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Offices are closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

## DISPATCHING AVAILABLE 24 HOURS AT

1.800.256.6405

### If you experience an outage:

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.
2. When contacting the cooperative to report an outage, use the name as it appears on your bill, and have both your pole number and account number ready.

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## ONE POINT AT A TIME

**Darryll Lindsey**  
**Manager of Member Services**

*What gets measured gets done.* This popular saying emphasizes the importance of measured performance in the work environment. Some say

its origin dates to the 1500s. Author Tom Peters suggests that regular, quantitative measurement of satisfaction provides a much better indicator of future organizational health than does profitability or market share change.

Here at Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, we agree with Peters' suggestion that we should be listening to our members. In years past, we've asked for your feedback to several questions in a survey that occurs every three years.

In 2023, we are going to change that approach. You may notice in the coming months a link on both our website and social media pages inviting you to participate in a short survey regarding member satisfaction. And if you are new to the electric cooperative or BOLT Fiber Optic Services, you may receive a short survey via email asking you to rate us on your initial service experience.

As manager of member services here at NOEC, I believe these surveys are an important tool that can be used to measure how well our team is doing in helping you establish service. In areas where we fall short, our team can make necessary adjustments to provide a better solution as we work toward this goal. And when I say team, it truly is a team effort. Combined, we have 125 years of experience serving you. We continually collaborate on how to improve our processes and remove any barriers.

The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is the only national cross-industry measurement of customer satisfaction in the U.S. In 2022, you graciously indexed NOEC with an 85 on a scale of 100. But we want to improve that score and I'm confident we can. A former colleague once told me that you don't have to get sick to get better. Our goal is to improve our service each year by one point.

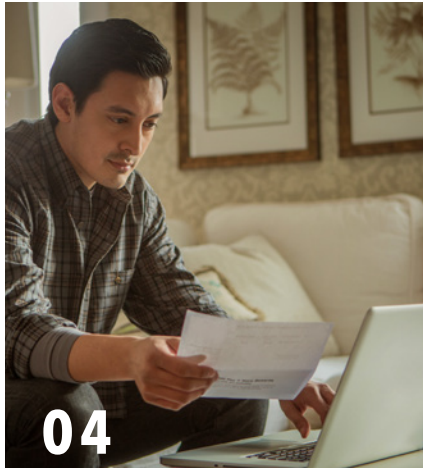
Our dedicated team of member services professionals is here to not only meet—but exceed—your service needs. One point at a time.





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**CRAIG COUNTY RECIPES**

Events are published as space allows and must be submitted at least 60 days in advance. Send information to Northeast Connection Events Calendar, PO Box 948, Vinita, OK 74301 or email: [publicrelations@noec.coop](mailto:publicrelations@noec.coop)

**\$100 IS HIDING!**

Search the pages of *Northeast 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 April 1, 2023, to claim a \$100 credit on your electric account.

**FUN FACT!**

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is celebrating its 85th year serving you!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Home & Garden Show**

**Mar 3-5 | Grove**

102 Lannell Drive

**Battle of Cabin Creek**

**Mar 10-12 | Spavinaw**

Camp Copperhead

**Opening Day at Har-ber Village**

**Mar 11 | Grove**

Har-ber Village Museum

**Anglers in Action**

**Mar 11 | Grove**

Wolf Creek Park

**Grand Lake Renaissance Festival**

**Mar 11-12 | Vinita**

Craig County Fairgrounds & Community Center

**Miami Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon**

**Mar 16 | Miami**

11 S Main Street

**Blind Swine Family Night**

**Mar 16 | Monkey Island**

Blind Swine

**Celtic Festival**

**Mar 18 | Grove**

Har-ber Village Museum

**Queensferry Renaissance Festival**

**Mar 18-19 | Vinita**

Park Hills Motel & RV Park

**Sunny Side Up Festival**

**Mar 24-26 | Miami**

The Coleman Theatre

**Northeast Oklahoma Area Artists Show**

**Mar 24-Apr 1 | Pryor**

Graham Community Center

Have a future event to share?

**Email us at:**

**[publicrelations@noec.coop](mailto:publicrelations@noec.coop)**

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



# OPERATION ROUND-UP TO THE RESCUE

## ***Grant funds equipment during oppressive summer 2022 drought***

One of the driest summers on record provided many area farmers and ranchers with extraordinary challenges in 2022. These otherwise resilient folks saw large cracks open in pastures before their very eyes. Ponds dried up and crops withered in the field from early June right through the late summer months.

Local meteorologists offered little hope. They repeated the same dismal message day after day.

*"No precipitation in the forecast... high temperatures... low humidity... windy again with high fire spread rates."*

Days turned to weeks and weeks turned to months with no relief in sight.

"The faucet shut off for a long while," said Tulsa's News On 6 Meteorologist Stephen Nehrenz describing conditions here in northeast Oklahoma last summer.

"We had a month-long stretch in there that was some of the driest on record. From June 11 to July 11 was our second driest on record for that period. The 45-day stretch from June 11 to July 26 was our third driest on record for that period. Those are arbitrary dates, but it does help illustrate how and why our drought was so bad this summer."

The heat was no joke either, explained Nehrenz.

**"We ended up with twenty 100° days in July, which was sixth most on record (reliable temperature records for Tulsa go back to 1905). When you take into account the average temperature for the entire month (the averages of all the highs and lows of each day), the entire month of July was our seventh hottest July on record. For June and July combined, the twenty-two 100° days is ninth most on record."**



Even with a summer-long burn ban in effect, most area response agencies found themselves sitting on pins and needles. They approached each day with caution, hoping for a break. They knew that once started, a fire wouldn't be easily contained.

"The weather has been a definite problem this year," Chief of Centralia Volunteer Fire Company Shawn Christian said during a November 2022 interview. "The grass is extremely dry and very receptive to fire. Luckily, in our area, there have been very few fires at this point, whether that is because of the burn ban or just people in our area understand the situation and aren't taking any chances."

**Added Christian: "We have responded to fires with other fire departments in their respective areas—not because they couldn't handle the fire but out of an abundance of caution. We all know that conditions are ripe for a fire to get out of hand quickly and require more resources than are available in that area—whether it be trucks or manpower. We have a saying that it's better to be there or enroute and not needed than to be needed and be nowhere around."**

While they can't do anything to change the weather, Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative members have been happy to help local fire departments gear up for an emergency. Through the Operation Round-Up program, NOEC members provided Centralia firefighters a \$3,526 grant to purchase a new SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). SCBAs deliver compressed, breathable air in oxygen-deficient atmospheres that present an immediate danger to life or health.

**"The new SCBA was placed on one of our first-out grass trucks," said Christian.**

**"We have responded to grass fires in the past that have evolved and ignited structures. By adding SCBAs to our grass trucks, our firefighters have one of the most needed tools—besides water—for attacking a structure fire: a source of clean air. This equipment is what a firefighter wears on his back and supplies the air needed to walk into heavy smoke. It also allows us to run smaller, safer trucks to mutual aid structure fires where manpower is needed more than big trucks and heavy equipment."**

NOEC introduced the Operation Round-Up program in 1998 with the slogan Small Change that Changes Lives. That description is no less fitting today. Over the past 24 years, Operation Round-Up has allocated more than \$3 million to causes throughout its service territory of Craig, Mayes, Delaware, Ottawa and Rogers counties.

Operation Round-Up does just what its name implies. Each month, electric bills of participating members is simply rounded up to the next highest dollar. The average contribution is 50 cents per month and totals around \$6 on an annual basis. For example, a bill of \$52.73 would be rounded up to \$53 with the additional 27 cents going to Operation Round-Up.

To participate or for additional information, contact a Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative Member Services Representative toll-free at 1-800-256-6405.

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**Visit our website for more  
OPERATION ROUND-UP  
INFORMATION**

Scan code with your smartphone.

# CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT AUTHORIZED

**Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees authorized the distribution of \$1,349,978 in capital credits. Capital credit represents member equity in the cooperative.**

Current and former members who received electric service from the cooperative in 1989, 1990, and 2021 are eligible for a retirement. Checks were mailed to eligible members on September 1, 2022, for their portion of the credit retired.

## TYPES OF UTILITIES

### INVESTOR-OWNED

Privately owned by shareholders/investors  
*For profit*

### MUNICIPAL

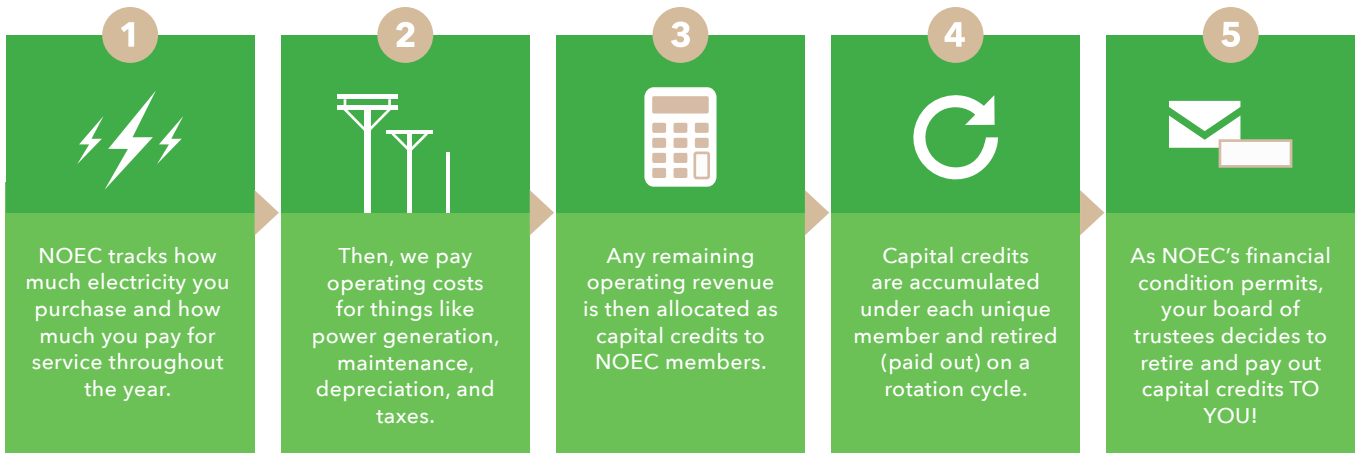
Owned by cities, states, and counties  
*Not-for-profit*

### COOPERATIVE

Owned by the members they serve  
*Not-for-profit*

When you signed up to receive electrical service from Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, you became a MEMBER.

## HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK



## HOW DO I RECEIVE MY CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT?



### CHECK PAYMENT

Members receive capital credits as a CHECK. A \$10 minimum must be met before checks are written.

### THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

This is just one of the many ways it PAYS to be a member of the cooperative!



### MOVING?

Update your address so you will continue to receive your benefit.



# UNCLAIMED DOLLARS COULD BE YOURS

Checks totaling \$10 or more have been 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 here. 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 below with your smartphone camera to access the full listing.

## A .....

- ABBOTT, CAROLYN - GROVE OK
- ABBOTT, WILLIAM R/DEBORAH L - VINITA OK
- ABEL, DAVID M - LIVINGSTON TX
- ABLES, FRANK L - CHOUEAU OK
- ABSHIER, M G - PARSONS KS
- ACKLEY, NORMA - COLCORD OK
- ADAMS, ANNE M/DOUG E - SENECA MO
- ADAMS, JOE E - AFTON OK
- ADAMS, JOHN C - BARTLESVILLE OK
- ADAMS, R M/MARY A - GROVE OK
- ADAMS, ROBERT L/RAYMA - PURCELL MO
- ADAMS, SCOTT W - VINITA OK
- ADDISON, ALAN D - CLAREMORE OK
- ADKINS, FRED M - COLCORD OK
- AGEE, HARRY O JR - AFTON OK
- AGEE, WILLIAM D - GROVE OK
- AILEY, MARSHA M - FAIRLAND OK
- ALEXANDER, CARLSON L - CHOUTEAU OK
- ALEXANDER, EDWARD E - LANGLEY OK
- ALEXANDER, TRECIA M - ANDERSON MO
- ALLEMAN, PAUL R - GOLDSBORO NC
- ALLEN, CHARLES D - TULSA OK
- ALLEN, DOYLE - SILOAM SPRINGS AR
- ALLEN, JAMES - CHOUTEAU OK
- ALLEN, JIM - GROVE OK

- ALLEN, R R - BARTLESVILLE OK
- ALLEN, WILLIAM A - VINITA OK
- ALLINGTON, R D/DOTTIE - GROVE OK
- ALLMAN, KENNY - MIAMI OK
- ALLMAN, SHERRY J - MIAMI OK
- ALTEBAUMER, SAMUEL L/TERESA L - STRANG OK
- ALTMAN, DONALD - LONG BEACH WA
- AMERICAN AQUATIC - TULSA
- AMES, CHARLIE T - JAY OK
- AMICK, T F - SALINA OK
- ANDERSON, BRUCE - JAY OK
- ANDERSON, DARREN D - FAIRLAND OK
- ANDERSON, DON L - JOPLIN MO
- ANDERSON, GARRY C - GROVE OK
- ANDERSON, RHONDA K - COLCORD OK
- ANDREWS, ANITA G - COLCORD OK
- ANDREWS, LENA - JAY OK
- ANDREWS, NORMA - COLCORD OK
- ANGLUM, DEAN F/ANDREA - SALINA OK
- ANTAL, STEVE - TINA MO
- ANTHONY, KATHY L - ADAIR OK
- ARAGON, ROSE M - SALINA OK
- ARBUCKLE, CHARLES E - PITTSBURG KS
- AREHART, DONALD R - CLAREMORE OK
- ARMSTRONG, EARL - JAY OK
- ARMSTRONG, JEFFERY L - PRYOR OK
- ARMSTRONG, LEXIE M - JAY OK
- ARNOLD, JUDY/JOE - MIAMI OK

- ARNOLD, RICHARD L /CAROL S- JAY OK
- ARTHURS, DOUG M/TERRI L - LOCUST GROVE OK
- ASBILL, CHARLES - DISNEY OK
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - PEORIA OK
- ASTON, JACKIE L - CHELSEA OK
- AT&T WIRELESS - COLUMBUS OH
- ATCHISON, DORIS L - JAY OK
- ATCHLEY, BOBBY J - CLAREMORE OK
- ATKINSON, JAMES T - ORONOGO MO
- AUSTIN, JULIE - MIAMI OK
- AYERS, CLARENCE - WANN OK
- AYERS, TOM J/ED - TROY MO
- AZARIAN, SAM - KETCHUM OK

## B .....

- BABCOCK, ALLEN W - BARTLESVILLE OK
- BACKHAUS, FLOYD - COLCORD OK
- BACKWARD, ADAM - FOYIL OK
- BACKWARD, SANDRA - KANSAS OK
- BAILEY, GLEN J - GROVE OK
- BAILEY, WADE E - KETCHUM OK
- BAKER, BRENDA - COLCORD OK
- BAKER, CHOON L - LANGLEY OK
- BAKER, CURTIS E/MICHAEL E - JAY OK
- BAKER, EVELYN R - FAIRLAND OK
- BAKER, F E/IMOGENE - AFTON OK
- BAKER, PAUL - AFTON OK
- BAKER, PAUL/CHERYL - KETCHUM OK
- BAKER, THURMAN J - COLCORD OK
- BALES, JIM R - GROVE OK
- BARTON, DIANE - WATTS OK
- BASE, BRYAN E/KATHLEEN L - CHOUTEAU OK
- BATES, ARTHUR H - LOCUST GROVE OK
- BATES, DARRIN E - CHELSEA OK
- BATES, JAMES T - KETCHUM OK
- BAUGHMAN - ROSE OK
- BRANSON, COLLEEN - SILOAM SPRINGS AR
- BRATTON, BRIAN D - JAY OK
- BRAUER, NEIL - LANGLEY OK
- BRAZIL, CARSON R/BERTHA - COLCORD OK
- BREWER, MEAGAN L - EDMOND OK
- BRICKEY, E L - KANSAS OK
- BRIGHT, JIMMY R - DISNEY OK
- BRILEY, ROBERT L - JOPLIN MO
- BRILL, TERESA - VINITA OK

# UNCLAIMED DOLLARS COULD BE YOURS, CONTINUED

BRINKER, JOE E - WANN OK  
BRISCOE, JAMES - KETCHUM OK  
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BRIXEY, WALTER/LELA - JAY OK  
BROCK, SHAWN - JAY OK  
BROCK, SHELBI A - FAIRLAND OK  
BROESSEL, DIANE - GROVE OK  
BROKEN ARROW RANCH/JANE SNEDDEN - V. OK  
BROOKS, CHARLETTA - CHOUTEAU OK  
BROOKSHIRE, AMY D/TONY O - KANSAS OK  
BROUSE, JO A - BIXBY OK  
BROWER, SONYA M - GROVE OK  
BROWN, C A - TULSA OK  
BROWN, KEVIN/MELISSA - GROVE OK  
BROWN, KRISTIN A - COLCORD OK  
BROWN, LARRY D - GROVE OK  
BROWN, NANCY L - COLCORD OK  
BROWN, STEVE - LAKE ELISNORE OK  
BROWN, TERRY - CATOOSA OK  
BRUENING, CHAD - N FT MYERS FL  
BRUENS, LELA - PRYOR OK  
BRUMLEY, BOBBY E - VINITA OK  
BRUNSON, STEVE W - CARTHAGE MO  
BRUSATI, HELEN - OVERLAND PARK KS  
BRUTON, JOHN/BRENDA CARLTON - TULSA OK  
BRYANT, CECIL W - KETCHUM OK  
BUCKETT, WAYNE D/EDNA - WICHITA KS  
BUDDER, NELSON - EUCHA OK  
BUFFER, LESA D/SCOTT - MAYSVILLE AR  
BULLARD, ALTON J - WELCH OK  
BULWIN, LORI/LORI LENNOX - DISNEY OK  
BUNCH, LEWIS D - VINITA OK  
BUNCH, STEPHEN V/LEZLEE D - GROVE OK  
BURCHETT, CHIQUITA - SALINA OK  
BURGESS, DARRELL/TAMMY - MIAMI OK  
BURGESS, DENI - LANGLEY OK  
BURKEYBILE, ROBERT - GROVE OK  
BURLESON, DANNY J - WYANDOTTE OK  
BURLESON, JIMMY D - GROVE OK  
BURLESON, KATHARINE - JAY OK  
BURNS, OLA M - CHOUTEAU OK  
BURTON, ALFRED - CHELSEA OK  
BURTON, GARLAND E - JAY OK  
BURTON, TONIA/MELANIE BROWN - GROVE OK  
BUSBY, CLINT - BIG CABIN OK  
BUSH, PETE - CHOUTEAU OK  
BUSKIRK, PHILLIP D/WANDA - ELIZABET. TN  
BUSSEY, DARRELL - VINITA OK

BUTLER REAL ESTATE NC - LANGLEY OK  
BUTLER, DAN P - WYANDOTTE OK  
BUTLER, FAITH E - JAY OK  
BUTLER, GARY - PARSONS KS  
BUTLER, JESSE L - COLCORD OK  
BUTTON, JANE - WICHITA KS  
BUXANI - JOHN H - MIAMI OK  
BUZZARD, PAUL - JAY OK  
BYRAM, NONDES L - MIAMI OK  
BYRD, RANDY J - LOCUST GROVE OK

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CABLE VISION OF TEXAS  
CACKLER, VIVA - GROVE OK  
CALDWELL, R J - PITTSBURG KS  
CALLAHAN, RODNEY D/ROXI - GROVE OK  
CAMP, GERALD W - CLAREMORE OK  
CAMPBELL, DONALD J - TULSA OK  
CANADA, SAMUEL E - PRYOR OK  
CANOY, FRANK M - JOPLIN MO  
CARDINAL, FRANCIS - BIG CABIN OK  
CAREY, MADELEINE S - AFTON OK  
CARLE, JOHN R/SHIRLEY A - CLAREMORE OK  
CARLTON, DON H - TULSA OK  
CARNAGEY, JOHN W SR - ALPINE TX  
CARNEY, BETTY F - GROVE OK  
CARRICK, LARRY J/GLENNA - CHELSEA OK  
CARRINGTON, JAMES D - CLEARFIELD UT  
CARSON, JIMMY L - KETCHUM OK  
CARTER, SANDRA R - CLAREMORE OK  
CARTWRIGHT, GARY - JOPLIN MO  
CARTWRIGHT, SCOTT A - KANSAS OK  
CARVER, LESLIE A - QUAPAW OK  
CASEY, J S - ADAIR OK  
CASEY, JOHN P/REBECCA A - GROVE OK  
CASWELL, TIM - JAY OK  
CATE, MICHELLE L - PRYOR OK  
CATES, JESSE F - CLAREMORE OK  
CAUDILL, LEONARD R - GROVE OK  
CAUGHMAN, KAREN - TAHLEQUAH OK  
CAVE, R E - AFTON OK  
CAWOOD, J L - GROVE OK  
CAYWOOD, DONNA J - DISNEY OK  
CECIL, R P - TULSA OK  
CECIL, RICHARD J - INOLA OK  
CENTURY NATIONAL BANK - PRYOR OK

CHADWELL, B J - AFTON OK  
CHAFFIN, DON W - OKC OK  
CHALET CLUB/SHERRI SKORUPSKI- ROGERS AR  
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CHAMBERS, BILL - KETCHUM OK  
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CHAPPEL, BETTY - GROVE OK  
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CHARLES, GARLAND - PRYOR OK  
CHARLES, JOHN B - DISNEY OK  
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CHERNOVETZ, DOUGLAS - TULSA OK  
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CHEROKEE NATION HOUSING - PRYOR OK  
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CHILDERS, CODY A - AFTON OK  
CHITWOOD, ROBERT - GROVE OK  
CHRISTIAN, BETTY S - JAY OK  
CHRISTIE, LESA - MIAMI OK  
CHRISTOPHER, STANLEY - OSCEOLA MO  
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CHUCKLUCK, RICHARD - VINITA OK  
CIMARRON FEDERAL - MUSKOGEE OK  
CLAMPITT, G R - KANSAS OK  
CLAPP, TERRY - VINITA OK  
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CLARK, DAVID/CINDY - MIAMI OK  
CLARK, DENNIS - OZARK MO  
CLARK, ETHELLA J - GROVE OK  
CLARK, NOLA - JAY OK  
CLARK, RANDY - COLCORD OK  
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CLASSY G VENTURES LLC - MIAMI OK  
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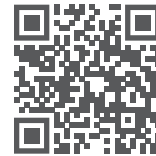


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 COCHRAN, KAMERON D/JEREMY L - KANSAS OK  
 COCHRAN, LEWIS - COLCORD OK  
 COCHRAN, ROBERT/KATHY - KANSAS OK  
 COCHRAN, SHARON - KANSAS OK  
 COFFEE, VIRGIL W/LINDA - OKC OK  
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 COFFIN, JAMES - SILOAM SPRINGS OK  
 COFFMAN, RAY/COLLEEN - CLAREMORE OK  
 COKER, A B - JAY OK  
 COLCORD DAY CARE CENTER - COLCORD OK  
 COLLINS, BRENDA - JAY OK  
 COLLINS, STEVEN S VINITA OK  
 COLLINS, STEVEN W/MYLINDA SULLIVAN - EU. OK  
 COMMUNITY FEDERAL - TULSA OK  
 COMPTON, RUSTY - JAY OK  
 CONDUFF, BILLIE - WYANDOTTE OK  
 CONN, JAMES - PRYOR OK  
 CONNER, GARY W - AFTON OK  
 CONNER, LARRY E - GROVE OK  
 CONNER, ROBERT A JR - MIAMI OK  
 COOK, ALBERT A - GROVE OK  
 COOK, CATHERINE - GROVE OK  
 COON, L L - BARTLESVILLE OK  
 COONS, RICHARD K - TULSA OK

COOPER, JAMES K - GROVE OK  
 COOPER, MARC - JAY OK  
 COOPER, STAN - RACINE, MO  
 COPPEDGE, ELIZABETH - RICHARDSON TX  
 COPPEDGE, RON L - VINITA OK  
 COR RESOLUTION TRU - TULSA OK  
 CORDEIRO, MIKE R - GRAVETTE AR  
 CORDELL, SARAH - DISNEY OK  
 CORDRAY, RICHARD G - COFFEYVILLE KS  
 CORDRY, JANET M - CHELSEA OK  
 CORN, WALTER E - PRYOR OK  
 CORY, OREN R - COLCORD OK  
 COUCH, JANNA K - CHELSEA OK  
 COUNTRYMAN, DALE L JR - BIG CABIN OK  
 COUNTS, BEVERLY A - OKC OK  
 COURSEY, CONNIE C - TULSA OK  
 COVERSTONE, JEFFERY D - LOCUST GROVE OK  
 COWAN, NELIA D - GROVE OK  
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 COWART, JANE - CHOUTEAU OK  
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 COX, RALPH W - COLCORD OK  
 COX, ROSCOE R/BARBARA - GROVE OK  
 COYNER, DON - PERKINS OK  
 CRABAUGH, DUANE C - DEL CITY OK  
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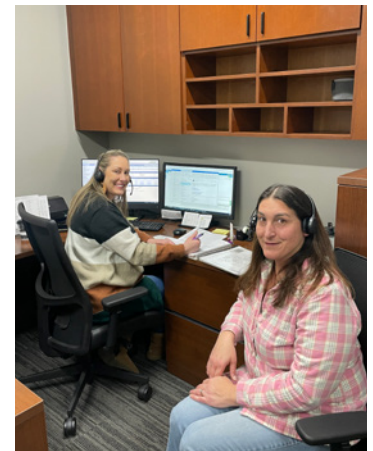
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**600 SOUTH MAIN STREET | GROVE**



Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative and BOLT Fiber Optics have moved their Grove office location approximately three blocks south. Effective January 23, you can now find both NOEC and BOLT at 600 South Main Street in Grove (the building formerly occupied by First National Bank). This new location has ample parking as well as an expanded drive-thru to better serve NOEC members and BOLT subscribers.

# SPRING BREAK

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house you go. But before you leave for vacation, make sure your home is prepared. Instead of just locking the door and stopping delivery of the newspaper, there are many items on a vacation checklist that will not only keep your home safe from an electrical fire, but also reduce the amount of energy being used. Before you depart, walk through the house and look for electronics and appliances and ask yourself, does this need to be on, or even plugged in? Those questions will help you raise your electrical safety and improve your energy efficiency.

In the kitchen, your toaster is plugged in, as well as the blender, maybe a coffee machine, and of course the stove and microwave. If an unexpected power surge or lightning bolt struck your home, one or more of those could be damaged by the higher voltage and could cause a fire. The same goes for your computer. They should be unplugged while you are away.

Will anyone be watching the television, playing video games, or using smart home devices? You hope not, so unplug them 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 or voice-command. 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.

Law enforcement officials recommend placing selected indoor lights on timers to make your home appears to be inhabited. If the time of day can be varied for them to come on, it will not only provide security, but will save money from having them on 24 hours per day.

Common sense should rule your process of safety and efficiency. There are many ways to ensure against an inadvertent electrical fire while you are away, as well as not wasting energy if no one is around to use it.

**Be smart, safe, and enjoy the time away!**





# PLAY IT SAFE AROUND POWER LINES

Whether digging holes, climbing trees, or flying kites, outdoor play often creates beautiful childhood memories. Before hitting the great outdoors, discuss electrical safety with your children.

## FLYING FUN

While flying kites, model airplanes, remote-control flying toys and drones, stay in large, open areas (such as parks or fields), far away from power lines. If an item does get caught in a power line, teach children to never try to retrieve it. Instead, an adult should call the electric utility for help.

## GENERAL OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS

**Other important safety guidelines for kids and adults alike include:**

- Never throw objects at power lines.
- Stay far away from downed, damaged or low-hanging power lines. An adult should call 911 to report a downed or damaged line.
- Be cautious after a severe storm causes a power outage. Downed power lines could be hidden under water, snow, or storm debris. Wait to go outside until power has been restored.
- Do not climb, sit or play on padmount transformers.
- Do not climb trees that have overhead power lines near or running through them.

## POOLSIDE

When spending time by the pool, look up before using pool skimmers or other long objects to be sure you are not getting close to an overhead power line. If you are swimming and feel a prickly or tingling sensation, do not stay in the pool. There could be a stray electric current from a downed power line or a damaged electrical device. Also, never play in a flooded street or ditch; a downed power line could be hidden by the water and fallen debris.

## PREVENTION IS KEY

Electric shock and injuries are often preventable. Empower your family with electrical safety knowledge to avoid preventable electric injuries.

**For more information visit:**  
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# FEATURED RECIPES

## CRAIG COUNTY

### CHICKEN SALAD

PHILLIP FANSLAN

#### INGREDIENTS

- Cooked chicken
- Celery
- Green onions
- Cashews
- Mayonnaise
- Mashed avocado
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Step 1:** Chop desired amount of cooked chicken and add to a bowl with cashews, chopped celery and green onions.

**Step 2:** Add in desired amount of mayonnaise and mashed avocado to serve as dressing and mix to combine.

**Step 3:** Season as desired and serve alone, with crackers, or on a sandwich.



Serve how you like!



### 60 MINUTE HOT ROLLS

RANDY JONES

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages yeast
- 1/2 cup water (110°F)
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 4 tbsp melted butter
- 4-5 cups flour
- 2 tbsp sugar

**Step 1:** Dissolve sugar and yeast in warm water. Then mix in flour, salt, yeast, egg, and melted butter to form dough.

**Step 2:** Mix dough with a dough hook then turn on to a floured surface. Knead dough and add more flour as needed.

**Step 3:** Place dough in an oiled pan and cover with plastic wrap, allowing to rise for 15 minutes.

**Step 4:** Once dough has risen punch down and divide into rolls. Add rolls to baking sheet and bake at 425°F for 12-15 minutes. Brush with butter and serve.

Prep time: about 30 minutes  
Rise time: 15 minutes  
Bake time: 12-15 minutes

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