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Be on the Hunt for Safety

Wearing a bright orange vest, keeping your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot, and only pointing at your target. These are some of the safety measures associated with hunting, and electrical safety should be added to the list.

Never shoot near or toward power lines, power poles, transformers or substations. A stray bullet could not only damage equipment, potentially interrupting electric service, but could be deadly to the shooter. Damage to the conductor could drop the line to the ground, causing possible electrocution to those nearby.

Safe Electricity urges hunters to follow these safety tips while hunting:

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot.
- ▶ Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- ▶ Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
- ▶ Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines



and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them.

▶ Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Anything attached to a pole, except for utility equipment, is an obstruction and poses a serious hazard to electric co-op lineworkers.

Don't make linemen hunt for problems caused by unsafe hunting practices. Sometimes damage isn't noticed for several weeks or months, or unless an outage occurs. Keep yourself and your electric co-op workers safe this hunting season. For more electrical safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

In Case of an Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, please call 800-828-5538. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. After hours, calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to our on-call personnel.

Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Our offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observance of the holiday. From our co-op family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!



SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS—APPLY FOR THESE AMAZING TRIPS!

YOUTH PROGRAMS **BUILD**

Leadership, Community, Memories

Ninnescah Electric will select two students to take an all-expenses-paid trip in the summer of 2019. If you are a high school sophomore or junior, submit your application for the chance to win one of these trips.

During both trips, students forge lifelong friendships and many become college roommates and professional colleagues. Most importantly, these youth programs inspire students to discover who they want to be.



During the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., students meet with our elected officials. This year's tour will be June 13-20, 2019.

Tour the Nation's Capital

Imagine—a chance to visit our nation's capital for one week, meet with more than 1,800 students from across the U.S. and visit with Kansas' senators and congressional representatives. Ninnescah will choose one winner to go to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 13-20, 2019. The week-long trip to Washington, D.C. is jam-packed with sightseeing. Students will visit many of the major monuments and memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial



Each year, campers go rafting during Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, which is scheduled for July 12-18, 2019.

a winner to attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 12-18, 2019. Rafting, hiking and building memories—it's not just another trip! At camp, you will join winners from other co-ops in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming to build valuable leadership skills. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/CYLCVideo>.

How to Apply

To apply for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, please complete the form below or download at www.ninnescah.com and return **BY DEC. 6, 2018**. Ninnescah will provide informational packets on which there will be a quiz and short interview (similar to a job interview) to select two winners. For more information, please contact Nancy Aschenbrenner at 800-828-5538.

and the Washington Monument. To see what's in store, visit <http://bit.ly/dcytvideo2015>.

Adventure in the Rockies

Ninnescah will also choose

Application for Youth Tour Contest – Due Dec. 6, 2018

To apply, please complete the application below and return to Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative, 275 NE 20th St., P.O. Box 967, Pratt, KS 67124, **BY DEC. 6, 2018**.

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Year in School _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Phone Number(s) _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2019 Youth Tour competition sponsored by

Ninnescah Electric Cooperative, Inc. SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

Cold Weather Rule Begins Nov. 1

You must make payment arrangements with Ninnescah to use the CWR

The Cold Weather Rule (CWR) allows for special payment and disconnection procedures for residential customers with past due bills. The provision for the CWR is to ensure human health and safety are not endangered during the cold weather months. The following guidelines have been established to protect not only you, the member, but your member-owned co-op.

The co-op will not disconnect a residential service between Nov. 1 and March 31 when the National Weather Service office forecasts the temperature to drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit within the following 48-hour period unless:

- ▶ It is at the member's request;
- ▶ The service is abandoned;
- ▶ A dangerous condition exists on the member's premises;
- ▶ The member violates any rule of the cooperative which adversely affects the safety of the member or other persons, or the physical integrity of the cooperative delivery system; and/or
- ▶ The member causes or permits unauthorized interference with or diversion or the use of (mechanical bypass), electric service situated or delivered on or about the member's premises.

To qualify for the CWR the member must do the following:

- ▶ Inform the co-op of their inability to pay their account in full;
- ▶ Give sufficient information to allow the co-op to make a mutually agreeable payment arrangement;



The CWR ensures you will have electricity in your home this winter. You must make pay arrangements with Ninnescah Electric Cooperative to use the CWR.

- ▶ NOT default on a payment agreement. Once an agreement has been made and those terms are defaulted on, the agreement becomes null and void and the member's service will be subject to immediate disconnection; and
- ▶ Apply for any federal, state, or local funds for which the member may qualify.

The cooperative will:

- ▶ Send one written notice mailed first class at least five days prior to termination of service—this notice is your non-payment notice of your regular electric bill which shows any balance not paid on your account when the current bill calculation was run;
- ▶ The day prior to disconnection the co-op will make at least one attempt to contact the member of record. If the member is unable to be contacted a disconnect notice will be left on the door by a co-op employee; and
- ▶ Inform the member of any known organization where funds may be available to assist with payment of electric bill.

UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS

Occasionally it may be necessary for Ninnescah Electric to contact you by phone for a planned outage or other issues. Please call the office or on your payment stub write your current phone number where you may be reached during the day as well as after office hours. Thank you.

Winter Rates Begin

We would like to remind you that Ninnescah's winter rates go into effect with your November bill.

The winter rates will remain in effect through your June bill. We are listing below the rates for electric service.

Single Phase Minimum Billings		Cost
Customer Charge		\$17.50
Winter Energy Charge		\$0.1190
Energy Cost Adjustment		varies monthly
Three Phase Minimum Billings		Cost
Customer Charge		\$25.00
Winter Energy Charge		\$0.1190
Energy Cost Adjustment		varies monthly
Irrigation—No Control		Cost
Monthly Customer Charge		\$15.00
Annual Installed Horsepower Charge <i>(Billed in five equal installments in billing months of April to August)</i>		\$30/HP
Winter Energy Charge		\$0.1160
Energy Cost Adjustment		varies monthly
Irrigation—Direct Co-op Control		Cost
Monthly Customer Charge		\$15.00
Annual Installed Horsepower Charge <i>(Billed in five equal installments in billing months of April to August)</i>		\$30/HP
Winter Energy Charge		\$0.0760
Energy Cost Adjustment		varies monthly

WELCOME New Members

Joshua Ethridge – Pratt

Randall R. Guillot – Gilbert, LA

Jeff &/or Amy Swindler – Pratt

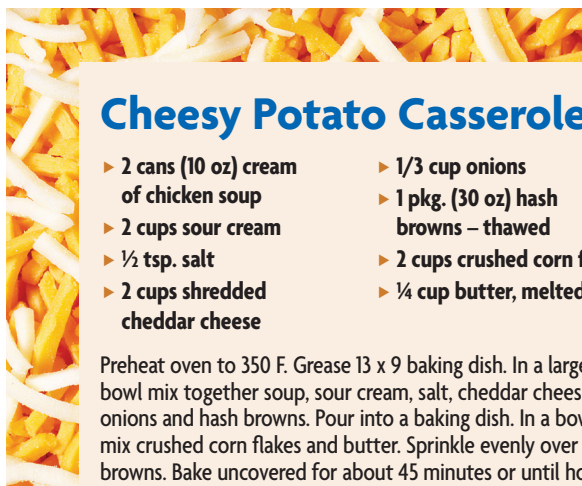
Three T Farming LLC – Lewis

Valis McLean – Hutchinson



Recipes

from Our
Members' Kitchens



Cheesy Potato Casserole

- ▶ 2 cans (10 oz) cream of chicken soup
- ▶ 2 cups sour cream
- ▶ ½ tsp. salt
- ▶ 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- ▶ 1/3 cup onions
- ▶ 1 pkg. (30 oz) hash browns – thawed
- ▶ 2 cups crushed corn flakes
- ▶ ¼ cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 13 x 9 baking dish. In a large bowl mix together soup, sour cream, salt, cheddar cheese, onions and hash browns. Pour into a baking dish. In a bowl mix crushed corn flakes and butter. Sprinkle evenly over hash browns. Bake uncovered for about 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 8.

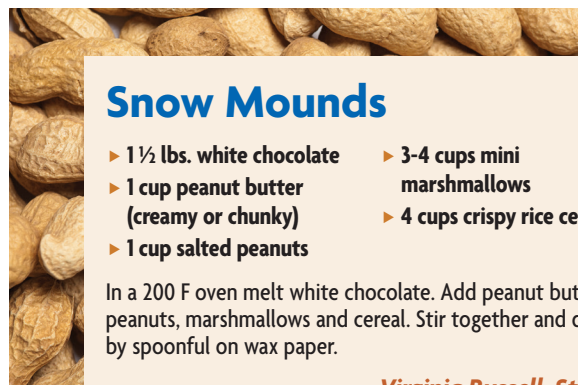
Bonnie Seidel, Pratt

Creamed Corn

- ▶ 8 ears of corn
- ▶ 6 Tbs. butter
- ▶ 2 Tbs. flour
- ▶ 2 Tbs. sugar
- ▶ 1 tsp. salt
- ▶ ½ cup half & half
- ▶ ½ cup cream

Cut corn from cobs. Add to large skillet with butter. When hot and bubbly, add flour sugar and salt. Stir till thick. Add half and half. Cook covered at a simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in cream just before serving.

Joy Tweedy, Greensburg



Snow Mounds

- ▶ 1 ½ lbs. white chocolate
- ▶ 1 cup peanut butter (creamy or chunky)
- ▶ 1 cup salted peanuts
- ▶ 3-4 cups mini marshmallows
- ▶ 4 cups crispy rice cereal

In a 200 F oven melt white chocolate. Add peanut butter, peanuts, marshmallows and cereal. Stir together and drop by spoonful on wax paper.

*Virginia Russell, St. John
(Recipe given to her by Lucy Veatch)*



Beef Noodle Shepard's Pie

- ▶ ½ lb. ground beef
- ▶ ¾ cup hot water
- ▶ 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
- ▶ ½ pkg. macaroni (uncooked)
- ▶ 1 ½ cup mashed potatoes (prepared)
- ▶ 1 ½ tsp. paprika

Preheat oven to 425 F. In a medium skillet, brown beef and drain. Stir in water, soup mix and macaroni. Simmer 5 minutes over medium heat. Pour mixture in a 13 x 9 baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes and sprinkle with paprika. Bake 15 – 20 minutes and serve hot. This is a simple but amazingly good recipe.

Deb Goyen, Pratt

Want to share your recipe?

We hope you enjoy these recipes. In order to continue this page, **PLEASE** submit your favorite recipes.

In your submission, include the following:

- ▶ Your name and contact information;
- ▶ Ninnescan account number; and
- ▶ the recipe (clearly printed or typed).

Email your entry to: naschenbrenner@ninnescan.com

Mail your entry to:

Ninnescan Rural Electric Attn: Recipes
P.O. Box 967, Pratt, KS 67124

Thank You!

