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Safety tips for before, during and after the storm

Storm season is potentially on its way. Many spring storms have the potential to produce tornadoes – they can happen anytime, anywhere, and can bring winds more than 200 miles per hour.

As adults, we understand the importance of storm safety, but younger children and teens may not realize the dangers storms pose. That’s why it’s so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are a several tips you can share with your loved ones.

Before the storm

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter, like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: when you hear thunder roar, head indoors.

- Make a storm kit. It doesn’t have to be elaborate – having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, a first-aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

During the storm

- Pay attention to local weather alerts – either on the TV, your smart-

phone or weather radio – and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area and it’s time to take action.

- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.

- If you’re driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

After the storm

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.









- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.

- Wear appropriate gear if you’re cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.





Spring and summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.



An overhead power line can become damaged or fall due to a severe storm, car accident, public damage or other reasons. If you see a downed power line, take these actions:

-  Consider all power lines energized and deadly.
-  Stay at least 50 feet away.
-  Call 9-1-1 or the utility to report the downed line.
-  Do not approach it or try to move it with another object.
-  Do not get out of a vehicle or cab.
-  Do not approach the scene.
-  Warn others to stay away.
-  Turn around and go another way.

Other things to know

-  Energized downed lines spread voltage through the ground or nearby objects.
-  If you go near a downed line, you can become electricity’s path to ground.
-  You cannot tell if a power line is live just by looking at it.
-  Even if a power line appears coated, it is never safe to go near it.

While transmitting and distributing power is typically safe, extreme scenarios like downed power lines are extremely dangerous. Never approach a downed power line.

Even if you do not see a downed line, realize one could be hidden by storm debris, water, snow or ice.

Safe Electricity.org® Learn more at:

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Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after April 1, 2024, is \$0.00607 per kilowatt hours (kWh).

On a member’s average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$7.89 on the April bill.

March 2024 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	66	32	49	16	56	42	49
2	82	32	57	17	67	50	59
3	84	36	60	18	58	32	45
4	80	54	67	19	72	29	51
5	68	47	58	20	77	38	58
6	71	44	58	21	64	55	60
7	77	57	67	22	72	49	61
8	57	38	48	23	62	37	50
9	58	32	45	24	68	57	63
10	65	27	46	25	61	38	50
11	72	32	52	26	56	34	45
12	80	42	61	27	57	34	46
13	85	48	67	28	71	29	50
14	84	53	69	29	76	51	64
15	62	42	52	30	81	44	63
<small>Source: srh.noaa.gov/oun/</small>							
<small>Average Daily High: 70</small>				<small>Average Daily Low: 42</small>			

Did You Know?

Cotton Electric Cooperative HVAC Tune-Up rebate applications are open and must be received by June 30, 2024. Tune-ups must be completed between April 1 and June 20, 2024.

The next issue of *The Current* should arrive in mailboxes May 10, 2024.

Contact Us

Do you have a story idea for *The Current*, or do you need to place an ad? If so, let us know. We can be reached at 580-875-3351 or by email at TheCurrent@cottonelectric.com. You can also drop us a line at Cotton Electric Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572.



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Mission Statement
Our mission is to safely deliver reliable and affordable power, provide excellent member service, and improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

From the CEO

Thanking our employees

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Cotton Electric Cooperative, a picture of a lineworker is what probably comes to mind. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, our line crews work tirelessly to ensure our communities receive uninterrupted power 24/7.

Linework can be hazardous, so extra care and safety precautions are taken as lineworkers perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, lineworkers brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, work 40 feet in the air, and often carry heavy equipment to get the job done.

It isn't a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication and, equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home, of-

ten in the middle of the night, to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This devotion and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart.

Our dedicated lineworkers are proud to represent Cotton Electric Cooperative, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way. That's why we set aside the second Monday in April, Lineworker Appreciation Day, to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

Recently, a group of employees from the Cotton CARES team volunteered their time to cook a hamburger lunch on April 8 to show their appreciation. The Cotton CARES team is comprised of individuals from all departments of the cooperative who work together to coordinate employee events like Lineworker

Appreciation Day and community service projects.

While our line crews may be the most visible employees at Cotton Electric, it's important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals, like the Cotton CARES team, working behind the scenes.

Dispatchers monitor weather and crews, serving as the first line of communication with workers in the field. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Marketing and member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls, post updates on social media and answer questions. Metering and transformer technicians ensure the integrity of our metering system and prepare equipment to be installed.

Our information technology experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. Garage and



Jennifer Meason, CEO

warehouse staff work hard to keep our vehicles on the road and our warehouse stocked with the materials needed. Accounting makes sure invoices are paid and the cooperative's financials are in order. And, Cotton Electric Services Inc., a high-voltage test lab that is a subsidiary of the co-op, ensures the safety of lineworkers across the country as they test the rubber goods and equipment used in the field.

These are just a few of the employees who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. I hope you'll join me in thanking all of them for their continued dedication.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A well-designed landscape can add beauty to your home and reduce home heating and cooling costs. Plant deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns to the south of your home to block sunlight in the summer and reduce the need for air conditioning. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, allowing sunlight to warm your home.

Plant evergreen trees and shrubs with low crowns to block winter winds. Dense evergreen trees and shrubs planted to the north and northwest are the most common type of windbreak and can help lower energy used for home heating.

Source: www.energy.gov

February 2024 Operating Stats

	2024	2023
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$6,035,858	\$6,667,660
Cost of Purchased Power	4,190,795	4,825,855
Taxes	153,529	145,493
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,098	1,199
Average Farm and Residential Bill	144	170
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,204	1,400
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Residential)	19,607	19,335
Miles Energized	5,269	5,255
Density per Mile	3.72	3.68
New Service Connects YTD	60	55
Services Retired	18	19

Upcoming Deadlines for The Current

May	
Ad Sales	April 26
Classified	April 26
Publish	May 10
June	
Ad Sales	May 31
Classified	May 31
Publish	June 14

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Energy Efficiency

Top 7 reasons why regular air conditioner tune-ups are essential

Your air conditioner is a vital component of your home's comfort system, especially during the scorching summer months. However, to ensure optimal performance and longevity, regular maintenance is crucial. One of the most important aspects of maintenance is scheduling periodic tune-ups for your air conditioning unit. In this article, we'll explore seven compelling reasons why investing in regular AC tune-ups is essential for homeowners.

1. Maximized efficiency

One of the primary benefits of regular air conditioner tune-ups is improved efficiency. Over time, dust, debris, and other contaminants can accumulate within your AC unit, hindering airflow and reducing its efficiency. During a tune-up, HVAC professionals clean your system's condensing and evaporator coils along with other components essential to

proper air movement, ensuring that your system operates at peak efficiency. As a result, you'll enjoy lower energy bills and a more comfortable indoor environment.

2. Extended lifespan

Just like any other mechanical system, your air conditioner requires regular maintenance to perform optimally and last longer. By scheduling regular tune-ups, you can identify and address minor issues before they escalate into major problems. Additionally, proper maintenance helps prevent premature wear and tear on critical components, extending the life span of your AC unit and delaying the need for costly replacements.

3. Improve indoor air quality

Another significant benefit of air conditioner tune-ups is improved indoor air quality. Your AC filtration system plays a crucial role in filtering

out dust, pollen, mold spores, and other airborne contaminants. However, without regular maintenance, these pollutants can accumulate within the system, leading to reduced indoor air quality and potential health issues. By keeping your filters changed regularly and your air conditioner coil clean and well maintained, you can ensure that your family breathes cleaner, healthier air.

4. Enhanced comfort

A properly tuned air conditioner is better equipped to maintain consistent indoor temperatures and humidity levels, ensuring optimal comfort throughout your home. During a tune-up, HVAC technicians inspect and calibrate your system to ensure that it delivers reliable cooling performance, even during the hottest days of summer. This means fewer temperature fluctuations and more consistent comfort for you and your family.

5. Reduced risk of breakdowns

There's nothing worse than experiencing an unexpected AC breakdown, especially during a heat wave. Fortunately, regular tune-ups can help reduce the risk of sudden system failures by identifying and addressing potential issues proactively. By catching minor problems early on, you can avoid costly repairs and ensure that your air conditioner remains reliable when you need it most.

6. Enhanced safety

Faulty or poorly maintained air conditioning systems can pose safety hazards, including electrical issues, refrigerant leaks, and fire risks. During a tune-up, HVAC technicians thor-



Heath Morgan,
Energy Efficiency
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oughly inspect your system for any signs of wear, damage, or malfunction. By addressing these issues promptly, you can ensure the safety of your home and family while enjoying peace of mind.

7. Cost savings

While some homeowners may hesitate to invest in regular air conditioner tune-ups, the truth is that they can lead to significant cost savings in the long run. By improving efficiency, extending the life span of your system, and reducing the risk of breakdowns, tune-ups can help you avoid expensive repairs and premature replacements. Additionally, lower energy bills resulting from improved efficiency can further contribute to your savings over time.

In conclusion, regular air conditioner tune-ups are essential for maximizing efficiency, extending the life span of your system, improving indoor air quality, and ensuring your family's comfort and safety. By investing in professional maintenance on a regular basis, you can enjoy lower energy bills, fewer repairs, and greater peace of mind knowing that your AC unit is in top condition.



One of the most important ways to ensure comfort and maximize efficiency is regularly scheduling maintenance for your AC unit. Photo courtesy of Metro-Creative.

Heating Degree Day and Cooling Degree Day Calendar

MARCH

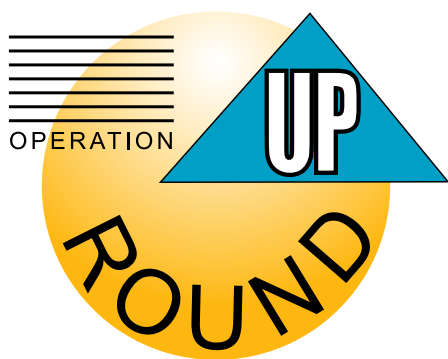
HDD	YEAR	CDD
282	2024	12
387	2023	7
386	2022	12

Degree days measure how cold or warm a location is by comparing the average of the high and low (mean) of the outdoor temperatures recorded in that location to the standard U.S. temperature, which is 65 F. The assumption is that we don't need heating or cooling to be comfortable when this is the outdoor temperature.

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Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation



A recent Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF) grant was awarded to Christians Concerned for food supplies. Pictured left to right: Executive Director Kevin Lawrence and Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications Zach Young.



A recent CECF grant was awarded to AMVETS Post 11 for tables and chairs. Pictured left to right: AMVETS Post 11 Service Officer Robert Hall, AMVETS Post 11 Post Commander Dan Davis and Cotton Electric Communications Specialist Carli Eubank.



A recent CECF grant was awarded to Think Ability, Inc. for shelves in their Microgreen room. Pictured left to right: Think Ability, Inc. Job Coaches Thomas Fraga, Kyle McKain, Wendy Allen-Miller, Jeff McGuire, Think Ability, Inc. Main Waterer Ernie Kelly, Think Ability, Inc. Executive Director Robin Arter and Cotton Electric Communications Specialist Carli Eubank.



One True Light, Inc. received a CECF grant for items for their Food and Fun program. Pictured left to right: Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications Zach Young, One True Light, Inc. Executive Director Joan Brock and One True Light, Inc. Executive Assistant and Summer Food and Fun Program Coordinator Krista Lolar.



Cache High School FCCLA was awarded a CECF grant for their Bulldog Bites program. Pictured left to right: Cache High School FCS Teacher and FCCLA Adviser Stacy Robinson, Cache Public Schools Superintendent Chad Hance, Cache High School FCCLA students, Cache High School Principal Melanie Nungesser and Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications Zach Young.

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Electric co-ops contribute more than \$1.6M to area schools

The membership of Cotton Electric Cooperative makes a substantial impact on local schools in several ways. For example, electric cooperatives in Oklahoma are levied a 2% gross receipts tax on the revenue at both the wholesale and retail level in lieu of an ad valorem tax.

When Cotton Electric members pay electric bills, the cooperative remits the 2% gross receipts tax to the state, and 95% of those funds go directly back to local school districts. During 2023, \$1,690,036.42 was apportioned back to the 26 school districts in our service area. The amount in 2022 was \$2,961,689.10.

On a percentage basis, electric cooperatives contribute more tax dollars to local school districts than other utilities. In Oklahoma, investor-owned utilities pay ad valorem taxes instead of gross receipts tax, and only 58% of these tax monies go to school districts within which investor-owned utilities own

property. Municipal utilities contribute no tax money to public schools.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission oversees the apportionment of the gross receipts tax. The amount paid to each school is based upon the number of miles of power lines that Cotton Electric and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) have in each school district. WFEC, Oklahoma's largest locally owned power supply system, is a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 21 distribution cooperatives, including Cotton Electric.

The table shows the miles of line serving each district and an estimation of amounts contributed through the 2023 gross receipts tax.

Supporting area schools has always been a priority for Cotton Electric Cooperative. It is our privilege to provide educational presentations, sponsorships and assistance when needed.

2023 Gross Receipts Tax by School Districts

District	Cotton & WFEC Taxes	Cotton Miles of Line
Big Pasture	\$35,451.59	237.49
Boone Apache	45,531.70	1.26
Bray-Doyle	98,062.44	141.09
Cache	76,190.48	214.87
Central	48,688.86	240.81
Chattanooga	173,530.19	321.38
Comanche	153,978.55	316.49
Davidson	20,198.27	33.45
Duncan	53,785.99	198.75
Elgin	24,458.56	339.47
Empire	36,478.62	243.46
Fletcher	42,450.61	27.10
Frederick	77,521.80	6.18
Geronimo	15,709.75	170.06
Grandfield	12,248.30	163.08
Grandview	30,392.53	114.61
Indianoma	40,510.65	158.05
Lawton	17,307.38	125.13
Ringling	61,203.43	23.90
Rush Springs	129,025.51	154.65
Ryan	16,470.54	120.40
Sterling	33,207.33	171.08
Temple	3,727.75	229.90
Velma	224,995.84	517.49
Walters	163,678.30	297.20
Waurika	55,231.45	246.38
Totals	\$1,690,036.42	4,813.73

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- Rooms that get too hot or too cold?
- High utility bills?
- Thermostat wars with your spouse?
- High humidity in summer?
- House just never seems comfortable?
- There doesn't seem to be enough airflow?
- Dust buildup within 2 days of dusting?
- Problems with your system since it's been installed?
- Anyone with allergies or asthma?
- AC starts and stops frequently or runs all the time, and house is still not cool?

Have been told by other contractors that the problem cannot be fixed?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, we can help!

Pippin Brothers has specialists that can pinpoint and correct these problems and, in many cases, you don't even have to replace your equipment, with the solution usually being easier and costing a lot less than you may think. There is no other contractor in Lawton more qualified than Pippin Brothers at diagnosing and correcting these annoying, inconvenient, unhealthy, comfort-compromising and energy-wasting concerns. Call us today and let us make your home **Feel As Good As It Looks!** After all, your home is your largest investment and you and your family deserve to be comfortable - don't you?

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Be careful when naming beneficiaries

You might not have thought much about beneficiary designations — but they can play a big role in your estate planning.

When you purchase insurance policies and open investment accounts, such as your IRA, you'll be asked to name a beneficiary, and, in some cases, more than one. This might seem easy, especially if you have a spouse and children, but if you experience a major life event, such as a divorce or a death in the family, you may need to make some changes — because beneficiary designations carry a lot of weight under the law.

In fact, these designations can supersede the instructions you may have written in your will or living trust, so everyone in your family should know who is expected to get which assets. One significant benefit of having proper beneficiary designations in place is that they may enable beneficiaries to avoid the time-consuming — and possibly expensive — probate process.

The beneficiary issue can become complex because not everyone reacts the same way to events such as divorce — some people want their ex-spouses to still receive assets while others don't. Furthermore, not all the states have the same rules about how beneficiary designations are treated after a divorce. And some financial assets are treated differently than others.

Here's the big picture: If you've named your spouse as a beneficiary of an IRA, bank or brokerage account, insurance policy, will or trust, this beneficiary designation will automatically be revoked upon divorce in about half the states. So, if you still want your ex-spouse to get these assets, you will need to name them as a non-spouse beneficiary after the divorce. But if you've named your spouse as beneficiary for a 401(k) plan or pension, the designation will remain intact until and unless you change it, regardless of where you live.

However, in community property states, couples are generally required to split equally all assets they acquired during their marriage. When couples divorce, the community property laws require they split their assets 50/50, but only those assets they obtained while they lived in that state. If you were to stay in the same community property state throughout your marriage and divorce, the ownership issue is generally straightforward, but if you were to move to or from one of these states, it might change the joint ownership picture.

Thus far, we've only talked about beneficiary designation issues surrounding divorce. But if an ex-spouse — or any beneficiary — passes away, the assets will generally pass to a contingent beneficiary — which is why it's important that you name one at the same time you designate the primary beneficiary. Also, it may be appropriate to name a special needs trust as beneficiary for a family member who has special needs or becomes disabled. If this individual were to be the direct beneficiary, any assets passing directly into their hands could affect their eligibility for certain programs.

You may need to work with a legal professional to sort out beneficiary designation issues and the rules that apply in your state. But you may also want to do a beneficiary review with your financial advisor whenever you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or the addition of a new child. Your investments, retirement accounts and life insurance proceeds are valuable assets — and you want them to go where you intended.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Co-op representatives stay informed at annual co-op Legislative Day

By Carli Eubank

More than 100 electric co-op managers, employees and Board Members gathered on March 12 at the Oklahoma State Capitol for the annual Legislative Day hosted by Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. This event opened many opportunities for co-op representatives to engage and connect with elected officials.

Throughout the morning, legislators rotated in and out of the room, briefing everyone in attendance about different issues and potential bills that could impact the industry and co-op members. Among the legislators who shared updates was Representative Trey Caldwell. Caldwell represents District 63, which includes parts of our service territory in Comanche, Cotton and Tillman counties. He is the Deputy Majority Leader, Chair of the Utilities Committee, and also serves on the Energy and Natural Resources and Agriculture committees.

Cotton Electric would like to thank Caldwell and other legislators for their continued efforts and appreciation of Oklahoma's electric cooperatives.

Since the day electric cooperatives were established by Congress in the 1930s, legislation has supported, protected and influenced our industry. To help maintain and protect the sustainability of electric cooperatives, your cooperative stays informed and engaged with legislation in many ways.

Attending events like Legislative Day shows great support when Oklahoma's electric cooperatives come together for the energy industry. Cotton Electric members also have the opportunity to get involved through Voices for Cooperative Power and Co-ops Vote.

Voices for Cooperative Power gives electric cooperatives and their members opportunities to share their story and perspective on energy policies that could impact you and the industry. Co-ops Vote is another avenue for members to stay informed on key issues facing electric cooperatives.

In 2023, your cooperative was recognized as a 5-Star Co-op by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for encouraging civic engagement in communities and promoting the Co-ops Vote campaign.

"Electric cooperatives exist because of the grass-root efforts of our founding members, and it continues to be at the heart of our organization," said Cotton Electric CEO Jennifer Meason. "I encourage all of our members to join Voices for Cooperative Power. Together we can make a difference."

For more information about how members can stay informed and advocate for electric cooperatives, visit www.voicesforcooperativepower.com or www.vote.coop.



Rep. Trey Caldwell updates co-op representatives at the 2024 Co-op Legislative Day. Photo by Carli Eubank.

Co-op updates Trustee election process

The business and affairs of Cotton Electric Cooperative are managed by a Board of nine Trustees representing geographical districts within the service territory. The Board establishes the overall policies of the cooperative, and each Trustee is a co-op member who represents the district in which he or she lives.

The cooperative's bylaws stipulate that District Meetings are to be held in three of the nine voting districts annually. Later this year, the scheduled dates will be published in *The Current*, and members in those districts will receive mailed notices that will include information about the time, date and location of the meetings they should attend.

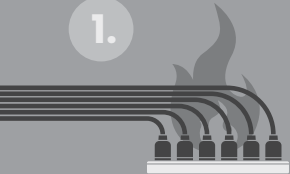
The cooperative's District Meeting procedures regarding Trustee elections have been updated. Any member desiring to run for the office of Trustee from the district of his or her residence must complete and file a Board Candidacy Form at least 30 days prior to the District Meeting. The form will be reviewed by the Cooperative's General Counsel and is designed to ensure that all candidates are eligible to be a candidate and remain a Trustee prior to the election.

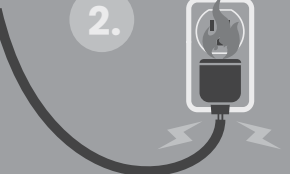
As according to the bylaws, the Board of Trustees shall set the District Meeting dates no later than 60 days preceding each Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for September 26, 2024. The District Meeting dates will be posted on www.cottonelectric.com 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting and will also be published in the August issue of *The Current*.


Members who are interested in receiving more information regarding the Trustee election process should contact Cotton Electric Cooperative CEO Jennifer Meason at 580-875-3351.


ELECTRICITY 101


To stay safe around electricity, start with these SEVEN basic tips:


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1. DON'T OVERLOAD OUTLETS OR CIRCUITS
Plugging in too many items or drawing too much power on a circuit can cause overheating, fire, and damage to devices.
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2. DON'T USE FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORDS OR PLUGS
Do not use cords that look frayed, worn or cracked. Do not use broken plugs. Never remove the grounding pin from a three-pronged plug.
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3. HAVE YOUR ELECTRICIAN'S NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE
Most electrical repairs or installations are not DIY projects. Hire an expert to avoid serious injury or wiring problems.
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4. BE CAREFUL AROUND H2O
Never use electricity while standing in damp or wet conditions. Keep all electrical devices away from water, including cell phones that are charging.
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5. EVALUATE YOUR APPLIANCES
Do not use appliances in disrepair. Older or broken appliances can overheat, start a fire, and cause serious injuries.
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Youth Tour winners will represent Cotton Electric in Washington, D.C.

After advancing through an essay competition, a video interview, and an oral presentation of their written essay, we are happy to announce Katelyn Cullum and Briley Stoll of Marlow High School as the winners of Cotton Electric's 2024 Scholarship Contest. They will represent the co-op in Washington, D.C. this summer at Youth Tour.

Cullum and Stoll showed great efforts of speaking ability, knowledge of subject, poise and personality throughout the competition.

During Youth Tour, students will meet Oklahoma's congressional delegation and learn about the cooperative form of business. They will also meet other Youth Tour winners from across the country, while touring the historic sites in our nation's capital.

Below, you can learn more about our 2024 Youth Tour winners. Congratulations to Katelyn Cullum and Briley Stoll.



BRILEY STOLL

Q: What high school do you attend?

A: Marlow High School.

Q: Are you involved in any extracurricular activities?

A: I am the president of Marlow FCCLA chapter, and I am also attending Red River Tech to obtain my cosmetology license.

Q: How did you hear about Youth Tour?

A: From my English teacher, Mrs. Cramton

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

A: No, I have not.

Q: Is there anything you're nervous about for the trip?

A: Not really – I am just super excited about going.

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

A: Everything – it's a place I've always wanted to go to and explore.

Q: What do you hope to learn on Youth Tour?

A: I hope to learn why my grandma has always loved it so much. Ever since I was little, she has told me how much she loves it, so I want to experience that.



KATELYN CULLUM

Q: What high school do you attend?

A: Marlow High School.

Q: Are you involved in any extracurricular activities?

A: I am involved in Marlow Vocal Music, band, the Foreign Language Club, Library Club and National Honor Society.

Q: How did you hear about Youth Tour?

A: In the past, I had heard about Youth Tour through some older friends. When it came around this year, my English teacher, Mrs. Cramton, talked about it and encouraged all of us to submit an essay for the contest.

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

A: I have never been to Washington, D.C. I have been to many states, and Washington, D.C., is one of the places I've wanted to go to the most! I was scheduled to go on a trip to Washington, D.C., but unfortunately, I was unable to go due to Covid.

Q: Is there anything you're nervous about for the trip?

A: I am kind of nervous to figure out how I'm going to pack all of my stuff in a small bag. I am such an over-packer!

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

A: I am looking forward to learning about our country's history in a new way. History books don't do it justice! I love history, and this is such an exciting way to learn more.

Q: What do you hope to learn on Youth Tour?

A: I'm hopeful to learn some new history, and to be better about getting out of my comfort zone in what I like to call my small town! Our country has a wonderful history, and it all came from the inner depths of the past. Washington, D.C., is just the place to go to learn the good and the not-so-good portions of the history of our country. I'm excited to meet new people who also think the same as me. I hope to reach out to the people around me and make some lifelong friends. This is a great way for me to get out there and get to know the people around me!



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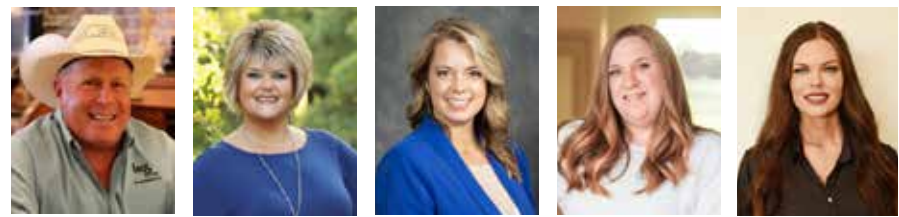
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Emotional triggers: How cyber attackers trick you

Cyber attackers are constantly innovating ways to trick us into doing things we should not do, like clicking on malicious links, opening infected email attachments, purchasing gift cards or giving up our passwords. In addition, they often use different technologies or platforms to try to trick us, such as email, phone calls, text messaging, or social media. While all of this may seem overwhelming, most of these attacks share the same thing: emotion. By knowing the emotional triggers that cyber attackers use, you can often spot their attacks no matter what method they are using.

It all starts with emotions. We, as humans, far too often make decisions based on emotions instead of facts. There is, in fact, an entire field of study on this concept called “behavioral economics,” led by researchers such as Daniel Kahneman, Richard Thaler, and Cass Sunstein. Fortunately for us, if we know the emotional triggers to look for, we can successfully spot and stop most attacks. Listed below are the most common emotional triggers for which to watch. Sometimes cyber attackers will use a combination of these different emotions in the same email, text message, social media post, or phone call - making it that much more effective.

Urgency

Urgency is one of the most common emotional triggers, as it’s so effective. Cyber attackers will often use fear, anxiety, scarcity, or intimidation to

rush you into making a mistake. Take, for example, an urgent email from your boss demanding sensitive documents to be sent to her right away, when in reality it is a cyber attacker pretending to be your boss. Or perhaps you get a text message from a cyber attacker pretending to be the government informing you that your taxes are overdue and you have to pay now or you will go to jail.

Anger

You get a message about a political, environmental, or social issue that you are very passionate about — something like “you won’t believe what this political group or corporate company is doing!”

Surprise/Curiosity

Sometimes the attacks that are the most successful say the least. Curiosity is evoked with surprise; we want to learn more. It is a response to something unexpected. For example, a cyber attacker sends you a message that a package is undelivered and to click on a link to learn more, even though you did not order anything online. We are enticed to learn more! Unfortunately, there’s no package, just malicious intent on the other side of that link.

Trust: Attackers use a name or brand you trust to convince you into taking an action. For example, a message pretending to be from your bank, a well-known charity, a trusted government organization, or even a person you know. Just because an email or text message uses a name of an organi-

zation you know and their logo, does not mean the message actually came from them.

Excitement

You get a text message from your bank or service provider thanking you for making your payments on time. The text message then provides a link where you can claim a reward—a new iPad, how exciting! The link takes you to a website that looks official, but asks for all of your personal information, or says that you need to provide credit card information to cover small shipping/handling costs. This is

a cyber attacker who is simply stealing your money or your identity.

Empathy/Compassion

Cyber attackers take advantage of your good will. For example, after a disaster appears on the news, they will send out millions of fake emails pretending to be a charity serving the victims and asking you for money.

By better understanding these emotional triggers, you will be far better prepared to spot and stop cyber attackers, regardless of the lure, technology, or platform they use.

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Shaping our energy future through innovation

The energy industry is undergoing significant change driven by technology and the transition to more sustainable forms of energy. Innovation is essential in addressing these challenges and ensuring a continuous, reliable and affordable power supply.

Electric co-ops are no strangers to adapting to the needs of the local communities we serve. Cotton Electric Cooperative has always leaned into change as we explore new ways to meet your energy needs.

Advanced technologies

Investing in smarter technologies also can enhance the monitoring and control of electricity flow so we can respond swiftly to changing needs. Even before adverse weather is here, advanced analytics from our systems, combined with data on weather patterns and other information, allows us to be proactive in taking preventative measures to shore up our system.

Preparing for increased energy use

Today, we depend on electricity more than ever before. From vehicles to farming equipment to home heating options, more products and appliances that we depend on run on electricity.

Interest in electric vehicles (EVs) is growing, and we are available to help our members make informed decisions about EVs, including electric charging options and capacity requirements for the home.

INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

The energy industry is changing, but electric co-ops are known for adapting to their local members' needs. As we plan for changes and challenges ahead, innovative solutions are essential.

Here are a few ways we're innovating for the future.

Use of Advanced Technologies

Drones aid in power line inspection and maintenance. Smart meters provide real-time data and help pinpoint service issues.

Preparing for Increased Energy Use

The demand for electricity is increasing as more technologies are electrified. Co-ops are exploring innovative solutions like battery storage to meet demand.

Energy Solutions for Members

Co-ops provide innovative efficiency services like appliance rebates and flexible billing options to help members manage their energy use.

Strength in Numbers

By working with and learning from other co-ops, we are uniquely positioned to improve service for our local communities.

Innovative efficiency solutions

Cotton Electric is driven by a commitment to member satisfaction. As consumers become more proactive in managing their energy use, we are providing new ways to help our members lower their use and save money.

Energy efficiency evaluations can help you take advantage of actionable energy-saving advice as well as other services and rebates offered by the co-op.

Cooperation among cooperatives

You may not realize it, but Cotton Electric is part of a larger network of 900 electric co-ops nation-

wide. While we are locally-owned by you, our members, we also have the advantage of working with co-ops across the country to share ideas and leverage the innovations our colleagues might have tried out first. As cooperatives, we're collaborators instead of competitors—it's a unique aspect of our business model, and we're stronger because of it.

Our energy future will look different than it has in the past, but Cotton Electric is prepared to adapt for the members we serve. Our mission and commitment to you remain steady—to provide reliable power at a cost local families and businesses can afford.

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Thank a Lineworker

By Carli Eubank

Imagine waking up to a phone call and leaving your family in the middle of the night to brave a list of weather conditions waiting outside. Picture a different situation where you get a phone call and have to leave your family while they open presents on Christmas morning. These moments are a reality for lineworkers at Cotton Electric and other electric cooperatives across the country.

Every second Monday in April, Cotton Electric recognizes our lineworkers during National Lineworker Appreciation Day. This year the official 2024 calendar date fell on April 8. Even though National Lineworker Appreciation Day is recognized one day out of the year, any day is good to show your appreciation.

Before starting his career at the co-op, Cotton Electric Journeyman Lineman Dillon Wiygul had never worked in the industry. Wiygul returned home in 2008 from his service in the Marine Corps and started working for the City of Marlow until he heard about a job opening in Cotton Electric Cooperative's Operations department. After he applied and accepted the job offer, Wiygul quickly recognized the culture at the co-op.

"This line of work is intrinsically rewarding to be able to help members and be surrounded by co-workers who want to be here and do the job every day," Wiygul said. "We are basically around our co-workers more than our own families, being in the truck for miles and miles, day in and day out, and working outages. I could sense a family atmosphere very quickly."

Each day is different for a lineworker, filled with daily work orders that may include line maintenance,

tree trimming, light orders, and installing equipment to improve our electrical system.

"A lot of people don't realize the magnitude our job consists of, especially with our vast service territory," Wiygul said. "We try to do as much maintenance while the weather is nice because we know storms will come, and we try to prepare for that the best we can and hopefully see the fruits of our labor whenever members' lights stay on."

Whether it's during the middle of the night or while driving to another work order, if a lineworker receives an outage call, all attention is given to the members in the dark. Once lineworkers receive the call from the dispatcher, they try to gather as much information as possible from them before reaching the outage location.

"Even though I've progressed and gained experience as a lineman over the years, I don't ever want to get blinders on and assume I know what the issue is before I get to the site," Wiygul said. "You have to stay level headed and have sharp eyes to find the source of the outage."

When safely restoring power, a lineworker takes great responsibility in working with physical and mental strength.

"The biggest problem with electricity is it's silent and very unforgiving, so you have to respect it and can't be afraid of the fact that you're in harm's way," Wiygul said. "When you get in that bucket, you have to block everything out and keep a focused mentality because your first mistake could potentially be your last."

Most people think of lineworkers when there is an outage, but there are plenty of other responsibilities that happen behind the scenes of their service

and commitment. We rely on them to restore our power, and sometimes, we forget there are others depending on their lineworker to come home safely.

"You can't talk about lineworker appreciation without showing appreciation of their families because they are without that lineworker for a lot of life events, like birthdays, Christmases and weekends," Wiygul said. "They sacrifice a lot for their lineworker to be able to do what they love to do."

A lineworker's job is ranked one of the most dangerous professions in the country, and it's not an easy career to embrace. Each lineworker on this page has their own extreme stories of serving our communities, but every mile and every outage call only strengthen their bond.

"It takes a different breed of a person to enter this profession, and once you're in, it's always in your blood," Wiygul said. "But it takes everyone at the co-op to keep the lights on. We can't do our job without everyone else's help. The co-op is so tight-knit because we see each other every day, and sometimes we're neighbors or friends outside of work, but most importantly, we rely on each other for help and safety."

More than 7,000 hours of training for each individual. Over 5,000 miles of line to maintain in eight counties. Twenty-six lineworkers and crews on call 24/7, 365 days a year. These are just a few statistics that represent Cotton Electric Cooperative lineworkers, not including the incalculable amount of service and sacrifice they devote to their goal: to serve you while keeping the lights on.

Thank you, lineworkers.





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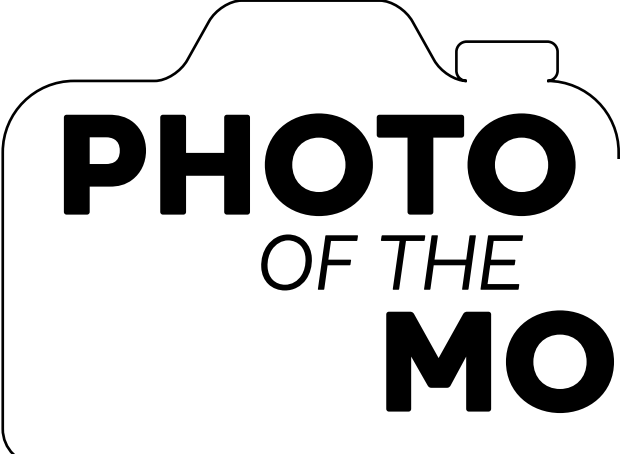


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

If you would like your community event listed in the May issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351, or send an email to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com by April 26. Only events occurring after May 10 will be published in the next issue.

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

Plant swap in Duncan

The Stephens County Oklahoma Home and Community Education clubs will sponsor a plant swap in Duncan. Attendees should bring at least one of the following (pest-free and tagged): plant, cutting that has rooted, bulb, rhizome, tuber, seed (may be saved or unused), bush, or tree. The plants may be houseplants or outdoors, as long you would like to share them. The purpose is to share extras and nourish a love of plants. The event is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, in the Heritage Room of the Conference Center at the Stephens County Fairgrounds, 1618 S. 13th St. in Duncan. For more information, call 580-255-3460.

Annual Poker Run

The Cache Valley Lodge #530 will be hosting their third annual Southwest Oklahoma Masons' Poker Run. The day will be filled with great raffle prizes, live music and food vendors, and routes will take riders through scenic views of surrounding areas. Registration begins before the event at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at Medicine Park Music Hall in Medicine Park. For more information, visit the

Southwest Oklahoma Masons Facebook page or contact Jamon Kelley at 580-512-7047.

SCHS hosts fundraiser

Have a swinging good time at the Puttin' Fore Paws Golf Tournament, a charitable extravaganza benefiting the Stephens County Humane Society. Gather your squad of four and secure your spot in the tournament for just \$500. The day will tee off with lunch and registration starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. This event is set to take place at on May 11 at the Duncan Golf and Tennis Club. For questions or more information, call 580-641-0667.

Food pantry open once monthly

Walters Community Food Pantry is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday 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 and proof of Cotton County residency. Monetary donations may be sent to Food Pantry, c/o Paul Metcalfe, 211 E. Colorado St., Walters, OK 73572. For information, call Roger Noland at 580-591-6826.

Blessings Boutique open monthly

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Cotton Electric member Charlene Walker took this photo on a spring evening near Central High.

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As many in the United States are looking to replace cocktails with non-alcoholic beverages or are just looking for beverages marketed for health and wellness, restaurants, bars, and beverage companies are adding “adaptogens” to the mix. Adaptogens are

compounds extracted from plants but also made synthetically. They have yet to debut on a large scale in traditional Western medicine due to lack of robust clinical trials in humans, but the paucity of research has not impeded their popularity with consumers.

It is essential that before trying any dietary supplement (adaptogens included), you have a discussion with your medical provider. They will be able to review the literature and your health and medication history and provide expert advice. As a reminder, dietary supplements can go to market in the U.S. without the approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA does regulate supplements, but the regulation is reactionary.

Adaptogens have been used for hundreds of years in Eastern and Ayurve-

dic medicine, being naturally extracted from plants. In the 1970s, the first synthetic adaptogen appeared. Many have been developed since then, but they have also sparked controversy in sports medicine, leading to the prohibition of certain synthetic adaptogens by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The most common effect of adaptogens is decreasing stress and elevating mood. Specific adaptogens such as Panax ginseng and Siberian ginseng have been associated with improved mood and mental health, increased endurance, decreased blood glucose and insulin, better sleep and improved cholesterol. Rhaponticum carthamoides from a plant named Leuzea became a popular adaptogen among athletes in the 1970s, but the substance is now under consideration for prohibition

due to its potential to increase muscle mass. Todorova and colleagues published a review of adaptogens titled “Plant Adaptogens – History and Future Perspectives” in *Nutrients* in 2021. The article is publicly available and a thorough summary of the best available scientific literature on adaptogens.

More common adaptogens added to beverages are hemp, CBD, ashwagandha, turmeric, kava and more. The list is long and will continue to get longer as companies innovate and capitalize on consumer interest.

Just like the science, reports of harm from these substances are scarce. However, that does not negate the need to have a discussion with your health care provider before consuming any dietary supplement, even a fun-sounding adaptogen-containing drink.

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Deliver maple flavor in the morning

(Culinary.net) It's hard to beat a fresh, oven-baked breakfast to start the day, especially one loaded with sausage and eggs complemented by the sweetness of diced apples and maple syrup. This Maple Breakfast Braid delivers a tempting flavor combination perfect for a weekend morning with loved ones.

Find more breakfast recipes at Culinary.net.



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Maple Breakfast Braid

Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 ounces) breakfast sausage
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 cups dry herb stuffing mix
- 1 package (17 1/4 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 2 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon water

Heat oven to 400 F. In large bowl, combine sausage, syrup, beaten eggs, green onions, diced apples and stuffing mix.

Dust surface with flour; roll out pastry sheet to 12-by-18-inch rectangle. Transfer pastry to large baking sheet with parchment paper. Spoon half of sausage mixture down center of pastry.

Make 3-inch cuts down sides of pastry. Fold one strip at a time, alternating sides. Fold both ends to seal in filling. In bowl, beat egg whites and water; brush over pastry.

Repeat steps for second pastry sheet.

Bake 25-30 minutes, or until brown, rotating pans after baking 15 minutes.

Spice up weeknights with better-for-you Mac and Cheese

(Culinary.net) Macaroni and cheese is a beloved comfort food that's easy to make during a busy week. With just a few extra ingredients and steps, you can turn boxed mac and cheese into a filling dinner.

To make this Taco Mac and Cheese, simply prepare your favorite boxed mac and cheese according to the package instructions and stir fry the meat and vegetables together. (Hint: You can even chop vegetables the night before to make cooking the next day even easier.) Then add taco seasoning and combine for a better-for-you take on a classic dish.

Visit Culinary.net to find more quick and simple recipes.

Taco Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:

- 1 box macaroni and cheese
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 tbs butter
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 tps taco seasoning

Directions:

Prepare boxed mac and cheese with milk and butter according to package instructions.

In skillet, brown ground turkey over medium heat. Add bell peppers and onion. Add taco seasoning.

Stir turkey mixture with mac and cheese to combine.



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How to create rain barrels for your garden

(Family Features) Gardeners typically understand plenty of water, good ground and a steady stream of sunshine all play vital roles in the food production process.

However, on those hot, dry days when there isn't any rain in sight, harvesting rain and storing it may be a perfect solution. A tried-and-true gadget like a rain barrel allows for the collection of rainwater from a home's gutter system for later use.

Not only are rain barrels budget-friendly and good for the environment, they're also good for your plants and crops. Rainwater is chemical-free, non-chlorinated, naturally soft, oxygen rich and warmer than water coming from the hose or sprinkler. That means flowers, trees, vegetables and shrubs may be more vibrant and hearty when irrigated with rainwater.

The nuts and bolts of making a rain barrel are simple. All it takes are three holes cut into a 55-gallon barrel and a

few supplies from the hardware store:

1) A small hole is cut into the side of the barrel, just 2 1/2 inches from the bottom. A brass adapter is then inserted so a hose can be attached for easy watering.

2) The second hole allows excess water to drain away if the barrel gets too full. It is made approximately 4 inches from the top of the barrel, directly above the hose adapter.

3) Drill a large hole into the top 2 inches from the side of the barrel. This hole must align with a downspout in your home's guttering system. It is often fitted with a screen to filter out sticks, leaves and other debris.

Instead of a rain barrel, create a simple collection system by placing any recycled, water-tight container directly under a downspout. Buckets, trash cans and large pots make for easy collection containers.

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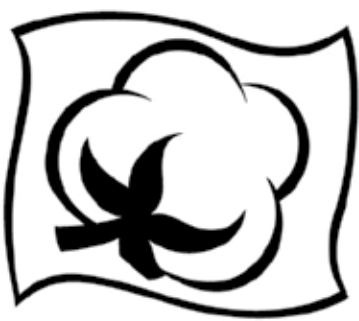
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"Estate of Teddy Ray Cox"

Gary Criswell Auction Service & Real Estate, Inc. has been commissioned by Novella Ann Cox to offer at Public Auction the "Estate of Teddy Ray Cox". Mr. Cox's Personal Property is situated at 205 West Steele Street, Marlow, Oklahoma. **Note:** The Auction includes 12 Shotguns, 34 Rifles, 7 Revolvers, 6 Semi Automatic Handguns (Most of the Firearms are still in the Box wrapped in Plastic) and a Large Variety of Ammunition. The Auction also includes a 2019 Radiance Travel Trailer (Like New), 2020 KUBOTA Riding Lawn Mower, a TEXOMA Trailer and a 1992 GMC 3500 Dually Pick Up (Consignment). The 2019 Radiance Trailer, 2020 KUBOTA Riding Lawn Mower and the 1992 GMC Dually will be offered at Public Auction at 2:00 P.M. after the Sale of the Firearms and Ammunition.

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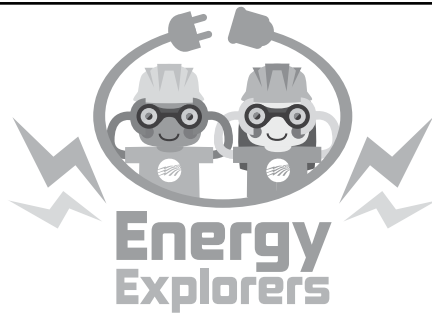


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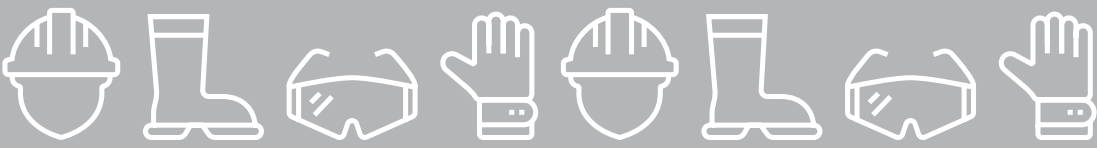
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