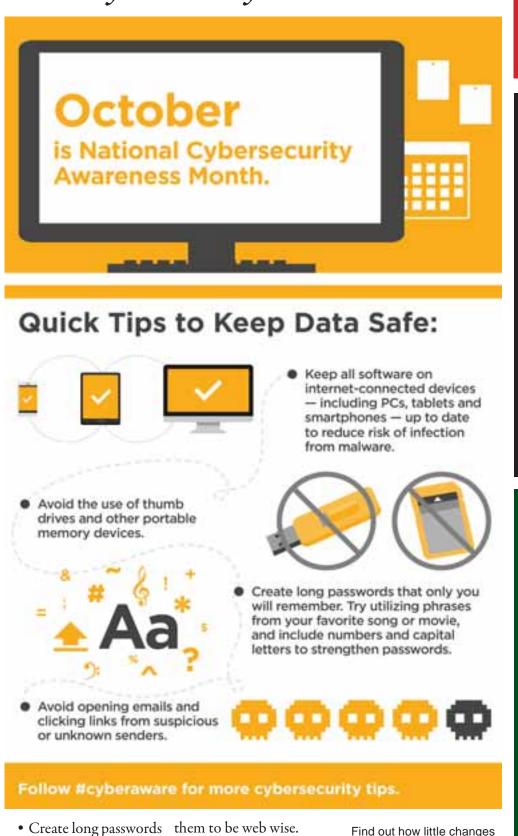
Equifax, Target, Home Depot, Yahoo and even the U.S. Office of Personnel Management have all been attacked by cybercriminals. Let's face it: In today's world, the cybersecurity threats facing our nation can seem overwhelming – and downright scary. Cybersecurity, specifically the protection and security of consumer-members' assets and the nation's complex, interconnected network of power plants, transmission lines and distribution facilities, is a top priority for electric cooperatives and other segments of the electric power industry.

This October, Cotton Electric is participating in National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NC-SAM). Since its inception under leadership from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance, NCSAM has grown exponentially, reaching consumers, small and medium-sized businesses, corporations, educational institutions and young people across the nation.

By raising awareness and understanding of basic cybersecurity practices, we can all work together to combat cyberthreats.

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How to prepare for a power outage

Cotton Electric Cooperative is invested in providing reliable service to southwest Oklahoma. This investments includes improving, maintaining and upgrading the electric system, proactive right-of-way clearing and increasing protective equipment. By employing up-to-date technology and installing necessary infrastructure, Cotton Electric is working to increase reliability of its delivery service network, improve energy efficiency efforts and enhance member service.

In Oklahoma, storm season seems to be year-round. It's always a good time to prepare for outages, but winter is coming! Ice storms can challenge even the best-laid plans.

Cotton Electric's outage restoration policy is to make repairs that will restore service to the most people in the least amount of time. The power must be restored in this sequence because individual services cannot receive electricity until all previous steps are completed. Cotton Electric restores power to substations first, main distribution lines second, tap lines third and any individual services last.

Remember, melted snow or ice can be a source of water during winter outages (but not for drinking).

During the summer, you may be able to use water from a pool or hot tub.

• Plan an alternate source of heat in the event of a cold-weather crisis. If you have a fireplace or wood stove, keep adequate kindling and firewood on hand. Have extra clothing, blankets, or sleeping bags available.

• Consult a plumber or other home specialist for other steps to take in the event of a prolonged outage. These may include draining water from pipes or other recommendations particular to your home, situation, or appliances.

• If you have livestock, you will need a means of obtaining adequate supplies of fresh water. A generator is recommended.

• Keep fresh batteries in your smoke detectors.

· It is helpful to have a corded phone available: cordless phones will not work without electricity. If you have a cell phone, you may need an auto adapter to recharge it.

Keep your automobile's gas tank full.

• Maintain a supply of cash. Credit cards and ATM machines may not work if the power is out.

#### For your safety:

Place your portable generator outside, never in the house, garage, attic, crawl space, or basement. Make sure your generator is connected safely; an improperly connected generator can cause serious injury or death. When your power comes back on, turn off and disconnect your generator.

# **Before**

Although Cotton Electric works as quickly as possible to get the lights back on, you can take steps before and during an outage to be prepared.

 If someone in your household depends on electricity to operate a life support system, plan ahead for alternate sources of power or lodging.

• Have an alternate source of light: keep flashlights and extra batteries where they can be found easily. Lanterns and candles are not recommended because they can cause fires.

 Keep a battery-powered radio with fresh batteries, and stay tuned to local news bulletins and weather reports.

• Keep a manual can opener handy, along with disposable plates and utensils.

 Keep your grill available year-round for cooking during an outage. (Always use a gas or charcoal grill outside.)

#### Stock emergency food and related items. Ideal choices are nonperishable foods that do not need cooking, such as canned fruit, canned milk, peanut butter, crackers, cereals and cereal bars, canned soup and canned tuna. Stocking up on refrigerated or frozen foods may not be a good idea if the power goes out.

• Store extra water in clean jugs, bathtubs, laundry tubs, or other containers if you know a storm is on the way.

• During an outage, you may flush a toilet, then pour water into the toilet tank (not the bowl) before flushing again. Turn off the water supply to the toilet before flushing. Toilet tanks hold several gallons of water, so plan accordingly.

# During

Never touch downed power lines or attempt to remove trees from power lines. Contact with power lines may result in serious injury or death. Let qualified Cotton Electric crews handle the clearing and repair work. Please report downed power lines to Cotton Electric immediately.

• Leave the freezer and refrigerator closed so food will stay cold longer.

 Make sure the oven and stove are off; this will prevent fires if the power comes back on while you're away. Do not set dishes, towels, or paper on the stove; these may catch fire if a burner is on when power comes on.

 Turn off all the major appliances in your home, especially the heat pump. This will prevent damage to the appliances once the power is restored. Turn on appliances one at a time so the electric demand does not jump suddenly.

Report an outage Call: 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520. Dispatchers are on duty 24/7.

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## **Campfires**, Cattle & Cowboys Gathering A Cowboy Poetry Benefit for the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Friday, November 17th, 2017 5:00 - 6:00pm - Cowboy Meet & Greet, Buy their books & CDs

6:00 – 9:00pm - Poetry, Music & Open Mic Featuring: Jay Snider, Donnie Poindexter, Dan Williams, Jim Garling & Susanne Woolley, and Francine Robison. Hosted by Ron Secoy.

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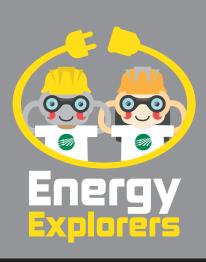
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Current News

## CO-OP MONTH WORD SEARCH

Did you know October is National Co-op Month? Co-ops are different types of businesses because they are not-for-profit and are owned by the members they serve — including you! Use the word bank to find the words associated with co-ops in the puzzle below.





#### Word Bank



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## Food allergies a true scare at Halloween

If you have a child with food allergies, or know someone whose child has food allergies, probably you are familiar with the fear of a lifethreatening allergic reaction.

Halloween presents even more challenges for families affected by food allergies as many food treats contain some of the top food allergens.

The Food Allergy Research and Education organization encourages households to place a teal-colored pumpkin on the porch if non-food treats are offered. It's a way to be more inclusive and ease the fear of Halloween becoming a truly scary **For** event.

tem response to a food that causes a one occurs. negative bodily reaction. Reactions can vary.

Some are mild, such as a scratchy throat, skin rash, itchy mouth, diarrhea, vomiting, nasal congestion, they have had a reaction. sneezing, cough and an odd taste in the mouth.

Severe reactions can include trouble swallowing, trouble breathing, a drop in blood pressure, and loss of consciousness. Severe symptoms can be signs of anaphylaxis, which is life threatening. Treatment must begin immediately.

Typically, true food allergies de- body. velop in childhood and start with a reaction occurs.

is important. If you feel your child result in nutrient deficiencies. has had a reaction, make an appoint-



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD

## Food THOUGHT

A food allergy is an immune sys- reaction, or at least be prepared if

Food allergies can also develop healthcare team. later in life. Adults should be aware of the signs and symptoms of a food allergy and get tested if they suspect

soy, wheat, fish and shellfish – alallergic reaction.

The offending component of the a different treatment method. food is actually protein. The immune system attacks the protein in affect 15 million Americans, and at the food, causing a reaction in the least half of those affected are under

It is not necessary to avoid comvery mild reaction to a food. The re- mon food allergens unless you have to give back by taking food alleraction may go unnoticed, and if the a known or suspected allergy to the gies into consideration when buying food is eaten again, a more severe food. The common food allergens treats to hand out. Visit www.foodare actually quite nutritious, and allergy.org for more information Knowing the signs of a reaction eliminating them unnecessarily can and ways to organize for your entire

ment with a food allergy physician ing common food allergens without fer non-food treats for trick or treatso you can prevent a more serious cause has contributed to a rise in ers.

food allergies. It is most important to be aware of what food is being eaten and any unusual response after eating.

Food allergy testing continues to evolve. In addition to obtaining a detailed medical history, there are four testing methods currently considered reliable: skin prick test, blood test, oral food challenge and trial elimination diet.

Skin and blood tests have a high rate of false positives but are helpful when combined with medical and food histories.

An oral food challenge is highly accurate as it involves actually consuming the suspected food allergen. It should be done only in a controlled environment with the

A food elimination test involves eliminating the suspected food, reintroducing the suspected food, and monitoring symptoms. It is im-The most common food allergens portant that the elimination test is are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, overseen by a physician as this could reveal an intolerance versus an although nearly any food can cause an lergy. An intolerance may point to other health conditions that require

> It is estimated that food allergies the age of 18.

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# Sweet seasonal treats for fall

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These desserts are perfect for fall, and a secret plus 2 tablespoons, divided ingredient makes them quick and easy so you have plenty of free time to work up an appetite and earn an extra bite (or two). Apple butter is more than just a spread for toast; it's a versatile ingredient that sweetened can enhance your favorite recipes. With Mussel- melted man's Apple Butter, made the old-fashioned way for perfect texture and a deep, rich flavor, you can make it its best.

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**Caramel Crumble Bars** 

box (15 1/4 ounces) yel-1 low cake mix, dry

1/2 cup butter, softened, 3/4 cup Musselman's Apple Butter, plus 3 tablespoons 1

egg package (11 ounces) 1 caramels, unwrapped 2/3 cup walnuts, chopped

- cup flaked coconut, 2/3
- tablespoons butter, 2

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

With electric mixer on low simple to satisfy your crav- speed, beat dry cake mix and ing for a taste of autumn at 1/2 cup softened butter until mixture is crumbly. Spoon 1 cup Find more fall tips and cake mix mixture into medium

egg to remaining mixture. Beat into bars.

on medium speed until smooth and creamy.

Spread evenly into pan. Bake 20 minutes, or until starting to brown and top is set.

Place caramels, 2 tablespoons butter and remaining apple butter in microwavable bowl. Microwave on high 3-4 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth and melted.

Pour caramel mixture evenly over partially baked crust. If caramel has cooled and set, microwave 1 minute until soft and pourable.

Combine walnuts, coconut and 2 tablespoons melted butter with reserved cake mix mixture. Mix until crumbly.

Break up topping and sprinkle evenly over caramel.

Bake 16-18 minutes, or until topping is starting to brown. Add 3/4 cup apple butter and Cool completely before cutting

#### **Easy Apple Pie Bars**

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

Nonstick cooking spray cups Granny Smith ap-7

ples, peeled, cored and diced

1 cup Musselman's Apple Butter

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided

- 1/2cup brown sugar
- frozen pie crusts, defrost-2 ed
  - 1 egg white
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - cup powdered sugar 1
  - tablespoons milk 2

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 9-by-13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Place diced apples in large mixing bowl. Add apple butter, 1 tea- bars and serve.

spoon vanilla and brown sugar. Mix until apples are evenly coated.

Place one pie crust in bottom of greased pan. Slowly stretch out crust to cover pan's bottom. Cut some edges off, if necessary. Spread apple filling evenly over crust.

With rolling pin, roll second crust to make it same size as pan. Place second crust on top of apple pie filling and tuck down edges to cover.

To make topping: In small bowl, whisk egg white until foamy and brush over crust. In another bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon, and sprinkle evenly over crust.

Bake 50-60 minutes until crust is golden brown. Remove from oven and cool slightly before cutting.

To make glaze: In small bowl, combine powdered sugar, milk and remaining vanilla, and whisk until smooth. Drizzle over cooled





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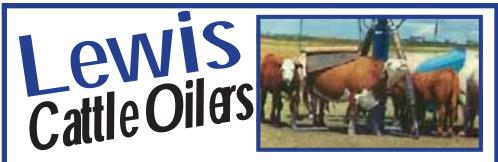
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