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1. Check your switch or circuit breaker in the house and on the meter pole to be sure the trouble is not on your side of the service.
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## OFF THE CLOCK

**Tim Wilson**

**Vinita Operations  
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For a Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative lineman, typical working hours simply do not apply.

Regardless of the situation, be it a broken pole or wildlife-related outage, our linemen always answer the call—even in the middle of a storm. They can be counted on to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Sometimes this means they work through weekends and miss out on holidays and important family events.

Being a lineman is not for everyone. It is not uncommon to find them working long hours in frigid temperatures; in the middle of a lightning storm; and in challenging elements such as rain, ice, and snow. When the storm hits, however, NOEC members can rest knowing they will receive reliable service from skilled professionals who strive to provide prompt restoration of electric power. All of this is done while keeping safety for members and themselves a top priority.

When all is quiet here at home and natural disasters occur elsewhere, our linemen often volunteer to assist other cooperatives. They may travel several states away and be apart from their families for weeks at a time to help restore power for members just like our own.

Although the challenging weather conditions are no different than those that confronted cooperative line crews 80 years ago when NOEC was first organized, advances in technology have greatly improved our ability to respond in outage situations. Linemen are no longer required to climb every pole to make repairs. Technology has paved the way for our present day linemen to use bucket trucks instead of climbing hooks and boom trucks to set poles rather than antiquated pike poles and hand digging methods.

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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: \*XXXXXX\*. Compare it to your account number, which appears on your monthly electric bill. If they match, contact the cooperative at 918.256.6405, by July 1, 2022, to claim a \$100 credit on your electric account.

## JUNE 2022 EVENTS .....

### Miami Little Theatre Presents:

#### Youth on Stage

June 2-5 | Miami

Grove Community Center Lawn

### The Grove Block Party

June 3 | Grove

Grove Community Center Lawn

### 2022 Camp Bandage

June 4 | Afton

Camp Bandage

### Boater Safety Class

June 4, 18 | Langley

GRDA Police

### Grove Farmers' Market

June 4, 11, 18, and 25 | Grove

Grove Community Center Lawn

### Outlaw Nationals Monster Trucks at Miami Fairgrounds

June 10-11 | Miami

Miami Fairgrounds

### 4-Way Rodeo

June 10-11 | Vinita

Mayes County Fairgrounds

### O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw Nationals

June 10-11 | Miami

Miami Fairgrounds

### Vinita Route 66 Festival

June 15-18 | Vinita

Downtown

### Mao Racing Round 4

June 17-19 | Jay

Mid America Outdoors

### 25th Annual Peoria Tribe Pow Wow

June 17-19 | Miami

Peoria Pow Wow Grounds

### Miami Nation Pow Wow and Homecoming Celebration

June 25 | Miami

Miami Nation Pow Wow Grounds

June events are subject to date change or cancellation. Please contact the host for most current event information.

# OFF THE CLOCK

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**When climbing is required (and it still is sometimes), the equipment has evolved considerably. Thankfully, climbing hooks are much lighter and pads are now fitted. Today's climbing belts also offer improved back support, and fall restraints are a tremendous safety improvement over just a single belt looped around the pole.**

Outage response has also been enhanced by the use of automated meters and electronic mapping which, in turn, has made for a more efficient and safe working environment.

Even with all the latest and greatest equipment at our disposal, at the end of the day, our approach to construction, maintenance, and restoration is the same as it has always been. It's all about teamwork. That means all hands on deck with every ounce of hard work and determination.

As simple as it sounds, there's no better sense of accomplishment for a line worker than the one that comes when you get the lights turned on—or turned back on—and help make someone's day a little brighter.



*NOEC lineworkers replace a damaged pole*



*NOEC representatives with State Legislators Steve Bashore and Josh West*

# A BIG THANK YOU

## TO OUR OKLAHOMA LEGISLATORS

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**The development of rural America may have never happened without the advocacy of those in office. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal cut the path toward electrification by providing farmers with the financial tools, through low-cost loans, to bring electricity to rural America.**

Born by legislation, it's no wonder we, as an electric cooperative, like to keep a finger on the pulse of what's happening around us. The second session of the 58th Legislature for the State of Oklahoma was a busy one to watch.

While education and public safety measures are heavily reported in the news, other legislation that impacts area residents and businesses has been on our watch list. With all the varying needs of constituents across the state, your legislators had to make tough decisions to get the best results in the short time of a legislative session.

Several introduced measures had the potential to impact you as a member of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative. We are pleased that your local representation at the state capitol was active in providing positive legislative outcomes as they relate to your cooperative membership.

An amendment to the Rural Electric Cooperative Act modernized ways in which electric cooperatives may conduct membership meetings. The amendment allows us to continue organizing meetings and experiences for you that accommodate today's demands of your time.

If you follow us on Facebook, you may remember our call to action to protect the assets of the cooperative. A proposed bill would have allowed large, for-profit companies to use the cooperative's assets without fair compensation. Additionally, this bill had the potential to create unsafe working conditions for your lineworkers. Thankfully, you took the time to speak up, which gained the attention of our legislators. That gave us the opportunity to negotiate more fair and protective legislation.

The creation of the Oklahoma Broadband Expansion Act will serve all of Oklahoma. The Act creates the Oklahoma Broadband Office with the goal to achieve broadband internet availability to 95% of Oklahomans by 2028. The Office will oversee the distribution and maximize the use of federal funds to expand connectivity. The Office will receive input from the Oklahoma Rural Broadband Expansion Council upon which General Manager Daniel Webster, and Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's (Norman, OK) Patrick Grace currently serve.

**As cooperative members, you were well represented by our local legislators. If you see them in public or feel compelled to send a message, know that Representatives Steve Bashore, Josh West, Rusty Cornwell, and Senator Micheal Bergstrom were serving your interests well. "Not only did our legislators protect your investment in the cooperative, Representative Bashore and Senator Bergstrom carried a proposal that would expand much needed broadband access for northeast Oklahomans," added Webster. "Thank you."**



# 2022 DISTRICT MEETINGS .....

## DISTRICTS 2, 7, AND 9 TO SELECT BOARD TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

### MEETING DATES

#### DISTRICT 2

July 25, Benny Seabourn, Incumbent Trustee

#### DISTRICT 7

July 26, James Wade, Incumbent Trustee

#### DISTRICT 9

July 28, Jimmy Caudill, Incumbent Trustee

*Note: Meeting locations with driving directions to meetings will be announced in the July Northeast Connection.*

The Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees is extending invitations to Cooperative members in Districts 2, 7, and 9 to attend their respective 2022 District Meetings this summer. As always, the invitation includes freebies like soda and giveaways, along with the chance to win a \$250 electric credit.

### OFFICIAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD: JULY 11-15, 2022

Section 3.06 of the Cooperative Bylaws requires any member desiring to be a Trustee candidate from the District of their primary residence to file with the Cooperative their Notice of Candidacy for Trustee during the official Candidate Filing Period:

- **Monday - Thursday, July 11 - July 14, 2022:**  
**8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, July 15, 2022:**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The Notice of Candidacy for Trustee **MUST** be filed at the Headquarters Office of the Cooperative: 27039 S 4440 Rd, Vinita, OK 74301, during the Candidate Filing Period. **Only pre-qualified Candidates can be nominated at District Meetings.**

NOTE: Currently, the Cooperative is planning to conduct the 2022 District Meetings in the same manner it has conducted District Meetings in the past. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States or other unforeseen issues, there may be government-imposed restrictions or guidelines in place, limiting the size of gatherings such as the Cooperative's District Meetings, or it may otherwise be unsafe to gather for the District Meetings. If such restrictions or guidelines are in place at the time set for the District Meetings, or if it is otherwise unsafe to gather for the District Meetings due to COVID-19 or other unforeseen issue, then the Cooperative may take certain actions necessary to maintain the safety of the members, Cooperative employees, and the public, and/or to comply with any government-imposed restrictions/guidelines regarding gatherings. These actions may include, but are not limited to: (1) postponing the District Meetings to a later date that is not less than thirty (30) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Member Meeting, in accordance with Section 3.06 of the Cooperative's Bylaws; (2) utilizing drive-thru registration and voting; (3) conducting the District Meetings utilizing live video technology (e.g., Facebook Live); or (4) if necessary, cancelling the District Meetings. The Cooperative will take all reasonable efforts to conduct the District Meetings, nominate Trustee candidates, and elect Trustees in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws, while maintaining the safety of the members, Cooperative employees, and the public, and complying with any government-imposed restrictions/guidelines regarding gatherings.

### REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER

#### At District Meetings

Only eligible members may register and cast a vote at any member meeting. To register and vote you **MUST** be one of the following:

- **Primary on an individual account**
- **Primary or secondary on a joint account (only one joint member may vote)**
- **Named representative of a business or organization (present a letter from the governing body of the entity stating you are the representative for that entity)**

If you are not listed on the account, regardless of marital status, you will not be able to register to vote. We strongly encourage you to check your account. It is simple to add a person to make a joint account. Call member services at 800.256.6405.

Members may register to vote/participate at their District Meetings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Those in line prior to 7 p.m. will be given a card ensuring their opportunity to register. The meeting will start as soon as is practical thereafter or when all members with cards have registered.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRUSTEE CANDIDATE?

**Have you ever considered running for the Cooperative Board of Trustees? The Board meets regularly to review the performance of the Cooperative, establish goals and operating policies, and ensure the financial health of the Cooperative.**

Trustee elections for Districts 2, 7, and 9 will take place at the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in September. Eligible members residing in Districts 2, 7, and 9, and nominated at their respective District Meetings, may serve as a Cooperative Trustee for a term of 3 years if elected at the Annual Membership Meeting. Trustee eligibility requirements are as follows:

### TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

#### SECTION 3.02. Nominations

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee of the Cooperative who:

- (a) while serving on the Board or during the five (5) years preceding nomination thereto shall have been finally adjudged to be guilty of a felony;
- (b) is, becomes, or within the last five (5) years has been employed by the Cooperative, a Cooperative subsidiary, or a labor union which represents, or has represented, or has endeavored to represent any Cooperative employees;
- (c) is, and if elected and seated as a Trustee will continue to be, a Close Relative of an incumbent Trustee or Cooperative employee;
- (d) has not continuously been, for at least one (1) year prior to nomination, or who ceases after election to be, a Member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving Electric Service at a permanent and year-round residence which is the Member's primary residential abode in the Trustee District from which the Member is elected; or
- (e) is not at least eighteen (18) years old; or

(f) while a Trustee, and during the one (1) year immediately before becoming a Trustee, is or was employed by, controlled, owned more than ten percent (10%) of, served as a trustee, director, or officer of, or received more than ten percent (10%) of annual gross income from an Entity that advances the Entity's financial interest by: (1) competing with the Cooperative or a Cooperative subsidiary; or (2) providing electric energy or a good or service related to providing electric energy; PROVIDED, however, that a Trustee shall be permitted to serve as a director or Trustee of such an Entity on the Cooperative's behalf.

Notwithstanding the Close Relative restrictions/prohibitions in Section 3.02(c), no incumbent Trustee shall lose eligibility to remain a Trustee or to be re-elected a Trustee if, during incumbency, the Trustee becomes a Close Relative of another incumbent Trustee or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage or an adoption to which the Trustee was not a party.

Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for Trustee lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Board (or a Board-authorized representative) to disqualify the nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any Person being considered for, or already serving as, a Cooperative Trustee lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board (or a Board-authorized representative) to withhold such position from such person or to cause such person to be removed therefrom, as applicable. A Trustee's office shall automatically become vacant if the Trustee is absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings, unless the remaining Trustees resolve that there was good cause for such absences. Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board.



# LOCAL TEEN

## RUNNING SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

*"Your view never looked so good."*

Grand Glass Cleaning

**What were you doing when you were 18 years old? Do you even remember? Chances are you weren't going to high school while spending afternoons and weekends working your tail off to keep up with the demands of a growing business.**

Or maybe you were doing all of that. Maybe you had a work ethic similar to Owen Williams. Maybe you were already a successful entrepreneur when you were a teenager.

A senior at Grove High School, Williams is comfortable wearing multiple hats. He juggles both school studies and duties as the owner of Grand Glass Cleaning. He started the business in January 2020 at the prompting of his mother Patricia, who owns a property management business and identified a niche in the market her son could fill. He was 16 at the time.

"It was great opportunity," said Williams. "Starting my own company was something I always wanted to do." *Always? Really, Owen? What, like since you were four?*

Owen Williams, Owner

Kidding aside, it isn't uncommon for Williams to come home from school, fire up his rig and head out on a job, where he'll work as long as he has daylight. On the weekends and in the summers, it's daylight until dark. Of course, this life isn't for everyone. And, in case you're worried about Williams missing out on being a kid, he doesn't. He's also an avid outdoorsman.

"Hunting and fishing are things I enjoy doing in my spare time," he said. "We are big into the outdoors as a family."

Williams' older brother Haydn is wired much the same. Haydn, 21, actually has his own successful fishing guide business on Grand Lake, Williams Guide Service.

Fishing is actually what brought the family to northeast Oklahoma from Warsaw, Missouri, when the boys were mere toddlers. Dad Jeff ran a guide service on Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Lake before relocating to Grand Lake in 2003. Jeff guided on Grand Lake for the better part of a decade before shifting his focus to a business he started that specializes in catfishing gear and hunting attractants.





The family does have Oklahoma roots, however. Jeff's grandparents have been in the area since purchasing a home on Monkey Island in 1952.

Williams acknowledges that he is taking the road less traveled. A non-traditional route, if you will. It is a route that is becoming more popular. He has no plans to attend college.

"I want to keep growing my business," he said matter-of-factly.

Grand Glass Cleaning handles residential and commercial glass cleaning, exterior and interior. They also clean solar panels and do power washing.

**"I always strive to make sure my customers are satisfied," Williams said. "If they aren't happy, I will make it right. They can expect us to show up on time and do quality work with professionalism."**

They say presentation is everything. That's especially true when it comes to storefront glass. Clean windows are often overlooked by potential customers, but you can bet that dirty windows and doors are the first thing they'll notice.

Williams said homeowners are also surprised at what a difference clean windows make, especially when they've been dirty for a long time.

"Our slogan at Grand Glass Cleaning is 'Your View Never Looked So Good,'" said Williams. "People have invested a lot of money into the glass at their lake homes and I want to make sure they enjoy the view."

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Every job presents a unique challenge, especially those homes around the lake with steep embankments and uneven terrain. That's where Williams' youth comes in handy.

"Every job is different," Williams confirmed. "From the layout of the house, to the difficulties of reaching certain windows due to their height, to the terrain."

He added: "When I arrive on a job, I will go around with the homeowner and make sure there are no broken windows and discuss any concerns they may have. Then I put together a game plan. Of course, there are always variables that make each job unique."

Williams said the glass itself can be tricky. Hard water spots, oxidation, or condensation that develops between panes when seals go bad can make cleaning some glass tough, if not downright impossible. However, regular cleanings will help prevent build-up that makes glass more difficult to clean later.

Having the right tools is also important. I have the most advanced glass cleaning equipment on the market," he said. "We use the latest and greatest window cleaning equipment, water fed and traditional."

**Added Williams: "Business is good and continues to grow. I'm super thankful to have a loyal customer base and the support of the community."**



# UNCLAIMED DOLLARS COULD BE YOURS



SCAN ME!

GILES, CINDY L - FAIRLAND OK  
 GILES, KIM - LOCUST GROVE OK  
 GILLILAND, MELVIN - GROVE OK  
 GILLIS, LYNN - TULSA OK  
 GILMORE, KEVIN - MIAMI OK  
 GILMORE, SCOTT - CHELSEA OK  
 GILSTRAP, CHRISTOPHER - IOWA CITY IA  
 GIPSON, JOHN B - TULSA OK  
 GLC INC SECURITY BANK - MIAMI OK  
 GLEAVES, TROY - MIAMI OK  
 GLENN, ELIZABETH A - COLCORD OK  
 GLENN, TAMMY J/TANDY M - GROVE OK  
 GLENNON, WILLIAM D JR - LOCUST GROVE OK  
 GOADE, LEE ROY G - JOPLIN MO  
 GODDARD, WILLIAM R - GROVE OK  
 GODFREY, ZOLA P - GROVE OK  
 GODSEY, DWAYNE E - TULSA OK  
 GOFF, MARSHALL - DODGE CITY KS  
 GOFORTH, EDMUND - SALINA OK  
 GOINS, CLEVE G/WYNONA - VINITA OK  
 GOINS, T L - SALINA OK  
 GONZALES, NABOR - SOUTH WEST CITY MO  
 GOOD, DOUGLAS L - INOLA OK  
 GOODING, JOANN - JAY OK  
 GOODKNIGHT, JAMES A - JOPLIN MO  
 GOODMAN, BRIAN W - LANGLEY OK  
 GOODMAN, JESSE J - GROVE OK  
 GOODMAN, PATRICIA - DISNEY OK  
 GOODSON, LEVI - SAPULPA OK  
 GORDON, MARVIN L/JEAN - WELCH OK  
 GORDON, RUSSELL D/OVELLA - YUKON OK  
 GOSVENEY, ELIZABETH - PRYOR OK  
 GOWER, CLAUDE - TAHLEQUAH OK  
 GRAETER, RUSSELL M - GROVE OK  
 GRAHAM, GENE J - TULSA OK  
 GRAHAM, JERRELL F - CHOUTEAU OK  
 GRAHAM, JOEL F - SALINA OK  
 GRAHAM, KENETH J - DISNEY OK  
 GRAHAM, SANDRA E STILES - CHOUTEAU OK  
 GRAINGER, MARVIN R - JOPLIN MO  
 GRAND FEDERAL SAVINGS - GROVE OK  
 GRANT, ROBERT W - GROVE OK

**Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative members are entitled to a portion of any profit made by the company. As approved by the NOEC board of trustees, refund checks were mailed to members in September 2021. These checks represented the following patronage capital retirement:**

- 100% of remaining unretired patronage from 1988 totaling \$412,475
- 50% of 1989 patronage totaling \$310,866
- 9.59% of 2020 patronage totaling \$494,289
- Estate closings totaling \$151,000

Checks totaling \$10 or more were mailed to eligible members. Checks were not mailed to members whose patronage capital accounts totaled less than \$10. These accounts will continue to accumulate funds with each retirement. When an account reaches \$10 or more, a check will be issued following the next retirement. NOEC makes every effort to ensure members receive patronage capital that is rightfully theirs. To accomplish this, it is important for NOEC to have your current mailing address. Checks are often returned marked "undeliverable." Many of these do not have the correct 911 address. A partial listing of unclaimed checks is provided at right. Future issues of Northeast Connection will contain additional listings. If you see your name, claim your check by calling 800.256.6405, extension 9313. A complete list of returned checks is available online at [www.noec.coop](http://www.noec.coop). Visit the link or scan the QR code above with your smartphone camera to access the listing.

GRANT, SABRINA M - WYANDOTTE OK  
 GRAVES, ANNETTE - PRYR OK  
 GRAVLEE, DEBRA A - TULSA OK  
 GRAY, DENNIS T - WYANDOTTE OK  
 GRDA - VINITA OK  
 GREEN COUNTRY - COLCORD OK  
 GREEN COUNTRY FEDERAL - MIAMI OK  
 GREEN, DOUGLAS/MARYANN - GROVE OK  
 GREEN, GERALD D - EUCHA OK  
 GREEN, PATRICIA J - WAYNE OK  
 GREEN, ROBERT A - CHICKASHA OK  
 GREENEN, THOMAS W/MARY L - WICHITA KS  
 GREENROCK, ARTHUR - COLCORD OK  
 GREENROCK, KATHY - COLCORD OK  
 GREENWOOD, GARY D/CINDY - BIG CABIN OK  
 GRENINGER, C L - JOPLIN MO  
 GRIFFIS, JOHN - COLCORD OK  
 GRIMMETT, KELLY - VINITA OK

GRINER, LESLIE A - WYANDOTTE OK  
 GROFF, JERRY - GROVE OK  
 GROSS, WORTH M MD - TULSA OK  
 GROUT, KENNETH - MUSKOGEE OK  
 GROVE REAL ESTATE - GROVE OK  
 GROVE ROUND-UP CLUB - GROVE OK  
 GRUBB, CIMARRON/SHAWN - AFTON OK  
 GRUBB, SAM/PAT - MIAMI OK  
 GRUNDEN, WILLIAM J/ELMA B - FAIRLAND OK  
 GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK - TULSA OK  
 GUERRERO, TOMAS/CECILIA - JAY OK  
 GUERRIERI, ARTHUR L/SHIRLEY M - TULSA OK  
 GUESS, DAVID - JAY OK  
 GUINN, ROBBIE - EUCHA OK  
 GUNEM, CONNIE - SILOAM SPRINGS AR  
 GUTHRIE, JOAN A - KANSAS OK  
 GUTHRIE, WINFORD G - PRYOR OK  
 GUYNN, KENNETH - LOCUST GROVE OK



# FEATURED RECIPES

## DELAWARE COUNTY



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### RHONDA HOLLENBACK | KANSAS

#### FRIED OKRA SALAD

##### INGREDIENTS

- 2 C okra/cornmeal
- 4 Tbsp oil
- 1 head lettuce
- 1 large tomato

##### VINAIGRETTE

- 1/4 C oil
- 1/4 C vinegar
- 1 tsp fresh minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

**Step 1:** Slice okra and cover with cornmeal.

**Step 2:** Fry in 4 Tbsp of oil and set aside.

**Step 3:** Chop lettuce and tomato and add to a bowl. Then top with fried okra.

**Step 4:** Using a lidded jar shake together vinaigrette ingredients until well blended. Pour over the top of the salad.

**Step 4:** Toss salad and serve.



### TAMARA LOCKHART | GROVE

#### SQUASH CASSEROLE

##### INGREDIENTS

- Zucchini (or any squash), sliced
- Tomatoes, sliced
- 1 lb bacon
- 2 C shredded cheese
- Salt, pepper, and oregano

**Step 1:** Create layers of squash, seasoning, tomatoes, seasoning, and so on in a 9x13 pan. Then cover with shredded cheese.

**Step 2:** Place bacon on top of cheese and bake at 350°F until bacon is done.

**Step 3:** Smells like pizza when cooking! Enjoy!





# SUMMER SAFETY

## DANGER IN UNEXPECTED PLACES



**Unknowingly, many place themselves in harm's way by swimming near boats and docks. This innocent act can turn tragic when faulty wiring, damaged cords, and other devices cause the surrounding water to become energized from electricity leakage. Awareness among boat owners and marina operators can help prevent electric shock drowning and other electrical injuries.**

- Have your dockside electrical system (pedestal) inspected and updated yearly by a qualified electrician. If you have a new installation, hire a qualified electrician to ensure it meets all safety and code standards.
- Have "Marine Listed" Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) installed on the dock and test them monthly.
- Require boat owners to use only "Marine Listed" shore or marine power cords, plugs, receptacles, and extension cords that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL). They are specifically designed for use near water.
- Never use cords that are frayed or damaged or that have had the prongs removed or altered.

## NEED A VACATION?

### GIVE YOUR ENERGY BILL ONE TOO!

While you are away for the holidays, will anyone be watching the television, playing video games, connecting to the internet, or making coffee? Let's hope not, so unplug those devices and appliances and save your money from the phantom power draw that keeps them warmed up and ready to come on at the click of a remote. At least 10% of the utility bill for a typical home can be attributed to the electronic devices that are eager to serve you and are always at the ready. Give them a rest and vacation as well.

### FOLLOW US!

Follow Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative on Facebook for more safety and efficiency tips.

