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Your voice matters: Join us at meetings set for Cotton Electric Districts 1, 3 and 5

The Current staff

District Meetings have been scheduled for three out of the nine voting districts of Cotton Electric Cooperative. These meetings aim to elect Trustees and address various business matters. The cooperative operates under the guidance of a board of nine Trustees, each representing a specific geographical district in which he or she lives. These Trustees formulate the cooperative's overarching policies and are elected by members residing in their respective districts.

According to the co-op's bylaws, District Meetings are to be held annually in three of the nine voting districts. This year, members residing in Districts 1, 3, and 5 will receive mailed notices containing details about the meeting schedule. Only members in these three voting districts will receive notices.

This year, the meeting schedule is as follows:

- Aug. 29 – District 1: Velma Baptist Church Life Center, 100 N. Main St., Velma
- Sept. 5 – District 3: Letitia Baptist Church, 2606 S. State Highway 65, Lawton
- Sept. 9 – District 5: Chattanooga School Auditorium, 507 Fourth St., Chattanooga

Registration for each meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Members are requested to bring their official registration cards for more efficient processing and eligibility for an attendance prize. Registration closes at 7 p.m., preceding the business meeting. Each member holds one vote in Trustee elections.

Various organizations, such as churches, clubs and schools will receive credentials to designate a voting delegate, with completed and notarized forms required for presentation at registration. These enable the representatives of each organization to vote and participate in the business of the cooperative.

Elected Trustees will take office immediately after the Annual Meeting in September and serve a three-year term. If there is no election, incumbents are held over for the term. Incumbents are: Shan Files, District 1; Nichole Scott, District 3; and Clifford Dunham, District 5.

Furthermore, the cooperative's bylaws mandate an Annual Meeting of the entire membership shortly after the District Meetings. The 2024 Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation night will be a drive-thru format scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan and the Comanche County Fairgrounds in Lawton. Registration for this event will open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the business meeting to be livestreamed at 8 p.m. Official registration cards and more details about this year's Annual Meeting will be included in the September edition of *The Current*.

Cotton Electric Cooperative Board District Map

Cotton Electric members in the affected districts will receive meeting notices in the mail over the next several weeks. The card colors shown above correspond to the districts.

Trustees



SHAN FILES
represents District #1



NICHOLE SCOTT
represents District #3



CLIFFORD DUNHAM
represents District #5

Power Cost Adjustment Calculated

The power cost adjustment now being applied to bills mailed after Aug. 1, 2024, is \$0.00299 per kilowatt hour.

On a member's average bill of 1,300 kWh, this will amount to a charge of \$3.89 on the August bill.

July 2024 Temperature Extremes

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Day	High	Low	Avg.
1	104	74	89	16	103	73	88
2	105	78	92	17	95	73	84
3	103	79	91	18	95	71	83
4	106	72	89	19	96	66	81
5	81	65	73	20	95	70	83
6	94	62	78	21	91	71	81
7	95	71	83	22	89	65	77
8	93	71	82	23	95	61	78
9	97	67	82	24	98	67	83
10	101	66	84	25	98	66	82
11	103	70	87	26	93	67	80
12	101	70	86	27	95	69	82
13	99	72	86	28	100	74	87
14	102	75	89	29	102	77	90
15	104	71	88	30	103	78	91
				31	104	78	91

Source: srh.noaa.gov/ou/
Average Daily High: 98 Average Daily Low: 71

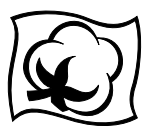
Did You Know?

Cotton Electric offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Emergency calls will be answered at 580-875-3351 or 800-522-3520.

The next issue of *The Current* should arrive in mailboxes Sept. 13, 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

Your participation matters



Jennifer Meason, CEO

As I write you this month, the Board of Trustees and employees are preparing for our upcoming District Meetings featured on the front page of this issue and for the 2024 Annual Meeting to be held in September.

The purpose of a District Meeting is to elect a Trustee who represents your area for a three-year term. The three districts that will meet this year are District 1, currently represented by Shan Files; District 3, represented by Nichole Scott; and District 5, represented by Clifford Dunham.

Your feedback and participation are integral to Cotton Electric Cooperative. In addition to the election process, the smaller group format at District Meetings allows for more one-on-one discussions and the opportunity

for members to share their thoughts and ideas with cooperative Trustees and staff.

After the District Meetings are held, all members will have the opportunity to attend our Annual Meeting. Cooperatives are guided by seven Cooperative Principles - Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training, and Information; Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and — above all — Concern for our Community. The Annual Meeting puts the principles in action and reminds us of the ways Cotton Electric is different from other utilities.

In an effort to reduce drive time for members and offer a more flexible format, we are

making a change for this year's Annual Meeting. It will be held Sept. 26 with a drive-thru format and members will have the choice of participating at one of two locations, the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton and the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan. Registration will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The business meeting portion will be livestreamed later that evening. On the agenda will be proposed bylaw revisions for the membership's consideration. We will have detailed information about the new look and feel of the Annual Meeting as well as the proposed bylaw revisions in next month's issue.

Cooperative employees will be available at the District and Annual Meetings to answer your questions and provide informa-

tion about the services Cotton Electric offers. We are also hosting several Coffee with Cotton events throughout the service territory to meet with members. However, you don't have to wait for the District and Annual Meetings to share your thoughts or ask questions. We can be reached Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., over the phone at 875-3351 or in person at our Duncan and Walters offices. You can also reach us by email at info@cottonelectric.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



Let your voice be heard



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Placing heat sources, such as lamps, computers or TVs, near your thermostat can result in false temperature readings, increased energy use and inconsistent cooling/heating. Make sure your thermostat is installed in an area clear of obstructions, electronic devices, direct sunlight and drafts.

Ensuring your thermostat is free from these types of interferences optimizes energy efficiency, improves indoor comfort and reduces wear and tear on your cooling/heating system.

Source: www.energy.gov

June 2024 Operating Stats

	2024	2023
Total Amount Billed/Accrued	\$7,004,524	\$6,659,712
Cost of Purchased Power	4,869,630	4,718,849
Taxes	125,818	117,658
Total Operating Expense per Mile	1,247	1,238
Average Farm and Residential Bill	170	156
Average Farm and Residential kWh	1,461	1,304
Total Meters Billed (Farm, Residential)	19,682	19,485
Miles Energized	5,273	5,260
Density per Mile	3.73	3.70
New Service Connects YTD	228	219
Services Retired	126	98

Upcoming Deadlines for The Current

September	
Ad Sales	Aug. 30
Classified	Aug. 30
Publish	Sept. 13
October	
Ad Sales	Sept. 27
Classified	Sept. 27
Publish	Oct. 11

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Energy Efficiency

Understanding degree days

Weather can have a major impact on energy bills, and when the outdoor temperatures become extreme, your heating and cooling equipment works harder to keep your home comfortable.

Did you know the energy experts at Cotton Electric Cooperative use degree days to anticipate heating and cooling needs for you, our members?

Never heard of a degree day? Don't worry; you're not alone. Let's take a look at what degree days are and why they're important for electric utilities.

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.

So, the more extreme the outdoor temperatures, the higher the number of degree days. And the higher the number of degree days, the higher the amount of energy used for space heating and cooling. Summer is in full swing, so let's look at cooling degree days.

Cooling degree days are a measurement of how hot the temperature was on a given day or during a period of days. With summer temperatures rising, you'll likely require more cooling for your home or business, which results in more cooling degree days. Variations in electric bills often follow closely with degree days, which is why electric utilities use this data to anticipate future energy demand.

Degree days are tracked for a variety of reasons. Farmers can better plan the planting of crops and timing for pest control, and weather experts can better assess climate patterns.

Here are a few tips to help you save on energy bills this summer:

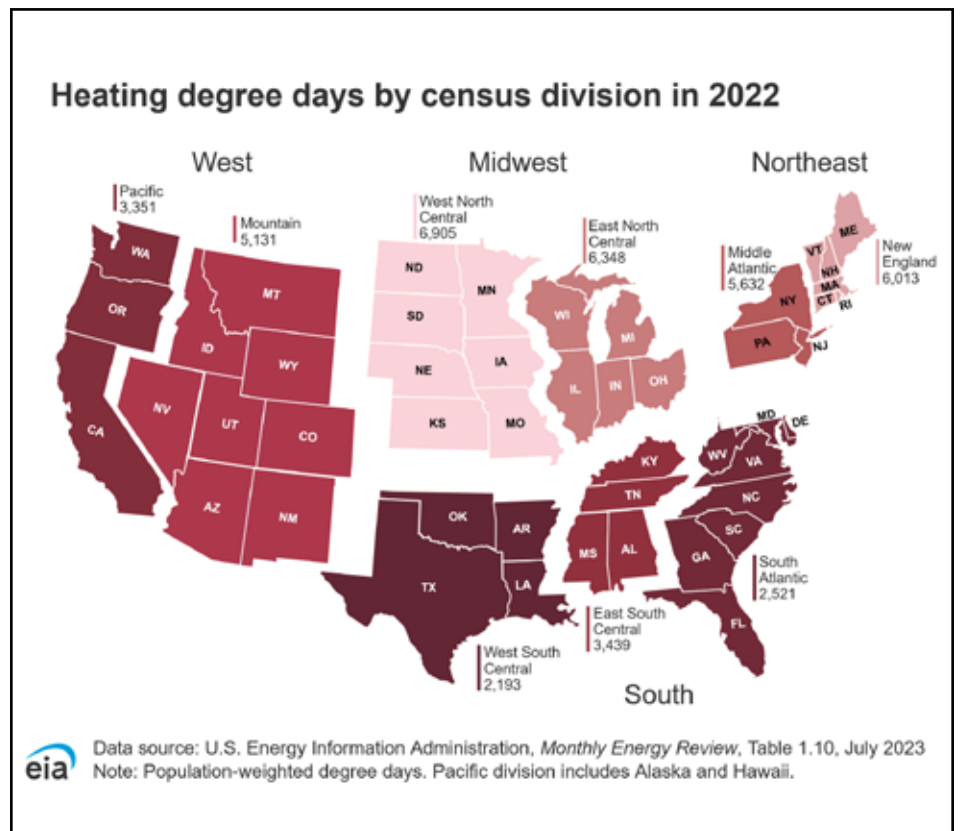
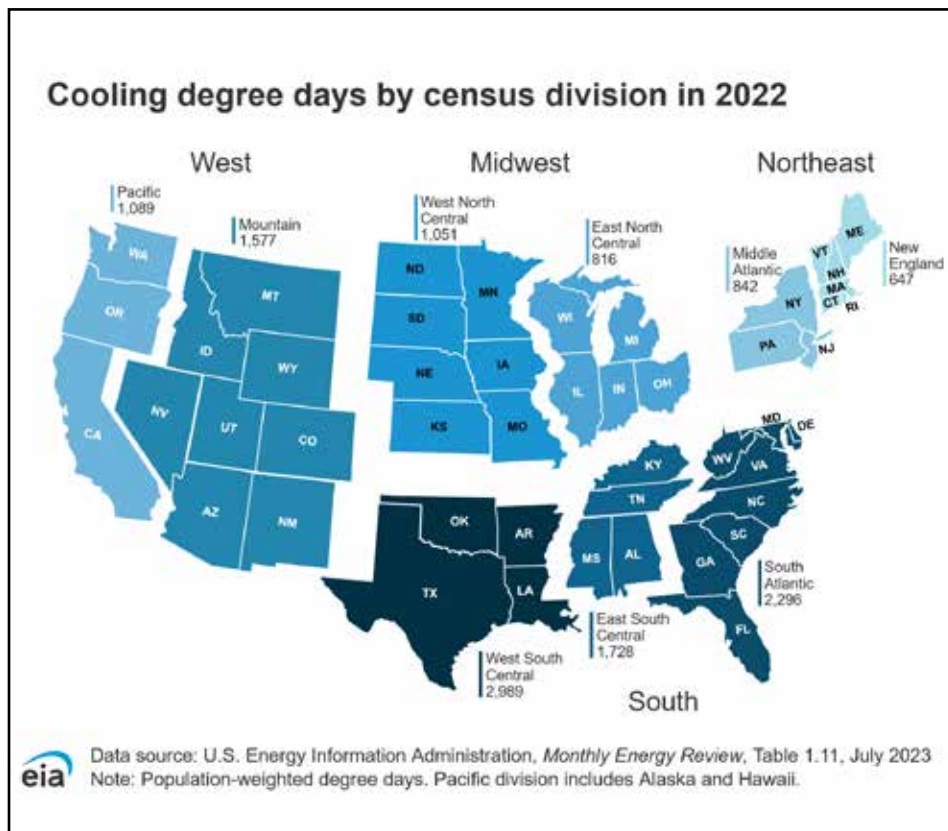
- Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling costs will be. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat to 78 F when you're home and a higher setting for when you're away.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you leave a room.
- Close window coverings, like curtains and blinds, during the day to block sunlight.



Heath Morgan,
Energy Efficiency
Coordinator

- Use caulk and weather stripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

If you have questions about your energy use, or to learn more ways to save, give us a call, stop by our office or visit www.cottonelectric.com/energy-efficiency.



Heating Degree Day and Cooling Degree Day Calendar

JULY

HDD	YEAR	CDD
0	2024	532
0	2023	593
0	2022	720

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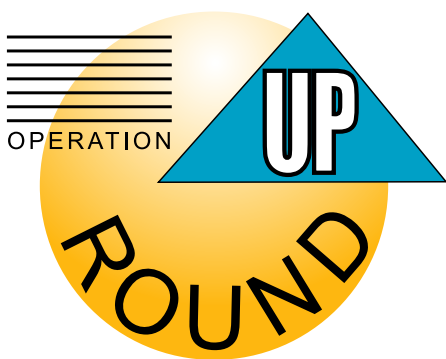
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Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation



A Cotton Electric Charitable Foundation (CECF) grant was awarded to Vigance, Inc. for a spot vision screening camera. Pictured left to right: Marcia Peppel, certified vision screener; Mariah Cain, executive of operations; and Zach Young, Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications.



A CECF grant was awarded to the Waurika Senior Citizens Center for new flooring. Pictured left to right: Cotton Electric Communications Specialist Carli Eubank, Judith Henderson, Jeannie Bookout, Bill Eakin, Lori Wesberry and CECF Vice President Carter Waid.



A recent CECF grant was awarded to Christian Helping Hands of Comanche for a freezer installation. Pictured left to right: Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications Zach Young and Christian Helping Hands of Comanche Director Pamela Dobbins.



Hastings Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a CECF grant for an engine. Pictured left to right: Cotton Electric Director of Marketing and Communications Zach Young, Bryce Bobot, Jimmy Gallaber and CECF Vice President Carter Waid.



A CECF grant was awarded to the Wichita Mountains Prevention Network for support of Youth Conference. Pictured left to right: Deb Farrar, committee member, Lauren Nitschke, committee member, Tara Brown, committee member, Suzy Bruner, WMPN Jefferson County prevention coordinator, Krissy Torres, committee member, Gina Olheiser, WMPN Jefferson County prevention coordinator, Lori Lovett, committee member and Carli Eubank, Cotton Electric Communications Specialist.



Waurika Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) received a CECF grant for a generator. Pictured left to right: Cotton Electric Communications Specialist Carli Eubank, Waurika VFD Fire Chief Stephen Dyer, Waurika VFD firefighter Mason Johnson and CECF Vice President Carter Waid.

REMINDER

Third quarter CECF grant applications are due

Aug. 13

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For safety's sake, do not mess with a meter

For your safety, never try to tamper with or pull (remove) a meter. Only electric utility crews should access an electric meter.

Illegally accessing a meter can cause an arc flash bright enough to result in blindness and powerful enough to launch fragments of red-hot, shrapnel-like debris, according to the Cooperative Research Network. Serious injury or death from electrocution, explosion or fire is often a result of meter tampering.

Individuals should never tamper with a meter to bypass it, create an illegal connection to a power line, electrify fences or attempt to reconnect or disconnect the power, often with disastrous consequences.

More on meter safety

- Tampering with a meter is illegal in most states.
- Meters should only be installed, maintained or removed by electric utility crews.
- Accessing the backside of a meter can generate high voltage; pulling or tampering with a meter can cause electric shock, sparks, surges, explosions or fire.
- Electricity should always be connected or disconnected using a transfer switch or a dedicated disconnection point.
- There is no guarantee that a structure is deenergized by pulling a meter.
- If firefighters respond to a call and know they will need a disconnect, they should call the electric utility en route.
- If firefighters try disconnecting a home by pulling a meter, it can introduce additional problems and damage.

Direct any questions to your cooperative at 580-875-3351

Other facts

If a home's electricity is shut off at a main disconnect, the house can be automatically reconnected if there is a standby generator or battery-stored power.

Only the electric utility can properly and safely disconnect a meter. Utility crews are trained in proper disconnection techniques and wear protective clothing and gear.

For more information about electrical safety, visit www.cottonelectric.com/safety or www.safeelectricity.org.



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For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

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529 plan can help ease college 'sticker shock'

The school year will soon be here. And if you have young children, you're one year closer to the day when they may be headed off to college. When that day arrives, will you be financially prepared?

College isn't cheap. For the 2023-24 academic year, the average cost — including tuition, fees, housing, food, books, transportation

and other expenses — was nearly \$29,000 for in-state students at four-year public colleges and universities, and about \$60,000 for private schools, according to the College Board. Most students do get some type of financial aid or scholarships, or both, but even the "net" price of college can be considerable. So, it's a good idea to begin a savings program as early as you can.

One popular way to build money for college expenses is through a 529 education savings plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred and your withdrawals are federally tax free when

used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And while you can invest in any state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit if you invest in your own state's plan.

Despite these tax benefits, some people are concerned that a 529 plan can prove costly in terms of lost financial aid. And the value of a 529 plan is looked at as an investment asset on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, recent changes to FAFSA may mean that a 529 plan has a relatively small effect on the amount

of aid you may receive.

529 plan also can be used to pay for other costs, including:

• **K-12 expenses** — You can use a 529 plan to pay K-12 expenses, up to \$10,000 per student per year. Not all states comply with this 529 expansion for K-12, so you might not be able to claim deductions and your withdrawals could be subject to state tax penalties.

• **Apprenticeship programs** — A 529 plan can be used to pay for most expenses connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. These programs are often available at commu-

nity colleges and combine classroom education with on-the-job training.

• **Student loans** — You can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay qualified federal private and student loans, up to \$10,000 for each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

Another potential advantage of a 529 plan is its transferability. If you've named a child as a 529 plan beneficiary, and that child eventually chooses not to pursue any post-secondary education, you — as the account owner — can name another family member as beneficiary. And with the

passage of the SECURE 2.0 Act, any unused 529 plan funds up to a lifetime limit of \$35,000 can be transferred to a Roth IRA for a beneficiary, free of taxes and penalties. There are certain rules governing this 529-to-Roth move — for example, you must have had your 529 plan at least 15 years — so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves in this area.

If you'd like to invest in your children's future education, a 529 plan can be a good choice — so study up on it soon.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC



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Providing multiple payments options is one of the ways Cotton Electric Cooperative is here for our members. By choosing the payment option that works best for you, we can better serve you, our members.

When making a payment, be sure to have your Cotton Electric account number handy, which can be found at the top left of your bill, just under your address. If you have multiple accounts, all numbers are required.

See below to find which payment option works best for you:

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Use the return envelope that comes with your monthly power bill. We do not accept cash by mail, so make sure to enclose a check and the bottom portion of the bill.

In person

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By phone

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SmartHub electronic check / credit card

Members can sign up for online or mobile device account access and pay via electronic check or with Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit cards any time of day with no additional charge. Credit cards will not be accepted for payment on commercial accounts.

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Monthly bank draft

This method requires an Authorization Agreement for Automatic Debit form and a voided, unsigned check. The forms are available at either office or can be downloaded at the View and Pay My Bill page of our website at www.cottonelectric.com/viewpay-my-bill. We can also mail the form to you. Once it is filled out and returned, it takes a few days to arrange for your checking account to be drafted 10 days after your billing date each month.

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ing history, and the account should be in current status with no more than two late payments in your history. This means that the current billing should not be past due, no unpaid balance should exist on the account and that previous credit history has been good. The average of the previous 12 months is reflected in a monthly bill, and the amount each month may vary due to fluctuations in fuel costs, variations in usage and power cost adjustment.

With AMP, instead of high and low bills as the seasons change, bill amounts will tend to flatten and be close to the same amount each month. Any of the payment methods listed above can be used when paying on accounts using the Average Monthly Payment plan.

Please contact our Member Service department at 580-875-3351 to make sure you qualify for the AMP plan.

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Watch the clock to lock in energy savings this summer

As temperatures rise and summer activities heat up, a reliable flow of electricity is essential to ensure Cotton Electric members stay cool and connected.

August brings some of the most extreme summer temps, which means people will be spending more time indoors to avoid the heat, and air conditioners will be working overtime. This increased use of electricity will cause spikes in demand, also known as energy peaks. During peak times, your cooperative must work closely with our wholesale power provider to ensure a balanced supply of electricity is always available to meet our community's energy needs.

The electric grid is essentially a giant network that connects power plants, utility poles and power lines to homes and businesses across the country, throughout our state and to our local communities. All parts of the network must work together to ensure the flow of electricity stays balanced 24/7.

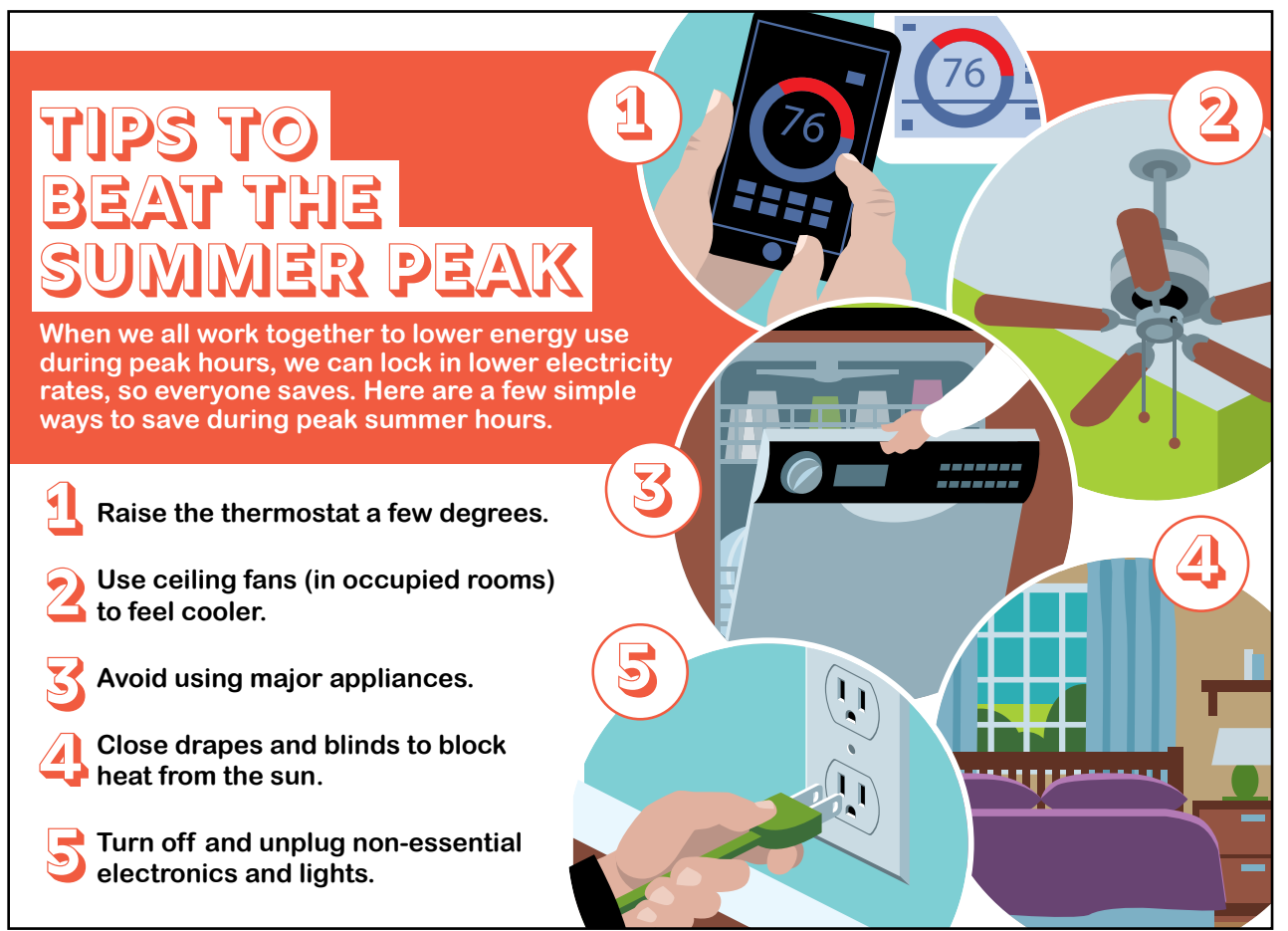
When the demand for electricity is higher than usual, power providers must ramp up electricity production—whether from coal, natural gas, wind, solar or other energy sources—and utilities will pay more for electricity produced during the peak. These higher prices along with the general increase in electricity use are why you typically see higher bills during the hottest months. In extreme cases, demand can overpower the available supply, causing electricity shortages.

When our area experiences extreme summer heat and higher demand for electricity, you can help by voluntarily conserving energy. It's easy—just check the clock and avoid your energy-intensive activities

TIPS TO BEAT THE SUMMER PEAK

When we all work together to lower energy use during peak hours, we can lock in lower electricity rates, so everyone saves. Here are a few simple ways to save during peak summer hours.

- 1 **Raise the thermostat a few degrees.**
- 2 **Use ceiling fans (in occupied rooms) to feel cooler.**
- 3 **Avoid using major appliances.**
- 4 **Close drapes and blinds to block heat from the sun.**
- 5 **Turn off and unplug non-essential electronics and lights.**



and chores during peak hours. Cotton Electric's peak hours during summer months are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., whenever a peak alert has been issued.

When we all work together to reduce energy use during peak times, your cooperative can lock in lower electricity rates so everyone in our community saves. Conserving during peak times also eases pressure on the grid and helps balance the supply and demand of electricity.

There are many ways to lower your home energy use. Here are a few recommendations to help you save energy (and money) during the summer peak:

- Set your thermostat a few degrees higher. If you have a smart or programmable thermostat, adjust the settings so your cooling system syncs with the off-peak hours.
- Speaking of raising the thermostat, did you know ceiling fans can make you feel 4 degrees cooler? Operate ceiling or oscillating fans in occupied rooms to

supplement your air conditioning. Be sure to raise the thermostat while fans are running for maximum energy savings. Remember, fans cool people (not homes), so turn them off when you leave the room.

- Plan energy-intensive activities like laundry and running the dishwasher for off-peak hours. Use automatic timers to run hot tubs, pool pumps, water heaters and other appliances in the same way.
- Unplug electronics when they're not in use or use power strips to manage devices.
- Close drapes and blinds during the afternoon to block unnecessary heat from sunlight.

When we all work together to beat the summer peak, our entire community benefits. Saving energy during peak times reduces your bills, keeps electric rates lower for all and relieves pressure on the grid.

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Five easy ways to exercise your civic duty

America's electric cooperatives, including Cotton Electric, understand the value of building relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. There are many important policy issues that directly impact electric utilities and ultimately, you, the consumer-members we proudly serve. Strengthening our relationships with elected leaders positions us to advocate for our local community.

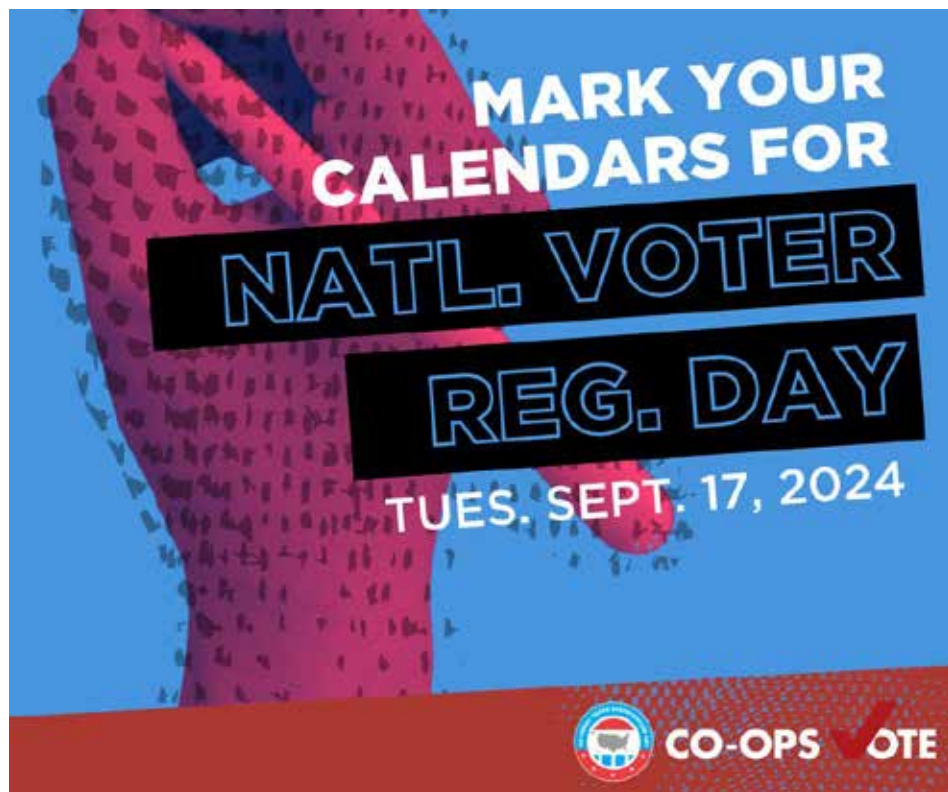
While Cotton Electric is a locally-owned cooperative, we're part of a larger network of electric co-ops. Through our non-partisan grassroots program known as "Co-ops Vote," we're working to enhance the political strength of electric co-ops and boost voter turnout. There's power in numbers, and when we all show up at the polls, we can voice the issues that matter most to our community.

National Voter Registration Day is September 17, and midterm elections are right around the corner. If you're looking to get involved or simply make sure you're ready to vote, here are five easy ways you can exercise your civic duty.

1. Don't assume your voter registration status is up to date. Visit www.vote.coop, then click "Election Resources" to verify your status.
2. Get informed. In addition to ensuring your registration is up to date, learning about local policy issues and candidates is one of the best ways you can prepare to vote.
3. Get active on social media. Follow @coopsvote on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and let others know you're a #coopvoter and #VoteReady; encourage your friends and family to do the same.
4. Help others prepare to vote. Work a National Voter Registration Day event (visit www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/events), volunteer to be a poll worker during midterm elections or offer to drive others to their polling places.
5. Vote! It's the easiest—and most important—way you can exercise your civic duty.

Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter most to you. Make a plan to vote and help others in our community get #VoteReady.

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Sending a child to college? Discuss safety first

When you are shopping for dorm room supplies, décor, snacks and other back-to-campus items, take a moment to discuss safety tips with your child before hugs and goodbyes.

Here are some safety topics to help keep your college student safe.

Electrical safety tips

- When shopping for items that run on electricity, look for a safety endorsement label, such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories).
- Keep all electrical appliances and cords safely away from bedding, curtains, papers, and other flammable material.
- In the dorm or apartment, make sure outlets near water sources are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). If they are not, contact the resident assistant, campus housing staff or landlord. (Look for a test and reset button on the face of the outlet.)
- Always use microwave-safe containers. Glass, ceramic containers, and plastics labeled "microwave-safe" should always be used. Metal and aluminum foil can damage the microwave or start a fire. If the microwave is damaged in any way, do not use it.
- Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power if too much current is drawn.
- Unplug small appliances when not in use and all electronics when away for extended periods.
- Avoid overloading extension cords, power strips or outlets.
- Do not hang decorative lights with nails or tacks; always use plastic hooks.
- Do not run electrical cords across traffic paths or under rugs.
- Never disable a smoke detector; and never ignore a fire alarm or assume it is a drill. Every time a fire alarm sounds, residents should calmly and quickly follow practiced procedures and immediately exit the building.

General safety tips

- Find out what type of public safety department is on campus and how it functions; ask which services the department offers and the steps it takes to prevent crime.
- Locate emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.
- Walk with a friend, especially at night.
- When attending events or parties, go with at least one person you know and trust. If your friend leaves, do not stay.

DORM SAFETY: 101
AVOID ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD

It's the time of year when college campuses are preparing for students moving all of their worldly possessions into their home away from home - the dorm!

Safe Electricity urges everyone to make sure their college-bound students take precautions to prevent and protect themselves from campus-related fires and shocks. **Do not overload your electrical outlets, power strips, or extension cords.** Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.

Potentially older wiring in student housing and apartments may not be able to handle the increased electrical demand of today's college student. If use of an appliance frequently causes power to trip off or if its power cord or the outlet feels hot, the appliance should be disconnected immediately and the condition reported to a resident assistant or housing manager.

Visit SafeElectricity.org for a complete list of safety steps to prevent and reduce the risk of electrical fires.

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
 - Avoid being distracted (listening to music, texting, and so on) while walking on campus.
 - Find out what types of mental health services or counseling the campus offers.
- To learn more about electrical safety tips, go to www.cottonelectric.com/safety or www.safeelectricity.org.

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Co-op Life



Savoring summertime in southwest Oklahoma

By Carli Eubank

Summer is in full swing: cars lining up at local sno-cone stands, crowds cheering under rodeo lights and family and friends gathering together for an evening barbecue. As the season slowly begins to wind down, so do opportunities of recreation and relaxation in the summer sun. Fortunately, there are plenty of activities and last-minute trip ideas across the co-op's service territory waiting for you to explore with family and friends.

Explore scenic trails

The Wichita Mountains are home to many stunning landscape views in southwest Oklahoma, with a range of activities and views for the summer season. A well-known trek or drive, through the Wichita Mountains is to the summit of Mount Scott. At the top of the mountain, visitors can take in a panoramic view of the area's vast landscape. To stay aware of hiking conditions at the Wichita Wildlife Refuge,

follow their Facebook page for timely updates. Light hiking trails near Waurika Lake and the campgrounds reveal hidden gems with trails winding through tall, green trees, as well.

Fun ways to cool off

One of the best ways to beat the summer heat is to make a splash. There is a list of lakes across our service territory for family and friends to explore, including Waurika Lake and Lake Taylor near Marlow. Whether you enjoy fishing, water skiing or just cruising on the water, there are many activities for you and your crew to enjoy.

A new feature at Lake Taylor and Comanche Lake is kayak rentals. The two cities have partnered with Rent.fun this summer to offer a self-service kayak rental program to the public. Rentals are available from sunrise to sunset, and fees range from \$15 to \$25 per hour. For more information, visit www.rent.fun/kayak-rental/marlow-ok or www.cityofcomanche.com.



Spending time at Waurika Lake is a great way to stay cool in the summer sun. Photo by Carli Eubank.

Another way to stay cool is stopping by the Medicine Park Aquarium and Natural Sciences Center for an up close experience with native animal species. Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with various admission fees. The Medicine Park Aquarium and Natural Sciences Center is a Co-op Connections partner, and members can take advantage of the admission discount when they present their Co-op Connections card at the register. For more information, visit www.mpmns.org.

Pick seasonal treats

Summer is also the perfect time for delicious seasonal treats. Whether you are looking to support a local business or local farmer, there are plenty of cool snack options to choose from.

Strolling through local farmers markets are great spots to pick seasonal produce, such as a wide variety of fruits and vegetables,

to bring home and make a delicious treat. Local produce stands are scattered across Rush Springs with delicious watermelon crops, leading up to the annual Rush Springs Watermelon Festival Aug. 10 at Jeff Davis Park.

Shopping at ThinkAbility Garden Market is a great way to support local farmers and vendors with their seasonal, locally produced goods, like flowers, foods, soaps and more. The ThinkAbility Garden Market is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 805 W. Main in Duncan. For more information about ThinkAbility, visit their website at www.thinkabilityfirst.com.

Whether you're wanting to soak up the final days of summer or discover new experiences, there is something for you to discover and enjoy within the co-op's territory in southwest Oklahoma.

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$\frac{2}{3}$ of lightning fatalities are associated with outdoor recreational activities.

Pay attention to weather forecasts **before you go canoeing or boating**. Get off the open water as soon as you **hear thunder**.

Look up for power lines while fishing or sailing.
FACT: Fishing is the most common outdoor activity associated with lightning-related deaths.

Tent camping? Plan ahead, seek shelter in a hard-top vehicle or four-sided building during a storm or at the first sight of lightning.

Do not use generators in enclosed areas. The same goes for grills, camping stoves or other small appliances that produce carbon monoxide.

Going for a hike? If you hear thunder or see lightning, **do not seek shelter under a tree.**



Otters are one of the many animals visitors can see at the Medicine Park Aquarium and Natural Sciences Center. Photo by Carli Eubank.

Community Spotlight

If you would like your community event listed in the September issue, please submit information by calling 580-875-3351, or send an email to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com by Aug. 30. Only events occurring after Sept. 13 will be published in the next issue.

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

Rodeo returns to Elgin

Come to a southwestern Oklahoma tradition to enjoy rodeo events, live entertainment and vendors at the Elgin Rodeo. The festivities are Aug. 16 through Aug. 17 at Kenney and Miller Roads in Elgin. For questions or more information, call 580-695-8343.

Duncan's Annual Coin Show

Come to Duncan's Annual Coin Show to buy, sell or trade gold, silver, coins, currency, tokens and more. Free appraisals will be available. It's open to the public with free admission, as well. The event is Sept. 12 through Sept. 14 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds, 1618 S. 13 St. in Duncan. For questions or more information, contact Ed at 580-475-4570.

United Way Seventh Annual BBQ Showdown

Enjoy delicious barbecue for a good cause as the United Way 7th Annual BBQ Showdown comes to Duncan's

Fuqua Park from noon to 2 p.m. on Sept. 14. Judging will begin at 10 a.m., and awards will be announced at noon. This event supports United Way of Stephens County's partnering agencies. Admission price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Cook teams can enter up to Aug. 31. For questions or more information, call 580-255-3648 or visit www.unitedwayofsc.org.

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 located in the old City Hall, 131 1/2 W. California St. 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 questions or more information, call Roger Noland at 580-591-6826.

Blessings Boutique open monthly

Marlow First United Methodist Church opens its Blessings Boutique from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month. Clothing donation drop-off days are Tuesdays, or call the church at 580-658-2765 to make other arrangements.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Cotton Electric member Timothy Self snaps a photo of his family while on vacation in Japan.

Enter your "best shot" in our Photo of the Month contest. The theme for September is Pets! Entries can be emailed to TheCurrent@CottonElectric.com or mailed to The Current, 226 N. Broadway, Walters, OK 73572. Winners will receive a Cotton Electric prize.

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Sugar feeds cancer: A fallacy requiring a deeper understanding



Kim Bandelier, MPH, RD, LD



The concept that sugar feeds cancer is an oversimplification of metabolism with potential consequences for patients undergoing cancer treatment. It is more accurate to say that glucose is the primary fuel source for most cells in the body, including cancer cells. Hormones in the body which maintain necessary levels of glucose in the bloodstream will prompt the body to make glucose if it is not receiving enough from an external source. Carbohydrates and amino acids can be converted to glucose to fuel cells. The medical community has not figured out a way to direct fuel to noncancerous cells only.

Obesity exhibits a stronger link to cancer in the scientific literature. Obesity is

generally linked to excess calorie intake compared to calorie expenditure. Excess calories can come from overconsumption of carbohydrates, fat, or protein. Maintaining a healthy weight through diet and exercise plays a part in cancer prevention.

During cancer treatment, the nutrition focus shifts to consuming enough calories and protein to prevent weight loss/muscle loss. Sometimes those extra calories may need to come from added sugars. Treatment side effects like nausea, vomiting, taste alterations, constipation, diarrhea, mouth sores, etc. make it difficult for cancer patients to consume adequate calories and protein, necessitating easing dietary restrictions to allow eating

any food possible regardless of added sugar content. When the side effects are under control, shifting to healthier food intake is ideal.

Once cancer treatment is over and side effects impacting nutrition intake have subsided, it is important to resume dietary habits to maintain a healthy weight. This includes controlling excess calories from added sugars.

Sugar feeds most cells in the body. Added sugars should be limited as a component of a healthy diet to maintain a healthy body weight. However, sugar can be an important source of calories during cancer treatment and should not be restricted at the cost of adequate calorie intake during cancer treatment.



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6 tips for planning your next road trip

(Family Features) Warmer weather provides a perfect opportunity to hop behind the wheel of your car and explore breathtaking scenery, cultural experiences and adventures waiting to be discovered both near and far.

To ensure a smooth and memorable journey, consider these planning tips before departing on your road trip adventure.

Set your destination

When planning a road trip, the first step is to decide your destination. Consider factors such as the distance you are willing to travel, time available for your trip and attractions or landmarks you want to visit along the way. Also factor in weather conditions and seasonality of your destination as some places may be more enjoyable to visit during certain times of year. Keep in mind any special events or festivals happening you might want to attend.

Determine a budget

Determine how much you are willing to spend on gas, food, lodging and entertainment. This can help you make informed decisions and avoid overspending. For example, when budgeting for food, plan for a mix of dining out and cooking your own meals. Pack a cool-

er with snacks and drinks for the road and make use of local grocery stores or farmers markets to buy fresh ingredients.

Plan your route

Take some time to map out your journey using online tools or GPS devices, considering the most scenic and interesting routes available. Consider the duration of your trip and how many stops you want to make along the way, finding a balance between driving time and time spent exploring attractions or enjoying the scenery. Also identify any must-see landmarks along your route.

Research accommodations

Research different accommodation options along your route, such as hotels, motels, campgrounds and vacation rentals. Compare prices, read reviews and consider factors like location, amenities and safety. To save money on accommodations, consider alternatives like camping or staying with friends or family.

Pack the essentials

Packing for a road trip can be a challenge, but with the right essentials, you can ensure a comfortable and

enjoyable journey. Start by making a list of the items you may need during the trip, including clothing, toiletries and any special equipment or gear. Don't forget essentials like comfortable shoes, swimwear and a jacket or sweater.

Other important items to pack include a first aid kit, snacks and drinks for the road, phone chargers and entertainment options such as books, music or games. It's also a good idea to pack basic tools and emergency supplies, such as a flashlight, jumper cables, spare tire and a roadside emergency kit.

Take appropriate safety precautions

While road trips are exciting adventures, it's important to prioritize safety to ensure a smooth and memorable journey. Before hitting the road, share your itinerary with someone you trust and make sure your vehicle is in good condition. Check the tires, brakes, fluids and lights to minimize the risk of breakdowns or accidents. Also plan regular rest stops to avoid driver fatigue and stay updated on weather conditions and road closures along your route.

Find more tips to make the most of your road trip experience at eLivingtoday.com.

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4 tips to maintain your grill

(Family Features) Regular maintenance is important for ensuring the performance and longevity of your grill. By properly maintaining your outdoor cooking appliance, you can prevent rust, extend its lifespan and ensure it cooks food safely.

Neglecting grill maintenance can lead to the buildup of grease and food particles as well as decreased cooking efficiency, safety hazards and necessary repair or replacement. A clean grill typically produces better-tasting food by preventing the transfer of unwanted flavors from previous meals.

By taking the time to properly care for your grill with these tips, you can help ensure its performance and longevity.

Clean and Season the Grates

Regularly cleaning and seasoning grill grates can help keep them in top condition. Start by heating the grill to a high temperature to burn off leftover food and grease. Once hot, use a grill brush to scrub away residue. After cleaning, rinse grates thoroughly with water and dry thoroughly. Once dry, apply a thin layer of cooking oil to prevent rust, keep food from sticking, maintain the flavor of your food and ensure even cooking.

Inspect and Clean the Burners

To ensure efficient heat distribution and prevent flare-ups, it's important to inspect and clean your gas grill's burners. Before cleaning, turn off the gas supply and disconnect the propane tank. Remove the burners and check for any signs of damage or corrosion. Use a wire brush to clean debris or buildup and a thin wire or paperclip to clear any clogs. After cleaning, reassemble burners and check for proper alignment. Make sure there are no gas leaks and the burners ignite properly.



Photo courtesy of Unsplash

Check and Replace Parts as Needed

To extend the lifespan of your grill, regularly check and replace any worn or damaged parts. Inspect components, such as the ignition system, cooking grates, control knobs and propane connections for signs of wear and tear, rust or loose connections. If you notice any issues, replace the parts as soon as possible.

Protect Your Grill from the Elements

If you have a grill cover, use it whenever your grill is not in use to shield it from rain, snow and the sun's rays. If you don't have a cover, consider investing in one or store your grill in a sheltered area away from strong winds and extreme weather conditions. Regularly clean your grill's exterior using mild soap and water. Avoid using abrasive cleaners that can damage the finish to help prevent rust, corrosion and other damage caused by exposure to the elements.

Find more tips to make the most of grilling season at eLivingtoday.com.



Fiesta Snacks

- 1 pound chicken, chopped
- 1/2 cup salsa, divided
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 8 tortillas (8 inches)
- 1/3 cup refried beans
- 1/2 cup guacamole
- 6 ounces shredded cheese

Heat oven to 350 F.

In skillet, cook chopped chicken until done.

In medium bowl, mix cooked chicken, 1/4 cup salsa and sour cream until blended.

In small bowl, mix refried beans and remaining salsa until blended.

Lay two tortillas on baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Spread chicken mixture over both tortillas. Place second set of tortillas over chicken mixture. Spread guacamole over top tortillas. Place third set of tortillas on top and spread refried bean mixture over tortillas.

Place fourth set of tortillas on top and sprinkle shredded cheese over tortillas.

Bake 10 minutes until cheese is melted.

Stack a savory snack

(Culinary.net) Having fun in the kitchen can be an easy way to get kids involved for a family-friendly activity. These Fiesta Snacks call for flavors many kids love stacked up in a way that allows them to aid in the process. Find more snack recipes at Culinary.net.

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A fruity, frosted dessert

(Culinary.net) If you need a recipe idea for your ripened bananas, try this Frosted Banana Cake recipe. A moist but not overly sweet cake bursting with banana flavor paired with a cream cheese frosting may be your new favorite.

Find more dessert recipes at Culinary.net.



Frosted banana cake

- 2 medium ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Nonstick cooking spray

Frosting:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350 F.
 Peel, slice and mash ripened bananas; set aside.
 In large bowl, beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, sour cream and vanilla; blend well. Gradually add in flour. Stir in bananas. Add baking soda and salt; mix well.
 Prepare 9x13 baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Pour batter into baking pan. Bake 20-25 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Let cool.
 To make frosting: In large bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla extract until fluffy. Gradually add powdered sugar. Mix until well combined.
 Frost cake. Store in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Aim for healthier hydration with a habit-building beverage

(Family Features) Begin building tiny, healthier practices into routines you already have to help make it easier to establish habits you can stick to. This concept is called "habit stacking," and it can help you improve habits from morning to night.

Consider those busy mornings when you need an on-the-go solution – rather than opting for sugary foods and drinks, turn to Green Tea Berry Banana Smoothies that include unsweetened green tea. When incorporated as part of an overall healthy diet, unsweetened tea can support heart health.

This no-sugar-added recipe from Lipton, a proud national sponsor of the American Heart Association's Life is Why campaign, can help you enjoy healthier



mornings while checking emails or hydrating before heading to the office.

Choosing beverages with no added sugars can contribute to a healthy heart, according to the American Heart Association, making these smoothies perfect for building into a morning routine. Because it's predominantly water, which is needed to keep your body running at its best, unsweetened tea provides a delicious way to hydrate without ditching those healthier habits.

Visit Heart.org/eatsmart to find more habits that contribute to heart health.

Green Tea Berry Banana Smoothies

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4 (1 1/2 cups per serving)

- 3 cups water
- 8 single-serving green tea bags
- 16 ounces frozen mixed berries (about 3 cups)
- 2 medium bananas, peeled, cut in half and frozen
- 1 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons fresh-grated peeled gingerroot (optional)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (optional)
- 2 teaspoons chia or flax seeds (optional)

In small saucepan over high heat, bring water to boil. Remove pan from heat. Submerge tea bags. Steep 4 minutes. Discard tea bags. Let tea mixture cool 30

minutes. Pour into pitcher. Refrigerate 2 hours, or until chilled.

In food processor or blender, process tea, berries, bananas and yogurt until smooth. Add gingerroot and vanilla, if desired, and process until smooth. Pour into four glasses. Sprinkle with chia seeds, if desired.

Nutritional information per serving (without optional ingredients): 136 calories; 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat, trans fat, polyunsaturated fat and monounsaturated fat); 3 mg cholesterol; 23 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrates; 5 g fiber; 18 g total sugars (0 g added sugars); 8 g protein.

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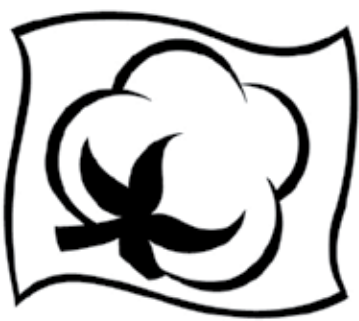
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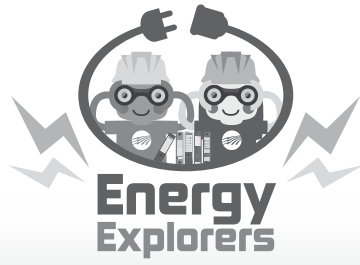
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BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

As you gear up for a new school year, remember to practice electrical safety in the classroom and at home. From powering electronic devices to spending time outdoors with friends, always play it safe around electricity.

Read the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle, then double check your answers in the key.



ACROSS:

- Never insert anything other than this into an electrical outlet.
- When outdoors, stay away from these big green boxes that lower electricity voltage.

DOWN:

- Never play around these when you're outside; you can get hurt!
- Don't yank on a _____ when unplugging it. Instead, grab the base and pull from there.
- Always make sure your hands are _____ before plugging anything in.

ANSWER KEY

1. ACROSS: PLUG
 2. DOWN: CORD
 3. DOWN: DRY
 4. ACROSS: TRANSFORMER
 1. DOWN: POWERLINES

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