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Northeast Connection

the consistent value of electricity

See inside for the latest list of participating local businesses
As the demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, electric cooperatives across the nation remain firm in their commitment to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost. Compared to other consumer products and services, electricity remains a bargain. When adjusted for inflation, the cost of electricity in the United States is less than what it was in 1980.

Electricity still a bargain
When compared to other consumer goods, electricity continues to be a bargain.

System overload
Summer temperatures can place undue stress on your home’s electrical system.

Annual meeting requirement
Proof is required of individuals representing organizations at annual meeting.

Co-op Connections Card
The latest listing of participating local businesses is provided.

Save on prescriptions
Use your Co-op Connections Card locally to save on your prescription medications.

New website unveiled
Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative’s presence online has a new look.

Watts for dinner?
Employees from our co-op subsidiary share some tasty summertime recipes.

All Around Green Country
Events are published as space allows and must be submitted at least 60 days in advance. Include a telephone number for publication. Send information to Northeast Connection Events Calendar, P.O. Box 948, Vinita, OK 74301. Email: clint.branham@neelectric.com, or fax: 918-256-9380. Please call ahead to confirm dates and times.

AUGUST 7 • Vinita
Route 66 Summerfest Car Show
North Park
918-256-7133

AUGUST 14 • Grove
1st Annual Humane Society Hoe-Down Fundraiser
Grove Civic Center
918-786-4699

AUGUST 14 • Grand Lake
2nd Annual Great Grand Bobber Drop
Various drop sites across Grand Lake
918-786-2300

AUGUST 14 • Jay
Hot Wheels Show & Swap Meet
Jay Community Center
918-253-3439

AUGUST 14 • Jay
12th Annual Jay Cruise Night
Downtown Jay
918-253-4307 or 918-253-3399

AUGUST 14-21 • Miami
Ottawa County Free Fair
Ottawa County Fairgrounds
918-542-1688

AUGUST 24-28 • Vinita
74th Annual Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo
Will Rogers Rodeo Arena
918-788-3756 or 918-244-0265

AUGUST 28 • Vinita
31st Annual World’s Largest Calf Fry Festival
Craig County Fairgrounds
918-256-7133

AUGUST 28 • Miami
Route 66 Cruise Night
Waylan’s Ku-Ku Drive-In
918-542-9693

SEPTEMBER 3-5 • Wyandotte
Wyandotte Nation Tribal Pow Wow
Tribal Pow Wow Grounds
918-678-2297 ext. 244

SEPTEMBER 3-5 • Grove
Jana Jae Fiddle Camp & Music Festival
Sniders’ Camp
918-786-8986 or 800-526-2523

SEPTEMBER 11 • Pryor
DAM JAM
Whitaker Park
918-825-0157

SEPTEMBER 9-11 • Jay
Delaware County Free Fair
Delaware County Fairgrounds
918-253-4332

SEPTEMBER 11 • Jay
Jay Farm Fest
Delaware County Fairgrounds
918-253-4235

SEPTEMBER 11 • Jay
Annual Roadkill Chili Cook-Off
Delaware County Fairgrounds
918-253-4307

SEPTEMBER 17-19 • Seneca
Eastern Shawnee Tribal Pow Wow
Tribal Pow Wow Grounds
918-666-2435

SEPTEMBER 18 • Grove
REC Annual Meeting
Grove Civic Center
1-800-256-6405

SEPTEMBER 24 • Grove
27th Annual Pelican Festival
Grove Community Center & Grove Civic Center
918-786-2289

Statement of Nondiscrimination
Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a member-owned, not-for-profit service organization that adheres to rules, regulations, and policies, which provide that no person on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, union affiliation, veteran’s status, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization’s programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization’s nondiscrimination compliance efforts is the Human Resources/Benefits Administrator. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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Electricity still a bargain

A MERICAN homes use more electricity today than ever. Yet the portion of our household budgets that we devote to our electricity bills has actually declined. That’s because electricity prices— unlike the prices for most other goods— did not keep pace with the rate of inflation for many years.

The growth rate for electricity prices remains comparable to, and even lower than, other important goods. Overall, the price of one kilowatt-hour of electricity (adjusted for inflation) has increased at a lower rate than other consumer goods like gasoline, health care, housing, food, and transportation.

Today electric companies are facing steadily increasing costs to generate and deliver electricity. While electric companies make continuous efficiency improvements and are working with state regulators to contain costs and to keep electricity prices as low as possible, the fact is that rising electricity costs are becoming inevitable throughout the United States. And yet, electricity remains one of the true bargains among crucial U.S. commodities.


Electricity Remains a Good Value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe electricity at the lowest possible cost.

Average annual price increase over the past decade:

- Electricity: 8.1%
- Gas: 4.7%
- White Bread: 5.6%
- Eggs: 4.7%
- 1 lb. loaf
- 1 doz.
- 12 oz.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; NRECA
System overload

Summer heat can place undue stress on your home and its electrical components

Increased electrical use during hot summer months heightens the risk of fires in homes with older or damaged wiring systems. Summertime necessities, such as air conditioning, can strain and overload an electrical system, creating a serious shock and fire hazard.

Nationwide, an estimated 50 million older homes and buildings with outdated electrical wiring and systems are at greater risk of dangerous deterioration and becoming overloaded.

The wiring of many homes is not equipped to properly handle and support today’s increased electrical demands. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than half of all homes in the U.S. are at least 30 years old. The wiring in many of these older homes was designed to handle only about half of the electrical demands of today’s residents.

Overloaded electrical circuits, and faulty equipment and wiring can cause not only inconvenient power outages, but hazardous conditions that could result in injury, or even death.

Watch for these warning signs. If you have any of these present, you should have your home inspected by a professional.

• Lights often flicker, blink or dim momentarily.
• Circuit breakers trip or fuses blow often.
• Cords or wall plates are warm to the touch or discolored.
• Crackling, sizzling or buzzing is heard from outlets.

A home electrical inspection to find and correct hidden hazards could prevent needless tragedy. The time and investment in having a qualified electrician check your residence, and perform a few home repairs and upgrades are small compared with the protection and safety they provide to your family and home.

No matter the season or age of homes, residents should be vigilant and check for electrical hazards such as cracked or fraying electrical cords, overloaded outlets and circuits, and improper wattage light bulbs in lamps and light fixtures. Also, make sure smoke alarms are placed and functioning properly.

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Members requesting a sample letter or with further questions may contact the cooperative at 1-800-256-6405.

Lucky Account Number

Check your copy of the Northeast Connection each month and see if you are the lucky winner of a $25 electric bill credit. Match the number in the box below to the account number on your monthly statement, then call 1-800-256-6405 ext. 9340 to claim your prize.

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We all need additional ways to SAVE

And Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is making it possible. As a cooperative member, you can use your free Co-op Connections Card or key fob to receive discounts at any of the participating local businesses listed here, as well as with numerous retailers. Find the complete listing at www.neelectric.com by clicking on the card icon.

2-M Ranch & Equipment Repair
Located: 28556 South 4480 Rd in Vinita
Phone: 417-439-5674
Hours: 9-6 Mon.-Fri. Weekends by appointment.
Description: Farm machinery, automobile repair in shop or field and welding.
Offer: 15% off all mechanical labor

4 Hearts Flea Market
Located: 1/4 mile N of Bryant’s Corner on Hwy. 10, Grove
Phone: 918-791-9958
Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Thurs.; 9-6 Fri.-Sat.; 11-5 Sun.
Description: 40-plus vendors & over 5,000 square feet of used items, antiques, primitives, collectibles, etc.
Offer: Sales tax paid on purchases of $20 or more.

Affordable Tree Care
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-786-4382
Hours: 7:30-5 Mon.-Fri.
Description: Certified arborist with 25 years of experience. Member of Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Grand Lake Association, Grove Area Chamber of Commerce.
Offer: 15% discount on all services.

Analytic Planning Services
Located: 325 W. Osage, Langley
Phone: 316-558-2143
Hours: 7:30-5 Mon.-Fri.
Description: Planning & economic services including business planning, zoning problems, dock permits, etc., with Dr. Terry Campbell, Ph.D.
Offer: Free initial consultation and 20% fee discount on all business planning services.

B&K Upholstery
Located: Hwy 82 N., Grand Village Unit 1, Langley
Phone: 918-851-5901
Hours: 9-5 Mon-Sat.
Description: Upholstery for furniture, boats and other items. Over 40 years experience.
Offer: 10% discount on upholsthy material with purchases of $50 or more.

Backyard Deli & Galleria
Located: 35894 East 650 Rd, Locust Grove
Phone: 918-386-2880
Hours: 10:30-8 Wed.-Sat., 1-8 Sun.
Description: Menu includes specialty items such as 1 1/2 pound charbroiled rib eye steak and signature desserts.
Offer: Dessert of choice w/purchase of meal (lunch or dinner).

Buffalo Ranch
Located: 21600 S. Hwy. 59, Afton
Phone: 918-257-4368
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Description: Convenience store, gas, Subway sandwiches, fried steak, burgers, hot dogs, shakes and ice cream.
Offer: Buy a king-size candy bar and get a 32-ounce fountain drink free.

Candlewyck Cove Resort
Located: 59800 E. 307 Lane, Grove
Phone: 918-786-3636
Website: candlewyckcove.com
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Description: Majestic lakefront resort offering suites & cottages of all sizes, swimming pool, hot tub and boat rental available.
Offer: 10% off on new room rental, plus owner gift (two night minimum on weekends).

Cartridge World
Located: 2100 S. Main, Grove
Phone: 918-791-9465
Hours: 8:30-6:30 Mon., Tues. & Thur.; 7:30-5:30 Wed. & Fri.; 10-3 Sat.
Description: Half-price ink and laser toner and printer cartridge refills.
Offer: 10% off any refilled cartridge (ink or toner).

Center Cinemas
Located: 124 S. Wilson, Vinita; 1109 N. 3rd, Grove; and 1102 Carl St., Siloam Springs
Phone: 918-256-2097 (Vinita), 918-786-3900 (Grove), 479-238-8550 (Siloam Springs)
Hours: Vary by show times.
Description: First run movies on three screens in Vinita and six screens each in Grove and Siloam Springs.
Offer: Buy a large popcorn and get a free large drink with paid admission at any of the three locations.

Ceramics of Intent
Located: 18790 E. 519 Road, Colcord
Phone: 918-326-4494
Hours: 10-8
Description: Certified ceramic teacher/master ceramist on staff. Fully stocked inventory of ceramic supplies. Retail sales (wholesale for qualified groups). Greenware, all major paint lines, finishing accessories, brushes. Classes offered.
Offer: 10% off any retail purchase up to $100.

Chelsea Family Pharmacy
Located: 600 Walnut, Chelsea
Phone: 918-789-2241
Hours: 9-6 Mon.-Fri.; 9-1 Sat., closed Sun.
Description: Same-day delivery service on prescriptions. Source for medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.)
Offer: 25% off any $25 over-the-counter or gift purchase.

Cherokee Queen Motel & Hilltop Restaurant
Located: 61991 E. 315 Road, Grove
Phone: 918-786-7755 (motel) or 918-787-9970 (restaurant)
Website: www.cherokeequeenmotel.com
Hours: Motel always available, restaurant closed on Monday, open Tues.-Sat. 11-2 & 5-9, Sun. 11-2.
Description: Hotel: 32 large spacious rooms featuring cable TV and internet; Restaurant: German cuisine on Wed., Italian on Thurs., Sunday buffet.
Offer: 10% discount at motel, 10% off at restaurant.

Clark’s Portraiture
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-791-8258
Website: www.clarksportraiture.com
Hours: 8-7 Mon.-Fri.
Description: Photography services with a relaxed and up-posed perspective. Black & white, color, sepia tone or combination portraits from your proofs.
Offer: One free 8x10 portrait & 10% off any portrait package.

Coats Furniture & Appliance
Located: 142 S. Wilson, Vinita
Phone: 918-256-6612
Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Fri.; 9-12:30 Sat.
Description: Third-generation, family owned business serving northeast Oklahoma for 50 years. La-Z-Boy and Ashley Furniture; Whirlpool, Frigidaire and Maytag appliances; and bedding by Corsicana.
Offer: 5% off everyday tagged price.

Cooper’s Café
Located: 129 W. Main, Colcord
Phone: 918-326-4000
Hours: 7-6 Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri.; 7-4 Wed.
Description: Combination dairy grill and restaurant features sit-down dining and home-style cooking featuring chicken-fried steak, burgers, hot dogs, shakes and ice cream. Breakfast also served.
Offer: 10% discount on any purchase.

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Debra’s Mobile Dog Grooming  
Located: Grove  
Phone: 918-787-8702  
Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Sat.  
Description: Complete mobile grooming service within 20 mile radius of Grove. Hook-up for electricity required.  
Offer: 10% discount on a first time complete groom.

Digital Images by Shanna  
Located: Wyandotte  
Phone: 918-678-3118  
Website: www.digitalimagesbyshanna.com  
Hours: By appointment  
Description: Photography services (studio and outdoor)  
Offer: High school seniors receive 28 free wallets with any portrait package ($29 value).

Doggie-Do Grooming & Boarding  
Located: Grove  
Phone: 918-786-7034  
Hours: 7-15:30 Mon.-Fri.  
Description: Doggie daycare, grooming and boarding facility with long-term and overnight boarding available. Eagle Pack brand pet food distributor.  
Offer: 10% off boarding.

Earp’s Tree Service  
Located: Jay  
Phone: 918-253-7753  
Description: 15 years of experience. Certified and insured. Free estimates. Stump grinding, shoreline, debris clean-up and large removals. Climbers available. No job too big or too small.  
Offer: 10% off total bill on tree service.

Electric by Miller  
Located: 33990 S. 690 Road, Grove  
Phone: 918-786-9636  
Hours: 7-4 Mon.-Fri. and 24-hour emergency.  
E-Mail: electricbymiller@sbcglobal.net  
Description: Electrical installation and repair. Generator sales, service and installation.  
Offer: $50 rebate on installation of any Briggs-Stratton, Generac & Honda generators.

Faith Note Funding  
Located: Grove  
Phone: 918-770-8774  
Website: www.moneymarkets.com  
Hours: 8-6 Mon.-Fri.  
Description: purchaser of secure notes  
Offer: For sale of each note or trust deed through Faith Note Funding, seller will receive choice of: 1) distribution of 20 scriptures in their name, 2) $70 check to seller and distribution of 20 scriptures in their name, or 3) $100 check to seller. With choice of options #1 or #2, seller will receive a card thanking them for the contribution and telling how many scriptures were distributed in their name or someone they want to honor.

Family Discount  
Located: 1011 E. Tulsaw Ave., Kansas, OK  
Phone: 918-868-2507  
Hours: 8-6 Mon.-Sat.; 1-6 Sun.  
Description: Wide selection of everyday items. Also carry Case knives, candy bouquets and gifts for special occasions.  
Offer: 10% off all purchases.

Goodfella’s Pizzeria  
Located: 103 S. Vann, Vinita; 450677 East Highway 85, Cleora  
Phone: 918-256-2498 (Vinita); 918-782-2000 (Cleora)  
Hours: 11-9 Mon-Sat (Vinita); 11-9 Tues-Sat., 5-9 Sun. (Cleora).  
Offer: Any large specialty pizza with breadsticks for $18.95 plus tax.

Gourmet’s  
Located: 2 W. 3rd St., Grove  
Phone: 918-786-4700  
Hours: 9-5  
Description: Scuba instruction  
Offer: $30 off scuba lessons.

Grand Divers Supply  
Located: Vinita  
Phone: 918-256-4490  
Hours: 9-5  
Description: Grand Wear Shopping Center, Langley  
Phone: 918-782-4994  
Hours: 9-5 Mon-Fri. Weekends by appointment.  
Description: Mortgage/loan services.  
Offer: $200 off closing cost of any loan.

Grand View Shopping Center, Langley  
Phone: 918-782-1141  
Hours: 8-5 Mon-Fri, Sat. 8:30-12 noon.  
Description: One stop automotive shop, offering oil & lube, tire rotation, auto detail.  
Offer: 50% discount on tire rotation with any oil change. 15% discount on any auto detail.

Grand Lake Fast Lube  
Located: 1927 N. 3rd St., Langley  
Phone: 918-782-1141  
Hours: 8-5 Mon-Fri., Sat. 8:30-12 noon.  
Description: One stop automotive shop, offering oil & lube, tire rotation, auto detail.  
Offer: 50% discount on tire rotation with any oil change. 15% discount on any auto detail.

Grand Lake Flowers & Weddings  
Located: Langley  
Phone: 918-782-9292 or toll-free 866-304-9292  
Website: www.grandlakeflowers.com  
Hours: 9-6 Mon-Fri., 9-1 Sat.  
Description: Complete floral services. Commercial plant service, wedding coordination. Arrangements for any occasion. Full service delivery to Vinita, Adair, Ketchum, Atlon, Jay, and many other communities. Locally owned and operated. Designs by Patricia Chaney.  
Offer: 15% discount on signature designs.

Grand Lake Golf School  
Located: Atlon  
Phone: 918-257-4967  
E-mail: stevepace.golf@yahoo.com  
Description: Lessons from certified golf instructor Steve Pace. Call or email for appointment.  
Offer: Free golf swing analysis ($40 value).

Grander Opportunities  
Located: Bluejacket  
Phone: 918-533-3500  
Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Fri.  
Description: Multi-faceted business with gifting/incentives for employees or clients, corporate or personal health and wellness solving, specialty agricultural products, and personal shopping service for busy families or retailers.  
Offer: 10-15% savings on specified Agriculture Solutions, Ribbons, Trim Body System products, and personal shopping assessment and services.

H2O Sports Rental  
Located: 59800 E. 307 Lane, Grove  
Phone: 918-786-3400  
Website: www.h2osportsrental.com  
Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
E-mail: h2osportsrental@gmail.com  
Description: Grand Lake’s premier watercraft rental. Located at Candlewck Cove Resort.  
Offer: 10% discount on rental, plus owners gift.

J & B SmartSafe Tornado Shelters, LLC.  
Located: 55405 Co. Road 660, Colcord  
Phone: 918-791-4448  
Website: www.smartsafeshelters.com  
Hours: 8-5 Mon-Fri.  
Description: Three sizes available, lifetime warranty.  
Offer: $100 discount on any shelter.

James R. Butner, O.D.  
Located: 529 N. Wilson, Vinita  
Phone: 918-256-5543  
Description: Full service optometrist. Eye examinations for both cataracts and glasses. Co-manager for cataract, Lasix and post-Lasix surgery. Treatment for eye diseases such as glaucoma and diabetics. Wide variety of frames. Same day service on in-stock, single vision glasses and contacts. Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance plans accepted.  
Offer: 30% off any frame and prescription lenses (in-stock frames only. Both frame and lens purchase required. Cannot be combined with any vision or insurance plan. Valid prescription required. Other restrictions may apply).

Janet’s Home Accents & Gifts  
Located: 217 S. Wilson, Vinita  
Phone: 918-256-2233  
Description: Lampe Berger, Crocs, Jody Coyote, Root Candles, wedding invitations and registry, tuxedo rental and much, much more.  
Offer: 20% discount store wide.

Joplin Eye Laser Center  
Located: 1905 W. 32nd, Suite 408, Joplin, MO  
Phone: 417-621-2020  
Hours: 8:30-5 Mon.-Thurs., 8:30-noon Fri.  
Description: 20-plus years experience. Offering latest technology in both refractive and cataract surgical procedures.  
Offer: 20% off usual and customary procedure fees for Lasik surgery.
Kamler IXL Anti-Friction Metal Conditioner
Located: Webb City, Missouri
Phone: 417-529-8430
Description: Friction-fighting product for most engine fluids. Benefits include improved fuel mileage, increased power, lower operating temperatures. Product extends life of many engine parts.
Offer: 15%-20% discount on Case purchases.

Kathy’s Place Flowers, Gifts & More
Located: 209 W. Main, Adair
Phone: 918-785-4422
Hours: 10-6 Mon.-Sat.
Description: Unique rustic furniture for the whole house. Western/lodge decor, comforter sets, jewelry, purses, gift cards, lamps, candles, nightlights, picture frames, etc. Monthly specials.
Offer: 15% off purchases over $50.

Kelly Golf
Located: 311 West 3rd Street, Grove
Phone: 918-787-7640
Hours: 9:30-5 Tues.-Fri.; 9:30-noon Sat.
Description: Full service golf and repair shop. Brands like Taylor Made, Nike, Adams, Bridgestone, Srixon. Custom-built clubs and large selection of pre-owned.
Offer: 10% discount on all purchases before tax.

Lendonwood Gardens
Located: 1310 W. 13th, Grove
Phone: 918-786-2938
Website: www.lendonwood.org
Description: A six-acre botanical garden near Grand Lake. More than 1,200 different types of plants, including the largest collection of rhododendrons in the Southwest, 500 varieties of daylilies, and 25 varieties of dogwoods.
Offer: 10% off wedding fees, 20% off fee for guided tours scheduled in advance.

Mary Kay Cosmetics
Located: 451407 Pheasant Circle, Afton
Phone: 918-695-7909 or 918-782-9497
Website: www.marykay.com/carmencarnes
Description: Skincare, makeup, body and sun products, fragrance.
Offer: Receive a complimentary TimeWise facial.

Miami Animal Hospital
Located: 2620 N. Hwy 69A, Miami
Phone: 918-542-2803
Website: www.miamianimalhospital.com
Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Fri., 9-12 noon Sat.
Description: Full service veterinary hospital offering complete lines of large and small animal vaccines, antibiotics, animal health products and pet foods.
Offer: 10% discount on vaccine purchases for large or small animals.

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-801-2727
Website: www.orgsites.com/ok/mopsogrove
Description: Organization for moms with children ages birth through kindergarten. Goal is to educate moms and provide a support system. A division of MOPS International.
Offer: 15% off membership dues.

NEO & Miami Hearing Aid Centers
Located: Grove & Miami
Phone: 918-786-4565
Hours: 9-5 Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri (Grove); 9-4 Mon., Wed., Fri. (Miami)
Description: Hearing aid specialists board certified in hearing instrument sciences. 47 years combined experience. Free hearing examinations. Latest hearing aid technology. Service all makes and models of hearing instruments.
Offer: $300 discount on pair of S Series 11 IQ models of hearing instruments.

Osborn Drug
Located: 116 S. Wilson, Vinita
Phone: 918-256-6459
Hours: 8-5:30 Mon.-Fri., 9-1 Sat.
Description: Full service pharmacy offering a wide variety of card and gift items.
Offer: 10% off Woodwick candles.

Peoria Ridge Golf Course
Located: 10275 S. 600 Rd, Miami
Phone: 918-542-7676
Website: www.peoriaridge.com
Hours: daylight to dark, 7 days a week
Description: Premier 18-hole championship course with tournament caliber greens. Bermuda fairways & roughs, and bent grass greens.
Offer: $26 special package includes green fee & half a cart Mon.-Fri. only. Not valid weekends or holidays.

Pier 13
Located: at junction of Hwy. 28 & 82 in Langley
Phone: 918-782-1213
Hours: 10-9 Mon.-Sat.
Description: Largest wine selection and best prices on the lake. Order ahead for that special event. Wine club, wine-tasting events.
Offer: $5 off $50 purchase or 10% off wine purchase.

Pine Lodge Resort
Located: 33674 S. 4505 Road, Afton
Phone: 918-782-1400
Website: www.pinelodge@neok.com
Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week
Description: Romantic cabins fully equipped, featuring a king or queen bed, fireplace and a hot tub on a private deck. Clubhouse and pool. Grand Lake is just a stone’s throw away.
Offer: 10% discount off each reservation. Not valid with other offers. Holidays excluded.

Precision Wireless Internet
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-791-9570
Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Sat.
Description: Dial-up and rural high-speed Internet service.
15 towers broadcasting to rural areas of Grove, Jay, Bernice, Turkey Ford and surrounding areas. Dial-up $9.95 per month, high speed as low as $29.95 a month. Computer repair shop.
Offer: $40 off wireless installation, 10% off computer repair.

Rosetta's Family Hairstyling, Gifts & More
Located: 110 West Ferry Street in Salina
Phone: 918-434-3565 or 918-864-1525
Hours: 10-6 Thurs. & Fri.; 9-12 Sat. (later by appointment)
Offer: 10% off haircut upon presentation of card.

Sign Man/Ton Best Design
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-786-9870 or 918-964-0066
Hours: By appointment
Description: Full-color, wide format printing of interior & exterior graphics. Wide format laminating, computer graphic design, large format framing, canvas prints and texture finishing.
Offer: 15% discount on purchase.

Terry’s Painting
Located: Miami
Phone: 918-541-5617 or 918-542-6125 (after hours)
Hours: 8-6
Description: 35 years experience. Free estimates. Works within 60-mile radius of Miami. Interior and exterior, commercial and residential. Paints decks, does power washing, wall texture, faux finish, cabinet refurbish and staining. Light carpentry services include replacing boards, drywall patching, water leak repair, etc.
Offer: 10% off bid.

The Antique Alley
Located: 32780 South 620 Road in Grove
Phone: 918-786-9109
Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat.; 1-5 Sun.
Description: Antiques and collectibles
Offer: 20% discount on purchases.

The Crooked Little House Pecan Orchard
Located: 6315 Hwy. 28 W, Adair
Phone: 918-785-2287
Description: Landmark for 40 years. Many varieties of homemade fudge and brittle. Cinnamon sweet pecans, pecan pralines, apple & pecan pies.
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The M.A.D. House Artists
Located: 771 Gusty Point Lane, Eucha
Phone: 918-435-4150
Website: www.themadhouseartists.com
Hours: 9-7 Mon.-Fri., 11-2 Sat., Sun. 3-5 p.m.
Description: Monthly dances and classes, books, artwork, costumes, art workshop, book reading.
Offer: 10% discount on all purchases and classes.

The Savers Association
Located: Colcord
Phone: 1-877-428-1111
Hours: 8-8 Mon.-Sat.
Website: http://johnguess.besthealthagent.com
Description: An Insure Oklahoma provider of discounted medical insurance rates. Life, health, retirement and savings insurance services.
Offer: $25 gift card/certificate with each new Co-op Connections Card purchase.

The Siding Man
Phone: 918-605-3957 or 918-476-4434
Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Fri., 9-2 Sat.
Description: Specialize in CertainTeed vinyl siding. Many different brands of replacement windows. Family owned and operated.
Offer: Free estimate and 5% discount on siding or window job of $2,500 or more.

The Virtual Fresh Food Store
Located: Colcord
Phone: 1-877-428-1111 or listen and learn at 1-800-942-1260.
Website: www.virtualfood.info
Hours: 8-8
Description: Seventeen items of fresh, raw, ready-to-eat, health-restoring produce delivered to your table in five servings for only $1.35 daily.
Offer: 10% rebate on all purchases with card

The Weird Sisters (Original jewelry by Rose)
Located: Hwy 82 N., Grand Village Unit 1, Langley
Phone: 918-841-0672
Hours: 8-8-5 Mon-Sat.
Description: Original Artisan designed jewelry, gold & silver with gemstones.
Offer: 10% discount on jewelry with purchase of $50 or more.

Welch’s Painting
Located: Grove
Phone: 918-605-7978
Hours: 8-5
Description: 20 years experience in Tulsa and Grove with references upon request. Friendly service and guaranteed work. New and remodels, interior and exterior. Wallpapering.
Offer: 10% discount on interior and exterior painting service.

Woodshed
Located: Edna, Kansas
Phone: 620-922-7252
Hours: 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
Description: convenience store, gas.
Offer: Purchase a king-size candy bar and get a free 20-ounce fountain drink.

Woodshed 2
Located: 124 South Willow, South Coffeyville
Phone: 918-255-6125
Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week.
Description: convenience store, gas.
Offer: Free 20-ounce fountain drink with purchase of $3 or more in deli items

Woodshed 3
Located: 509 S. Mayes, Adair
Phone: 918-785-2020
Hours: 5 a.m.-12 a.m.
Description: convenience store, gas.
Offer: Purchase a Subway sandwich and get a free cookie.

Woodshed 5
Located: 55900 East Highway 85A, Monkey Island
Phone: 918-257-8805
Hours: 4 a.m.-11 p.m.
Description: convenience store, gas.
Offer: Purchase ten or more gallons of gas and get a free 32-ounce fountain drink.

Local pharmacies partner with Co-op Connections Card

You can use your Co-op Connections Card and save an additional 10%-60% on prescriptions at over 56,000 participating pharmacies nationwide. Members can also take advantage of mail order for convenient home delivery with no additional fees. Below is a list of participating local pharmacies. Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative members saved over $176,000 to-date utilizing this valuable pharmacy savings program.

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Northeast Connection
NEOEC website has new look

WITH a click-click here and a click-click there, everywhere a click-click, we have grown accustomed to navigating a virtual world powered by ever-changing technology.

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is pleased to present its membership with the latest click—a newly updated website found online at www.neelectric.com.

“Clear... concise... not too busy...” and most importantly, “helpful” were all important recommendations for the design and development of the new site. It was, and continues to be, the cooperative’s goal for the site to be a valuable resource for its members. Without further ado, let’s click it out.

Running down the left side of the homepage are three quick action buttons: Pay Your Bill, offering direct access to our online bill pay program; Outage Information, showing outages the cooperative may be experiencing at the current time; and Recipe Page, we know you like ‘em just as much as we do!

Across the top are six areas you can click into further for a variety of topics, tips and applications. Under About REC, find out information about the cooperative, its trustees and current job opportunities. In the Member Services section, members can easily download forms, find out about payment options or current rates. The Field Services category has information on various products and services offered by the cooperative—things like security lighting and surge protection.

Halfway across the page you can find out ways to use your energy more wisely in the Energy Services area. Interactive applications guide you through changes you can make around your home to become more efficient in your usage. Applications for Operation Round-Up and our youth programs can be downloaded under the Community Services tab. Read the latest or search for an archived issue of the Northeast Connection newsletter in the News section.

In the middle of the homepage, find out the latest news from the cooperative. This area will be used to give members more information about outages, meetings and events.

Depending on the size of your computer monitor or screen, you may or may not be able to view the full homepage. Use the scroll bar at right to make sure you don’t miss out on the items at the bottom of the page. At the lower left corner, you will see a scrolling reminder of the week’s events at REC—things like crew locations, meeting reminders, energy & safety tips, etc.

The lower right hand corner of the homepage serves as your one-click access to the cooperative’s discount savings card program. By clicking on the Co-op Connections Card icon you can go directly to a listing of more than 14,000 discounts available to co-op members locally, statewide and across the nation.

This new and improved website is just one more way for Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative to demonstrate for its members its commitment to quality service.

Editor’s note: The new and improved NEOEC website was designed and produced by Tammie O’Neal, owner of O’Neal Design in Vinita. Tammie was a delight to work with—always positive, upbeat and patient with us each time we made changes. She has been in the design business for several years, creatively producing websites, graphics and print materials. To learn more about her business, visit www.itsaboutimage.com.

Playing it safe around substations

PUBLIC safety is a priority at Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative. That’s why you’ll find our substation equipment guarded by tall fences and clearly marked with signs warning of the potential danger lurking within. These signs and tall fences are in place for your protection. A substation is no place for unauthorized personnel.

Substations are critical components of an electric cooperative distribution system. They convert high-voltage power from transmission lines into lower voltage electricity used in homes and businesses. Some substation components could be energized at more than 100,000 volts.

A child who loses a toy inside a substation may be tempted to retrieve it. Please warn your child to never go inside a substation. Encourage them to play far away from these structures.

There are many parts of a substation that can cause serious injury. NEOEC service employees are trained to work inside substations. Even they take careful precautions before even entering these restricted areas. They always wear proper safety equipment inside the substation. NEOEC employees are the only people authorized to enter a cooperative substation.
Keepin’ it cool with Northeast Rural Services Right-of-Way Division

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative’s subsidiary business, Northeast Rural Services, contributes to the local economy and helps stabilize its parent company financially by providing quality, comprehensive contract right-of-way services throughout Oklahoma and neighboring states. NRS carries out its mission with great pride thanks to 57 dependable, hard-working employees. This month, a few NRS employees share their culinary skills by whipping up a few quick and easy summer recipes.

Oriental Cabbage Salad
2 large bags of slaw mix
6 green onions, chopped
2 packages ramen noodles, broken into pieces
4 ounces slivered almonds
4 ounces sunflower seed hearts
¼ pound margarine

Sauté last four ingredients (noodles, almonds and sunflower seeds and margarine) in saucepan until brown, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Immediately before serving, combine sautéed ingredients with slaw mix and onions and add dressing.

Dressing:
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 cup sugar
1 cup oil
⅓ cup tarragon vinegar

Note: If you can’t find tarragon vinegar, you can substitute gourmet salad vinegar.

Mandarin Orange Cake
1 yellow cake mix
1 small can mandarin oranges (with juice)
1 small box vanilla instant pudding
½ cup vegetable oil
4 eggs

Blend together all ingredients and beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour into greased 9 x 13 cake pan and bake at 350 for approximately 30-40 minutes. Allow cake to cool before frosting.

Frosting:
Mix a small box vanilla instant pudding with one cup of milk and let set for five minutes. Fold in one 16-ounce container of whipped topping. Drain a large can crushed pineapple and stir into frosting. Spread over cake and refrigerate.

Caramel Ice Cream Sandwich Delight
1 box ice cream sandwiches
1 jar caramel sauce
1 package Heath Bar chips
1 container whipped topping

Place layer of ice cream sandwiches in a 9 x 13 pan. Pour layer of caramel sauce over ice cream sandwiches. Sprinkle ½ bag Heath chips over caramel sauce. Top with whipped topping and sprinkle remaining Heath chips over whipped topping. Cover and place in freezer. Keep frozen until ready to serve.

Crockpot Brisket
6 or 7-pound brisket (trim excess fat)

Place brisket in crock pot and add:
1 can beef consommé
3 ounces soy sauce
Sprinkle of garlic powder

¼ cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon liquid smoke

Cook on low all night.
THE most expensive dirt in the world may lurk in your home’s heating and cooling system. If neglected, dust collecting in the equipment’s air filter could increase your energy bills hundreds of dollars every year and result in costly repair or replacement costs.

Dirty filters cause a system to work harder and break down faster. That’s because unfiltered dust and grime work into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

As you move around your home you drive dust into the air from carpets, drapes, and furniture. Pets generate dust particles by shedding, grooming, and tracking in dirt from outside.

Regardless of where it comes from, dust trapped in a heating and cooling system air filter leads to several problems, including:

- Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs.
- Costly duct cleaning or replacement.
- Lowered system efficiency.

Every time a system with a dirty filter kicks on, the day of reckoning—total replacement—draws closer. To avoid this expense, change filters monthly when a system’s in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

While most types of filters must be replaced, a few filters are reusable. They’re available in a variety of types and efficiencies, rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). MERV, a method developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, tests filter effectiveness. The higher the MERV number, the higher the filter’s effectiveness at keeping dust out of your system.

Stop writing checks. Save stamps. Save time. Sign up today for online bill pay.

Call a member service representative for more information.
An OKLAHOMA Tradition

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