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NINNESCAH RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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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.

82nd Annual Meeting March 17



Join us for a FREE dinner!

**At the Pratt
Municipal Building**

**Don't Forget
to RSVP!**

Send in your
reservation card or call by
Friday, March 13

**Ninnescah Electric
Cooperative's**

**2020
Annual
Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17

Registration at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Meeting to follow

Don't Miss this Year's Events

- ▶ Election of Three Trustees
- ▶ Co-op Reports
- ▶ Youth Tour & Camp Winner Announcement
- ▶ Door Prizes

**Each member in attendance will
receive a credit on their electric bill!**

Welcome New Members

KDHE-BER-STS – *Topeka*

Justin Stone – *Lewis*

Damon &/or Chelsea Brown – *Haviland*

David C. &/or Kerri Steffen – *Cunningham*

Scott Ingham – *Clafflin*

2019 Property Taxes

The Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., Pratt, paid a total of \$ \$630,601.57 in ad valorem property taxes in 2019.

Through payment of property taxes, rural electric cooperatives share the cost of the state's educational system, highways, and city and county facilities such as roads, libraries, parks and hospitals.

Paying our share of taxes is one of the many ways Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative and nearly 1,000 other rural electric cooperatives – now serving more than 26 million people throughout the United States – help build a stronger, more prosperous America. In addition to the ad valorem property taxes, we pay approximately the same amount in other taxes. Ninnescah Rural Electric provides electricity to 4,287 services.

County	Annual Taxes
Barber	\$45,416.80
Comanche	\$ 829.74
Edwards	\$ 73,605.04
Harper	\$ 21,328.62
Kingman	\$ 32,715.96
Kiowa	\$ 83,887.54
Pawnee	\$ 1,568.15
Pratt	\$287,305.00
Reno	\$ 13,885.10
Stafford	\$ 70,059.62
Totals	\$630,601.57

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative met on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at the cooperative office on NE 20th Street, Pratt, Kansas.

The following members of the nominating committee were present: **JACK DEVINEY, JON M. MCCLURE, GILBERT M. LARKIN, KEN W. LEWTON, STEVE MOORE, MORGAN J. TRINKLE** and **WILBUR K. WOOD**, this being all the members of the committee, with the exceptions of Terah Lambert and Jay A. Derley, who were unable to attend.

Lewton was selected as the chairman of the nominating committee, Wood was selected as secretary and McClure was selected as inspector of elections.

DANNY LYNCH of Johnston, Eisenhower, Eisenhower & Lynch, general counsel for the cooperative, reviewed with the nominating committee the qualifications and eligibility require-

2020 Board of Trustees Nominees



Lori R. Jones



Edwin D. Lenkner



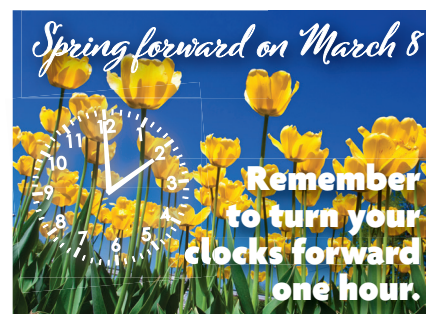
Kenneth E. Unruh

ments for election as a trustee as set forth in the bylaws of the cooperative. Based upon the information available and the bylaws of the cooperative, the nominating committee determined if each potential nominee was eligible for election.

The following individuals were nominated to serve three-year terms on the Ninnescah board of trustees: **LORI R. JONES**, Medicine Lodge; **EDWIN D. LENKNER**, Coats, and **KENNETH E. UNRUH**, Lewis. An election to select three trustees from these nominees will be held at the Ninnescah Rural Electric Cooperative annual meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.



Stay in the Know by Keeping Us in the Know

At Ninnescah Electric, we are constantly striving to improve our operational efficiency so we can provide the most reliable electric service possible for you, our consumer-members.

We rely on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, which is why we need your help. By making sure we have your most accurate and complete contact information, we can continue to provide the high level of service you expect and deserve. Accurate information enables us to improve customer service and enhance communications for reporting and repairing outages. It also allows co-op members to receive information about other important programs, events such as the co-op's annual meeting and the election of your board's representatives, and co-op sponsored activities.

Up-to-date contact information can potentially speed up the power restoration process during an outage. For example, the phone number you provide is linked to your service address which, in turn, is connected to our outage management system. This means when you call to report an outage, our system recognizes your phone number and matches it with your account location. Accurate information helps our outage management system predict the location and possible cause of an outage, making it easier and faster for our crews to correct the problem.

While we always do our best to maintain service, we occasionally plan outages to update, repair or replace equipment. In these instances,

we can provide advance notification to affected members through automated phone messages, text messages or email, if we have your correct contact information and communication preferences.

Keeping the co-op updated with your information also helps us when there's a question about energy use or billing. In addition, discrepancies on your account can be taken care of promptly if Ninnescah Electric has accurate account information.

It's also important we have the most up-to-date information for capital credits allocations. Even if you move from our service territory, please let us know your new address and contact information to ensure you receive allocations when they are approved by the board.

Many of you have been members of the co-op for years, and it's likely that your account information hasn't been updated for some time. We recognize that some members now use a cell phone as their primary phone service, and we might not have that number in our system.

We want to emphasize that in providing your contact information to the co-op, we will never share this information with any third parties. It is only used by Ninnescah Electric to send important information to you. Please take a moment to confirm or update your information by contacting our office. By doing so, you will be helping us improve service and efficiency so we can better serve you and all members of the co-op.

WHY IS TREE TRIMMING NECESSARY?



Tree and foliage **OVERGROWTH** can **INTERFERE** with **POWER DISTRIBUTION**.



Power lines can give off a **SPARK OR ARC** that may land on nearby branches and **IGNITE**.



The lights in your house may **FLICKER** when tree branches brush power lines during **HIGH WINDS**.



Stormy weather can cause nearby limbs to **BREAK OFF** and land on power lines.



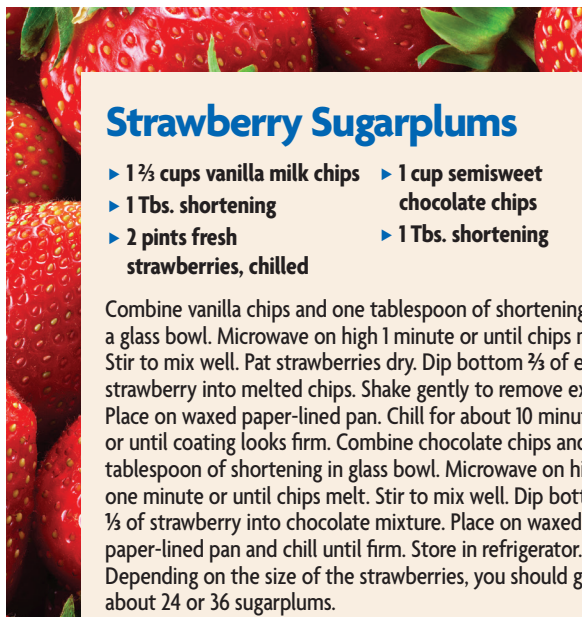
Accessibility to maintain equipment and **RESTORE POWER** is important to keep **LINEWORKERS SAFE**.

TRIMMED TREES = GREATER RELIABILITY

Recipes

from Our
Members' Kitchens

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



Strawberry Sugarplums

- ▶ 1 ½ cups vanilla milk chips
- ▶ 1 Tbs. shortening
- ▶ 2 pints fresh strawberries, chilled
- ▶ 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ▶ 1 Tbs. shortening

Combine vanilla chips and one tablespoon of shortening in a glass bowl. Microwave on high 1 minute or until chips melt. Stir to mix well. Pat strawberries dry. Dip bottom ⅔ of each strawberry into melted chips. Shake gently to remove excess. Place on waxed paper-lined pan. Chill for about 10 minutes or until coating looks firm. Combine chocolate chips and 1 tablespoon of shortening in glass bowl. Microwave on high one minute or until chips melt. Stir to mix well. Dip bottom ⅓ of strawberry into chocolate mixture. Place on waxed paper-lined pan and chill until firm. Store in refrigerator. Depending on the size of the strawberries, you should get about 24 or 36 sugarplums.

Brenda Head, Byers

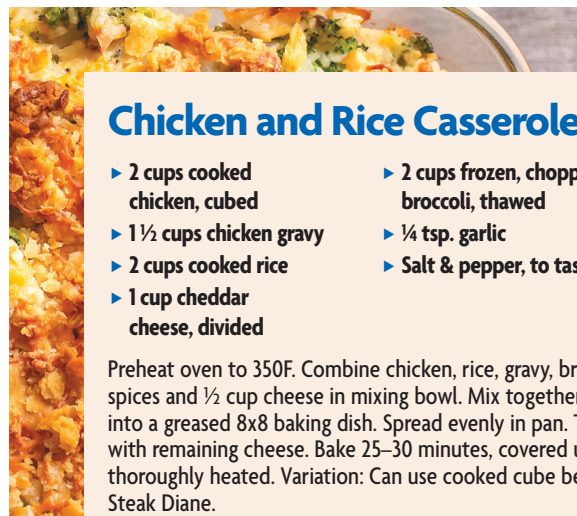


Quick Grilled Cheese Sandwich

- ▶ 2 slices bread
- ▶ 2 slices cheese
- ▶ Butter, optional

Put 2 slices of bread in toaster and toast. Remove from toaster and place 2 slices of cheese between toasted bread. Place in microwave for 20 seconds. You could put a little butter on bread after microwaving if you need a buttery taste.

Linda Suhler, Medicine Lodge

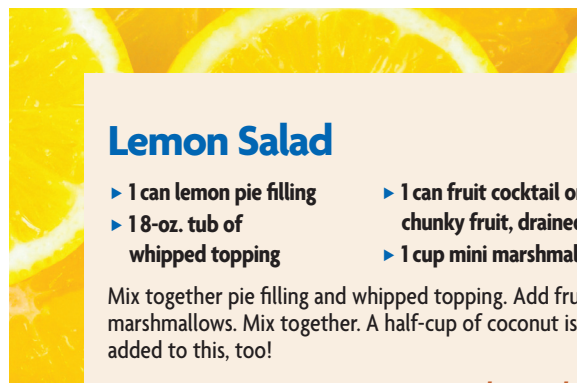


Chicken and Rice Casserole

- ▶ 2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
- ▶ 1 ½ cups chicken gravy
- ▶ 2 cups cooked rice
- ▶ 1 cup cheddar cheese, divided
- ▶ 2 cups frozen, chopped broccoli, thawed
- ▶ ¼ tsp. garlic
- ▶ Salt & pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 350F. Combine chicken, rice, gravy, broccoli, spices and ½ cup cheese in mixing bowl. Mix together. Pour into a greased 8x8 baking dish. Spread evenly in pan. Top with remaining cheese. Bake 25–30 minutes, covered until thoroughly heated. Variation: Can use cooked cube beef for Steak Diane.

Brenda Head, Byers



Lemon Salad

- ▶ 1 can lemon pie filling
- ▶ 1 8-oz. tub of whipped topping
- ▶ 1 can fruit cocktail or chunky fruit, drained
- ▶ 1 cup mini marshmallows

Mix together pie filling and whipped topping. Add fruit and marshmallows. Mix together. A half-cup of coconut is good added to this, too!

Brenda Head, Byers

Want to share your recipe?

In your submission, include the following:

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

Email your entry to:

naschenbrenner@ninnescan.com or mail to Ninnescah Rural Electric
Attn: Recipes
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