

Making Life Better



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER CLINT GARDNER

WHAT WOULD MAKE LIFE BETTER IN OUR SERVICE TERRITORY? More jobs? Better health care? Improved parks? Access to faster internet? Renewable energy options? Those are improvements that could benefit everyone in the area.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative exists to power communities and empower you, our members, to improve your quality of life. The cooperative business model offers the perfect tool for tackling tasks too big for one person to handle alone, but we need a common purpose to effectively wield the power of cooperation.

Think about the impact electricity had on rural areas about eight decades ago. People began living longer because they no longer had to work from dusk to dawn at back-breaking chores. Farm production jumped. Running water, lights and better food storage became possible—and with those leaps, our ancestors had new opportunities.

A few of you might remember our beginnings from your younger days, so you know full well the power of neighbors uniting behind a common purpose. Yet most of our members

weren't around when this area rolled up its sleeves and worked together to get the lights on, when cooperation changed the landscape of the communities we serve.

Does that mean we don't need a cooperative anymore? Is our job done? Are there no more challenges left, no roadblocks to a brighter future for our children? What should come next for us?

That's up to you.

Your co-op is more than a power provider. We're proof that when folks unite with a single focus, they can turn dreams into reality and make lives better. So think about it: What's important to you? What would make life better?

Please tell us what you're working on to improve the quality of your own life. We're here to support your efforts, and we want to know how we can help bring people with common needs and interests together. Remember, electric co-ops can be a mechanism you use to make life better. Send your ideas to Tony Williams at tony@colemanelectric.org, or call us at 1-800-560-2128.

We exist today because co-op members like yourself decades ago believed they could turn darkness into daylight. Thanks for sharing your ideas with us. We can't wait to work cooperatively with you!



CCEC To Award Scholarships to High School Seniors

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available for 2017 high school graduates who will be attending a college, technical school or university as a freshman.

Other qualifications:

You must be a child of a member, grandchild of a member, or child of a legal guardian who is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative.

You must reside with the active member within the Coleman County EC service area.

Eligible applicants will be placed in a drawing to be held in July at the cooperative's annual meeting. There will be nine drawings for scholarships of \$500 each. The entry deadline is June 30.

For an application, visit our website at colemanelectric.org, or contact Tony Williams at (325) 625-2128 or tony@colemanelectric.org.

CCEC Employees Recognized

105 years of combined service

AT A DECEMBER 22, 2016, MEETING, Coleman County Electric Cooperative honored employees for their years of service. Those who reached a milestone in their careers were Supervisor of Staking/Engineering Services Sherman Smith, 35 years; Cashier/Customer Service Representative Connie Turner, 35 years; First Class Lineman/Safety Coordinator John Casey, 30 years; and Billing Services Data Processor Kenna Stevenson, five years. Congratulations to those receiving this year's award! Thank you for your hard work and being dedicated employees for your member-owned electric cooperative.

From left: Supervisor of Staking/Engineering Services Sherman Smith, 35 years; Cashier/Customer Service Representative Connie Turner, 35 years; First Class Lineman/Safety Coordinator John Casey, 30 years; and Billing Services Data Processor Kenna Stevenson, five years.



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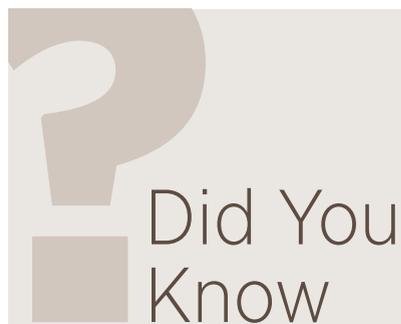
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Refrigerators in the U.S. collectively consume about the same amount of energy as 25 large power plants produce every year. Newer models run more efficiently than older ones, drawing less electricity and saving money on users' electric bills.

Power Tip

The seasons are changing!

Call a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning tech to inspect your HVAC system before switching over from winter heating to spring and summer cooling.