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ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Shane Burgess Manager of Engineering Design & Special Projects

"Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a memberowned business that delivers competitively priced electric power and works to improve our

members' quality of life." For 82 years, this has been the mission of NOEC. We were founded as a result of the Rural Electrification Act of 1935 championed by Franklin D. Roosevelt as an economic stimulus measure following the Great Depression. Today, as much as ever, this mission still rings true.

To ensure we meet the goal of delivering competitively priced electric power, NOEC is governed by a set of rules approved by our board of trustees. *Terms and Conditions of Service* also outline rate structures and procedures by which the cooperative operates. Each aspect of the *Terms and Conditions* works with the others to ensure rates remain as low as possible and the membership investment is secure.

The Standard Extension policy of the Terms and Conditions is a critical aspect of keeping the rates as low as possible. Each new service built, each pole changed out, and each service moved by request is an expenditure that impacts the bottom line. Our rates are structured to support a certain level of capital expenditure without requiring adjustment. Obviously, there are a number of other factors that influence rates, but this element is more easily controlled.

Take the construction of a new service to a house for example. The construction of a new service to a permanent residence is allocated up to 600' of facility extension at no cost to the prospective member. From 601' up to 1,200' requires the payment of aid to construction of 50 percent of the cost for that segment. Anything over 1,200' requires 100 percent of the construction cost be paid by the new member. This structure is designed to make sure the rates can handle the cost of construction without negatively impacting the entire membership.

We have been entrusted by you, the member, through democratic member control, to fulfill the mission statement of NOEC. We strive to fulfill these obligations daily and are grateful for the opportunity to do so. As we navigate unprecedented times both in our country and globally, rest assured the men and women of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative are here for you–our friends, neighbors, and family.





AUGUST PEACH RECIPES



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\$100 IS HIDING!

Search the pages of NE Connection for a 6-digit account number with an asterisk on each side. For example: *XXXXX*. Compare it to your account number, which appears on your monthly electric bill. If they match, contact the cooperative at 918.256.9332, by September 1, 2020, to claim a \$100 credit on your electric account.

Events are published as space allows and must be submitted at least 60 days in advance. Send information, including phone number for publication, to Northeast Connection Events Calendar, PO Box 948, Vinita 74301 or email to publicrelations@noec.coop AUGUST 2020 EVENTS ...

Harbors View Marina Raftup 2020 Aug 1 | Afton Safe Harbor Harbors View 918.782.0445

Wild Eats! Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Bernice Grand Lake State Park - Bernice 918.257.8330

ORRE Series Race #5 Aug 7-9 | Jay MidAmerica Outdoors 918.837.0079

Ottawa County Free Fair Aug 15-22 | Miami Ottawa County Fair Grounds 918.542.1688

Inola Super Series Barrel Racing Aug 21, 28 | Inola Inola Super Series Barrel Racing 918.289.6030

Rodeo Miami 2020 Aug 28 | Miami Miami Fairgrounds 417.825.6712 August events are subject to date change or cancellation. Please contact the host for most current event information.

SAVE THE DATE

REC Day 2020 Sep 19 | Multiple Locations

Craig County Vinita High School Delaware County Grove Middle Schoo

Mayes County Locust Grove Early Learning Center

Ottawa County Miami High School

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AREA ASSISTANCE AGENCIES:

CRAIG COUNTY

Department of Human Services (DHS)	918.713.5000
Grand Gateway 800.482.4594 or	918.783.5793
Grand Lake Community Ministries	918.782.2861
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	918.713.8088

DELAWARE COUNTY

Community Action	918.253.4683
Cherokee Nation Human Services, Jay	918.253.4219
DHS	918.435.3001
Grand Gateway 800.482.4594 or	918.783.5793

OTTAWA COUNTY

DHS	918.541.2400 or 800.884.1715
Grand Gateway	800.482.4594 or 918.783.5793
Salvation Army	

MAYES COUNTY

Cherokee Housing Author	ity 918.825.4811
DHS	918.824.4900 or 800.815.7572
Grand Gateway	. 800.482.4594 or 918.783.5793
Salvation Army/Communit	ty Action, Pryor 918.825.3423

ROGERS COUNTY

Community Action		918.341.5000
DHS	918.283.8300 or	800.270.0804
Grand Gateway	800.482.4594 or	918.783.5793

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Salvation Army	479.521.2151
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Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe	405.422.7476
Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma	. 580.436.7256
Choctaw Nation of OK 580.924.8280 of	r 800.522.6170
Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma	918.337.6590
Eastern Shawnee Tribe	918.666.5151
Kaw Nation 580.269.2552 of	r 866.404.5297
Kiowa Tribe	. 580.654.2300
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	
Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma	918.542.1190
Ottawa Tribe	918.540.1536
Quapaw Tribe 918.	542.1853 x222
Sac and Fox Nation	918.968.3526
Seneca-Caygua Tribe	. 918.787.5452
Shawnee Tribe	. 918.542.2441
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	918-871-2800
Wyandotte Nation	. 918.678.2297

SPECIAL NOTICES AVAILABLE:

Members struggling to pay utility bills may qualify for additional notice or provisions prior to disconnection of service for non-payment. These rules provide requirements for special notice, deferred payment plan, and special provisions that may delay disconnection. Here, we address a few of these requirements.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Elderly and disabled members may qualify for special notice from the OCC regarding pending disconnection of service. To qualify, a member must be age 65 or older or have a disability or impairment that substantially limits their ability to pay for utility service. Members must submit a written request and complete a verification form to qualify for the additional notice from the OCC.

DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN

Members may contact Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative to enter a payment arrangement, referred to by the cooperative as a "one-time agreement," before being disconnected for non-payment. If service is disconnected, the member may be required to pay the full amount owed, including disconnect and reconnect fees, and provide a deposit before being reconnected.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Weather may create a special provision under which disconnection of service is delayed. On days the heat index is predicted to be 101° F or higher or the low is predicted to be 32° F or lower, the cooperative will suspend disconnection activity.

Residential members who have applied for and are awaiting financial assistance from a federal, state, or local service agency may qualify for a delay in the disconnection of service. The agency involved must provide the cooperative verification of the application for assistance.

It is important to remember that qualifying for a delay in disconnection or additional notice does not absolve a member from the full payment of their bill.

The cooperative gladly complies with rules outlined by the Oklahoma Coorporation Commission (OCC). To learn more about these and other requirements of the OCC, contact the cooperative member services department at 1.800.256.6405, the Consumer Services Division of the OCC at 1.800.522.8154, or mail: Consumer Services Division, P. O. Box 52000, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

YOU COULD WIN BIG CHANGES COMING TO REC DAY 2020 ..

With everything that is happening right now in our world, it is becoming increasingly clear that many of the old ways of doing business are changing.



Thus, after careful thought and planning, a decision has been made by cooperative management to take the meeting to the members. That's right. New for 2020, the annual membership meeting of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is coming to a town near you.

"To ensure the safety of our members and employees, REC Day will take place using a drive-thru format," explained NOEC General Manager Daniel Webster. "On Saturday, September 19, members will be able to register, vote, receive a free gift, and be entered into prize drawings. The grand prize is \$10,000 and members won't even need to leave their vehicle."

REC Day drive-thru locations will include:

- Craig County Vinita High School
- Delaware County Grove Middle School
- Mayes County Locust Grove Early Learning Center
- Ottawa County Miami High School

EFFICIENCY

Change Your Home Air Filter Regularly

Check your filter every month, especially during heavy use months (winter and summer). If the filter looks dirty after a month, change it. At a minimum, change the filter every 3 months. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool and waste energy. A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system, leading to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure.

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College Dorm & Apartment Fire Hazards

- Placing lit items such as candles near flammable materials (paper, clothing, etc.)
- Overloading electrical outlets
- Covering lights with curtains or tapestries
- Lighting candles near flammable decorations
- Leaving cooking food unattended
- Ironing on flammable surfaces

CO-OP FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE





By Patti Beth Anderson, NOEC member

Like many folks during this unexpected time of "hunker bunker," I've cleaned out some closets and organized some drawers. My list of projects included finally emptying some plastic tubs of old photos and memorabilia that have been shuffled from spot to spot down through the years. Am I the only one who finds it difficult to toss something that has survived for 50 years?

Digging through the stacks of memories, I ran across an article from the Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative newspaper, dated March 1969. I was seven years old at that time. I glanced at the content and saw who won the Craig County Share-the-Fun that year and then read an article on "Age and Sex Factors on Litterbugs" (FYI: the Gallup poll said men between the ages 21 and 35 were the worst offenders). I unfolded the brittle, yellowed newspaper and some familiar faces caught my eye in the grainy black and white photos. Under the catchy headline "Roberts Family Enjoys Farm" was my clan. There wasn't a byline for who wrote the article, but it gave my sister and I a chuckle and a tear as we read it together after all these years. The reporter followed up the "enjoyment" theme by telling what each of our family members loved about farm life. Our mother, Betty, had an entire paragraph about how she kept busy and found plenty to do around the house, along with keeping her chickens and garden and canning and being leader of the local 4-H Club. I can't ever remember a moment when my mom needed to look for something to keep herself busy.

At 12, my sister Julia Jane liked to work and help with the farrowing house. The big news was her Hampshire pig taking first place at the Delaware County Fat Hog Show. Who remembers when we called it a fat hog show?

Obviously, the person writing the article didn't know our family too well. I was reported to be eight (I still had a month to go), and more inaccurately, was said to enjoy playing the piano. The couple of lines about me did mention that I liked riding my horse, Molly, and I had my own chores. Both were true.

Julia and I grew up with chores on the family farm. We helped mom feed the chickens, gather eggs, and work in the garden. We laugh and tell our kids we were both Goody Two Shoes growing up because we had a mother who could wring chicken necks in both hands at the same time. We'd seen her do it too many times to challenge her disciplinary skills. Plus, our dad had been known to ship an ornery hog or mean cow to the sale barn for just acting like they might misbehave. We were good kids.

The article goes on to discuss our daddy, Paul Roberts, and his love of farm living. The picture of our 42-year-old dad looking over into the pen at a brood sow with her babies huddled under the heat lamp brings back a flood of memories. I can still smell those sweet little piggies, the straw, and ground feed. Those electric heat lamps were cutting edge. Before the farrowing house, dad would bring the babies into the living room in a wash tub to survive a cold night in front of the stove. I thought it was great fun to play with a piggy on the rug. Who wouldn't?

There is a family picture of the four of us in front of the fireplace. Betty and her girls all wearing dresses handmade on mom's sewing machine. It would be years before we learned clothes could be store-bought. My favorite photo in the spread is a picture of Julia Jane and me in our bedroom. Our folks hired Floyd Barnes from Southwest City, Missouri, to take a break from working on the barns and hog houses to remodel our farmhouse's attic and create a "dream come true" bedroom for my sister and me. We had tinv corner closets tucked under the eaves of the roof, matching bedspreads, and vanities built by our grandpa George. In the picture, Julia is showing me how to operate our new 4kW heater in the room. That heater still is in operation, and as I recall, there was an on/off button and a high/low dial. The electric panel with the master switch is clear in the picture, too, lest I forget. The caption reads "Electric heat is clean and safe, and it can be controlled by the flick of a switch." Yep, it was. Uptown stuff.

The reporter didn't mention the tiny black and white television in the photo. We really felt big time when our parents let us have our own TV. I don't remember watching it too much. The rabbit-ear antennae sitting on top only pulled in two channels. Julia's 33 LP records are in the picture, but not her Hi-Fi stereo that she won for showmanship from the co-op for that first place fat hog. The speakers even detached, which allowed for surround sound-if 20 inches of speaker cable can be considered surround. We had it made.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ELECTRIC CO-OP NEWS

Roberts Family Enjoys Far

Parm living is enjoyed by the Paul Roberts family on their place about four miles northeast of Grove, Paul and Betly have two hughters, Patti Beth, 8, and Julie Ince 19.

Having been raised on a farm, Having been raised on a farm, Peul has always loved farm living but felt in order to provide for his family as he wanted to he must have full-time employment. He worked several years for B.F. Goodrich in Miami before getting month convents to out this tob and nough courage to quit his job and full-time farming. It was a ion that would affect the viscle family but none of them ass regretted it.

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place in her class. Although still a little young, Patti Beth has her own chores to do also. She enjoys riding her favorite horse "Molly"

riding her favorite horse 'Molly" and playing the piano. Along with his farming chores Paul is sales representative for Pioneer Seeds in the Grove area and is a deacon in the Grove area that Church in Grove where he

chickens and their garden and canning each year. She is a native of Vinita and worked for the fore she and Paul were maried be is an active member and leader in 4-H club work. Julia Jane likes to work and help around the farrowing house she enjoys showing her Hampion she hard best the pol-aware Fat Hog show she won first plate in her class. Although stati

Roberts has a fine diversifie-Roberts has a line diversified farming operation where he breeds, broods and feeds out his swine. Paul utilizes electricity to help him in the proceeding phase of this operation. His eleven stall brooding pens are equipped with infra-red heat hangs and general licitations. lighting.

Don Taylor, Delaware Count extension agent, has assisted Paul in planning his year-round hog program. With 22 registered in planning his year-round nog program, with 2 registered Hampfline now, and a registered Durce bear the pigs produced as a result of this cross reach 30-200 pounds, and peak in field con-version. The litters always look the registered Hamp even though they are half Durot. Paul raises his own graun and matters in through hogs and livestock, Thefu s are hay, soy l

At the present time, he has T feeder pigs on hand and a second group of sows beginning to farrow Roberts markets most of his products in the area with a major portion going to Seneca and Jos

If you are interested in swing production, it may help you to contact Roberts. He has a fine how to open program and knows how to oper ate efficiently and economically.

Commercial Fishing Stopped at Hudson State Wildlife officials have in



ROBERTS FAMILY includes Paul and Betty Roberts and their two daughters, Julie Jane (left), 12, and Patti Beth, 8

I don't think I'll be able to toss the article because of the way it describes our dad. Along with his "fine diversified farming operation," both his work as a Pioneer Seed sales representative and being a deacon in the Grove First Baptist Church is cited. He also worked in the intermediate youth department. I'd almost forgotten about that, but it meant a yearly trip to the spooklight for us when he took the boys from his Sunday School class.

Dad is guoted as saying "farm life is great for family living" and he'd "like to see more of the nation's youth take an interest in farming because there are too many people leaving the farm to work in the big cities." I smile now to read that, as our folks worked hard to give us the chance to go to college and get those "big city" jobs, but we are both back and working together at keeping the family farm going. We now run cattle rather than hogs, but we still depend on that Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative electricity to help us with baby calves that need extra heat on cold nights. *114904*

Much has changed, but some things never change. Our family still enjoys the farm.

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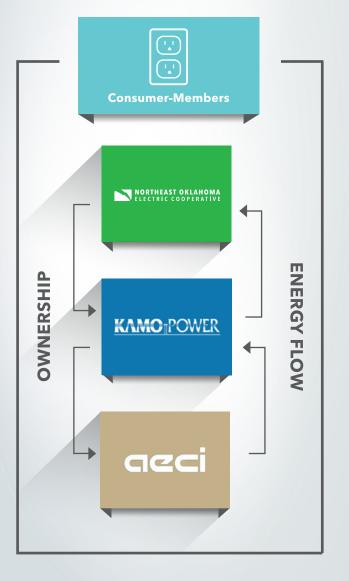
Front Cover: Aerial photograph of Roberts Roost Ranch

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THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER

ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE GENERATES THE ENERGY THAT POWERS YOUR LIFE



Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative embarked on a new alliance with a familiar face in 2017 when an agreement was reached to make KAMO Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KAMO Power), our organization's exclusive power provider.

KAMO Power is a generation & transmission cooperative headquartered in Vinita, Oklahoma. Formed in 1941, KAMO Power is owned by-and supplies power resources to-17 member distribution cooperatives in both northeast Oklahoma and southwest Missouri. KAMO Power is one of six generation & transmission utilities that own Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI). AECI, in turn, supplies electric capacity and energy resources for the six generation & transmission entities.

Powering homes, farms and businesses in rural areas is a point of pride for Associated Electric Cooperative, the generation and transmission cooperative located in Springfield, Missouri. If you are a member of a co-op in Missouri, southeast lowa or northeast Oklahoma, your electricity comes from Associated's power plants. This cooperative is owned by members like you and serves 2.1 million people. It's controlled through three tiers, including your distribution cooperative, its transmission cooperative and a board including representatives from each level.

"Associated generates power for electric cooperatives in our system with values learned from our member-owners," says Emery "Buster" Geisendorfer, member-elected president of Associated's board of directors. "We know they want reliable, affordable power generated in a responsible way. That's how we view the power we generate – it must meet that reliable, affordable and responsible test."

A Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative member, Buster is a cattleman from Monticello. He serves on his local board and is president of Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative, a regional transmission co-op. He says the three-tiered system–distribution, transmission and generation–is a key difference in why and how Associated generates power.

"I'm a member, too," Buster says. "Those who serve our memberowners at every level of the three-tiered system are focused on members."

"Our relationships with KAMO and AECI is such that it feels like we operate more like a single entity rather than 'us and them.' I guess you could say, it feels more like a family operation. "

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- Jim Wade, NOEC District #7 trustee



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Power when you need it

Providing reliable power expected by members requires different types of generation. Associated's fleet – producing electricity generated by natural gas, coal, wind and hydropower – is diverse enough to provide power on the hottest, coldest, driest, windiest and calmest days. Natural gas and coal are the most reliable forms of generation because they operate around the clock. They can be controlled unlike power sources that use available wind, sunshine or water to operate. There also are adequate supplies of natural gas and coal, including a 45- to 60-day coal stockpile onsite that keeps each of the plants running when needed.

Power at a fair price

Electricity is provided to members 24 hours a day, 7 day a week, 365 days a year. As members ramp up their use, Associated's goal is to ensure reliability, then match members' needs to the most affordable generation resource.

Coal generation supplied about half of members' electricity in 2019. Low prices for natural gas have increased the use of this fuel source in Associated's energy mix, which benefits members. Coal and natural gas are typically less expensive for generation than wind or other renewable sources. Hydropower, the lowest-cost source, is used as much as possible, but is limited in supply by rainfall and is controlled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Power generated the right way

A focus on members drives Associated to be responsible caretakers of the natural environment. To balance reliable and affordable electricity with environmental responsibility is not easy or inexpensive, but Associated is committed to generating power the right way. Associated and its members have spent more than \$1.1 billion to reduce air emissions since 1994, resulting in more than 70% improvement in air quality. By adding significant amounts of wind power to diversify generating sources, investing in environmental controls and staying up-todate with regulations and technologies, Associated complies with environmental regulations at the lowest cost possible for members.

"Having actual end users of its electricity sit on its board of directors makes Associated unique among other generators," says Buster. "I know the electricity I use on my farm is provided at the lowest possible cost. Balancing reliable and affordable electricity with environmental responsibility takes a steadfast commitment and an allocation of resources. It's a priority Associated takes seriously. Their experience assures Associated meets the needs of its member owners. I can't imagine a better way to run a business that puts service first."

In next month's issue: Reliability means having electricity available when you flip the switch. We'll dive deeper into Associated's ongoing efforts to maintain excellent reliability for members.





RECIPES CELEBRATE NATIONAL PEACH MONTH



PEACH SALAD

SIDE DISH

- 3 TB Fresh Lemon Juice
- 3 TB Olive Oil
- 2 tsp Pure Honey
- 1 Shallot Chopped
- 1 Fresno Chile, Sliced
- Salt & Pepper
- 3 Ripe Peaches, Wedges
- 2 Avocados, Wedges
- 1/2 C Fresh Mint
- 1/4 C Pistachios, Chopped

Whisk together lemon juice, oil, honey, shallot, and chile in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Add peaches and toss to coat. Let sit at least 15 minutes and up to 1 hour. Just before serving, add avocado and mint and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Top with pistachios and garnish with mint.



PEACH COBBLER

DESSERT

- 1 C Bisquick Mix
- 1 C Milk
- 1/2 tsp Ground Nutmeg
- 1/2 C Butter, Melted
- 1 C Sugar
- 1 29oz Can Peaches, Drained

Heat oven to 375° F. Stir together Bisquick mix, milk and nutmeg in ungreased 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish. Stir in butter until blended. Stir together sugar and peaches in a separate bowl or container; spoon over batter. Bake 50 to 60 minutes until golden.

The texture of canned peaches is good for baking, they hold their shape and stay moist and sweet. The cobbler topping stays very tender and is especially good if sprinkled with coarse sugar before baking.

Grab a carton of pecan praline or cinnamon ice cream to top the warm cobbler once it's done baking.

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Take this short survey and help us learn how to better serve you! You could win a prize!

We are polling YOU, our readership, to see what you like most or want to see from our member publication, Northeast Connection. Please take a moment and fill out the survey below and provide detailed comments where applicable. Survey entries postmarked or received by email by August 20, 2020, will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

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How important is the **Northeast Connection among** publications available to you?

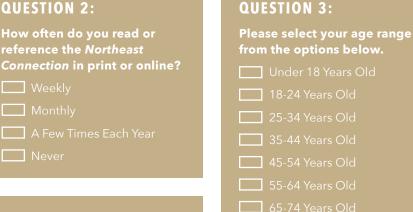
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QUESTION 2:



QUESTION 4:

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