



CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

2016 DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

See inside this cover for the official notice and locations of district meetings.

DETACH THIS REGISTRATION CARD AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO YOUR DISTRICT MEETING.



Central Texas Electric Co-op

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

of Central Texas Electric Cooperative District Meetings

In accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the cooperative's bylaws, district meetings will be held in each board district to take action upon the following matters:

1. To determine the district nominee for election to the board of directors (Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 only). Information about the candidates is included on Page 22 of this issue.
2. Any business that may come before the meeting that is relevant to the district.

MEETING LOCATIONS

DATE	DISTRICT	TIME	PLACE	
Monday, June 6	6	6:30 p.m.	Cherokee High School Cafeteria, Cherokee	
Tuesday, June 7	3	6:30 p.m.	Mason Junior High School Cafetorium, Mason	Election
Thursday, June 9	2	6:30 p.m.	Ingram Elementary School Cafetorium, Ingram	Election
Monday, June 13	4	6:30 p.m.	Llano High School Auditorium, Llano	Election
Tuesday, June 14	1	6:30 p.m.	Comfort High School Auditorium, Comfort	
Thursday, June 16	5	6:30 p.m.	Fredericksburg High School Auditorium, Fredericksburg	Election

VOTING

To be eligible to vote, your membership must have been approved and accepted by the board of directors on or before May 10, 2016. Only one vote is allowed per membership. If both husband and wife attend, only one may vote. **You must be present at your District Meeting to vote. Proof of identification will be required.**

DOOR PRIZES & BILL CREDITS

A **\$10 BILL CREDIT** will be allowed for each voting member in attendance. Drawings for door prizes will be held at the close of the meeting.

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IMPORTANT

Check the mailing label on the front cover of this magazine to identify your district.

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EXAMPLE

BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU TO SAVE TIME IN THE REGISTRATION LINE.

2016 CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

In accordance with the bylaws of Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., a Credentials and Election Committee was formed to review applications and petitions submitted by cooperative members seeking election to the cooperative board of directors. Each sitting director chose one committee member, and an equal number were chosen at random by computer.

This Credentials and Election Committee met at the cooperative's headquarters office in Fredericksburg, March 22, 2016. The members serving on the committee are:

DISTRICT 1

Kendall County area

Brenda Ahrns
Garner Rice

DISTRICT 2

Kerr/Real/southern Kimble counties area

Kathy Heim
Richard M. Zimmerly III

DISTRICT 3

Mason/McCulloch/Menard/northern Kimble counties area

Roger Jordan
Susan Loeffler
John Olson
Pat Reardon

DISTRICT 4

Llano County area

Teresa Gray
Jeff Hopf
Dr. Wallace Klussmann
Frank Serpas Jr.
Kathy Shaffer
Karen Yarborough

DISTRICT 5

Gillespie/Blanco counties area

Emily Baethge
Fred Hild
Bill Ransleben
Troy Rhodes
Roland Wilke
Charlie Wilson

DISTRICT 6

San Saba County area

Martin Gray
Bill Mapes

In 2016, elections will be held in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 to choose one member from each district as its district meeting nominee for director. Biographies of interested members who submitted their applications for director seats by the March 15, 2016, deadline and were approved by the Credentials and Election Committee are included on Page 22 of this issue.

IMPORTANT DISTRICT MEETING DETAILS

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 P.M. • ALL REGISTRATIONS START AT 5:30 P.M.

Members should bring the registration card located on the front cover of this magazine and proof of identification.

Director candidates will be chosen in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5.

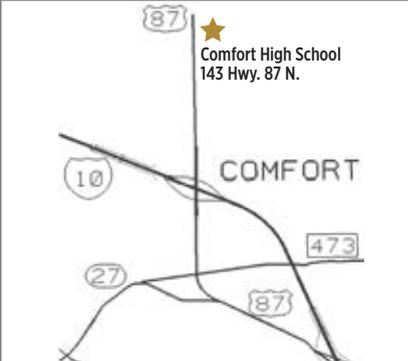
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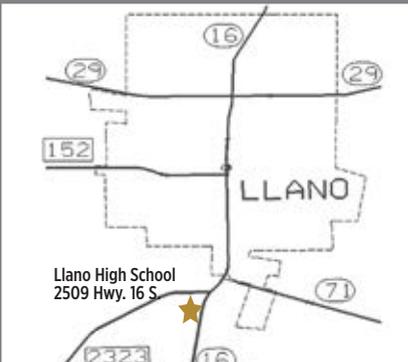
JUNE 14, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 1
 Kendall County area
 Comfort High School Cafeteria



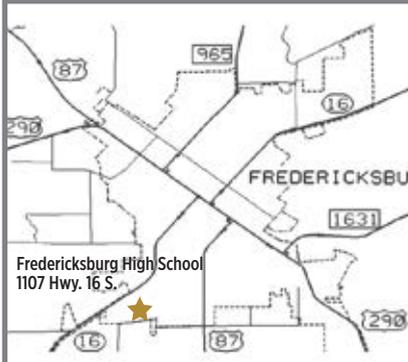
JUNE 9, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 2
 Kerr/Real/southern
 Kimble counties area
 Ingram Elementary School Cafetorium



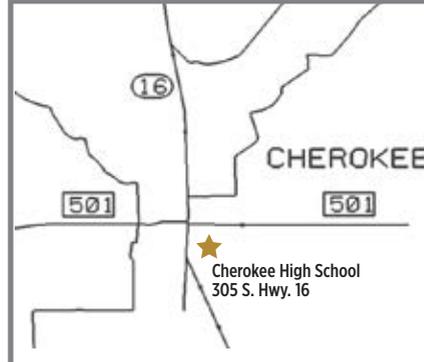
JUNE 7, TUESDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 3
 Mason/McCulloch/Menard/
 northern Kimble counties area
 Mason Junior High School Cafetorium



JUNE 13, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 4
 Llano County area
 Llano High School Auditorium



JUNE 16, THURSDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 5
 Gillespie/Blanco counties area
 Fredericksburg
 High School Auditorium



JUNE 6, MONDAY • 6:30 P.M.
DISTRICT 6
 San Saba County area
 Cherokee High School Cafeteria

Upgrading Facilities To Better Serve Our Members



MESSAGE FROM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ROBERT A. LOTH III

IF YOU'VE DRIVEN BY THE Mason Industrial Park in Mason recently, you might have noticed dirt moving as Central Texas Electric Cooperative begins the process of relocating our Mason branch office. Members near our Fredericksburg office also might have seen work beginning as we expand our Gillespie County operations facility.

Over the course of the next year, construction crews will be working to develop a brand-new CTEC facility on 10 acres at 1881 E. State Highway 29 in Mason and double the size of our operations center in Fredericksburg. Ground preparations began in Mason in late March, followed by Fredericksburg in April.

When we started out on this project, Mason was the first priority, and the Fredericksburg project was to happen either the next year or maybe two years later. However, doing both projects simultaneously will help the co-op save a significant amount of money. We were told that we could save anywhere from 5–10 percent undertaking the Fredericksburg project earlier, mainly because of inflation.

Your board of directors said we were as strong financially as we've ever been and that this is the time to upgrade some of our facilities. And rest assured, our recent rate adjustment detailed in the April issue of *Texas Co-op Power* was not enacted to pay for these building projects.

Once these projects are completed, we're going to take a look at our facilities in Llano and the Lakes area.



MASON

CTEC has been in our branch office on U.S. Highway 87 N. for more than 30 years, and it needed to be replaced long before now. Our current facility doesn't have a drive-thru where members can pay their bills without leaving their vehicles; it isn't 100 percent ADA-compliant; and its service yard and warehouse are too small for CTEC to fully handle the needs of our members in Mason County.

Opening next year, our new branch office in the Mason Industrial Park will prove to be much more user-friendly. The

Mason facility will have a hardened dispatch center, meaning that it's fireproof, hurricane-proof and tornado-proof. That also goes hand-in-hand with upgrading our security, cybersecurity and disaster recovery measures in the northwest part of CTEC's service territory.

The new Mason office is primarily focused on expanding our service operations facility, but members also will benefit from a covered drive-thru window and drop box, something our Mason County members have never had before.

When we took a look at this project, we considered several options, including splitting offices, with member services staying in one spot and operations moving to another. The board and I didn't like that, so we decided to do the whole thing.

This will give us all the room that we'll need. We shouldn't have to build another building in Mason anytime in the foreseeable future.



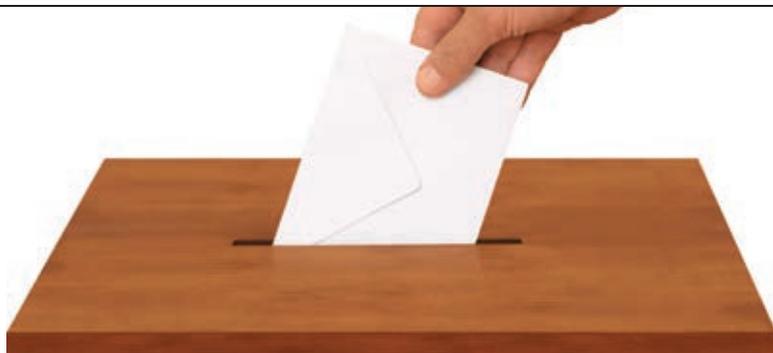
FREDERICKSBURG

Fifteen years ago, we built our main office in Fredericksburg primarily for the administrative staff, and now we're going to include the operations staff—basically doubling our warehouse size and enhancing our dispatch center.

With the old facility, we've maxed out the vehicle parking space, and we've pretty much maxed out the warehouse space. The expanded facility will allow us to better protect the investment members have made in the co-op's infrastructure.

Along with the additional space and protection for our equipment and materials, construction crews will be building a brand-new automotive maintenance facility that is larger and more modern than our existing facility. If you go over to the current auto shop, you'll see it's a tin shed. There's no air conditioning or insulation. If it's 20 degrees outside, it's 30 degrees inside it. There are two single-vehicle bays that we will expand to four bays, equipped to handle four bucket trucks.

You'll hear more about the Mason and Fredericksburg building projects at the district meetings next month, when we'll have additional details and design drawings available.



Attend the District Meeting and Get \$10 Off Your Electric Bill

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFITS gained from being a member of a locally owned co-op is the right to democratic control—one membership, one vote.

You can exercise your right to vote this June by attending the district meeting in your area and helping select a candidate to represent your area on the board of directors of Central Texas Electric Cooperative. Board candidates will be selected in Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 this year. Those meetings will be held in Ingram, Mason, Llano and Fredericksburg.

Although only those four districts will hold elections, the other two meetings, in Comfort (District 1) and Cherokee (District 6), will provide their members the same information-sharing discussions with management as the election meetings. CEO Robert A. Loth III will be on hand to update attendees on the current state of the electric industry and discuss current and future issues that will involve your co-op. Loth will conclude each meeting with a question-and-answer session with the members present.

Keep this magazine until June. Refer to the mailing label on the back cover of this issue to find the district meeting that you should attend. Refer to the “example” on the dust cover, verify from your label what district you’re in, and then find where your meeting will take place.

According to the CTEC bylaws, members must be present at their designated district meetings to participate and vote. Attendees will receive a \$10 credit (per membership) on their electric bill and be eligible for a few door prizes at each meeting.

So check out the date and place of your district meeting and mark your calendar today. Dates, places and maps are on the back cover. You must be present to vote, and you should bring the registration card on the front cover of this issue and your identification with you to the meeting. It will speed up your registration.

Director Application Notice

MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE district meeting nomination for director can still be placed on the annual meeting ballot by submitting an application and petition signed by at least 1 percent of co-op members eligible to vote (this would require about 250 signatures). The deadline for submitting the application and petition is June 27. The names of all nominees will be published in the annual meeting notice and included on proxy ballots mailed to all members. Nominations from the floor are not allowed.

Central Texas Electric Cooperative

Fredericksburg (headquarters)

386 Friendship Lane
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Llano

1410 E. State Hwy. 29, Llano

Kingsland

Nob Hill Subdivision
706 Cottonwood St., Kingsland

Mason

983 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Mason

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

Website

ctec.coop

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Robert A. Loth III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Riley Kothmann, President, *Mason County*
James Low, Vice President, *San Saba County*
Jack Asbill, Secretary, *Mason County*
Allen Goodwin, Treasurer, *Kendall County*
Doylene Bode, *Gillespie County*
Rex Brand, *Kerr County*
Tommy Duncan, *Llano County*
Stanley Keese, *Llano County*
Tim Lehmborg, *Gillespie County*
Charles E. Pearson, *Gillespie County*
W.C. “Dub” Stewart, *Llano County*

Emergency Contact

To report electric service interruptions, please call the Central Texas Electric Cooperative office in your area at the numbers listed below:

FREDERICKSBURG AREA

(830) 997-2126

1-800-900-CTEC (2832)

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS

(325) 247-4191

THE LAKES AREA

(325) 388-4542

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(325) 247-4191

after business hours

MASON AREA

(325) 347-6314

including McCulloch, Menard and Kimble counties

Applications Received for CTEC Board Nominations

THE FOLLOWING CTEC MEMBERS SUBMITTED their applications for a seat on the board of directors in their respective districts. Each of these individuals will be placed on the ballot as a district meeting nominee for director. Their eligibility has been confirmed by the credentials and election committee, which met at the CTEC headquarters March 22.



DISTRICT 2: KERR, REAL AND SOUTHERN KIMBLE COUNTIES
Applicant: Rex Brand (incumbent)

I am interested in continuing my service to the co-op for District 2. After serving three terms, I would like to serve my fourth and final term. I have attended training classes and obtained the Credentialed Cooperative Director certification.

I am a graduate of Oklahoma State University, I served in the U.S. Army for two years, and I am a Vietnam veteran.

I am retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service with 32 years of service and am a director of the Mountain Home Volunteer Fire Department, Hill Country Junior Livestock Show Association and Cowboy Camp Meeting.

The CTEC board has made several decisions for our membership that have kept our electrical rates down. CTEC still has many challenges to deal with in the next three years to keep our electrical rates affordable, and I feel I can contribute to meeting these challenges.



DISTRICT 3: MASON, MCCULLOUGH, MENARD AND NORTHERN KIMBLE COUNTIES
Applicant: Jack Asbill (incumbent)

As your District 3, Mason County representative for the past nine years, I have enjoyed speaking for the people, our members. This has been the second-most exciting time in CTEC's history, as we started buying electric-

ity from a new source. (The most exciting time had to be setting up the co-op some 70 years ago.)

I would like to continue to represent District 3 to follow up and continue to improve our cooperative. I believe CTEC is one of the best cooperatives in the state and will continue to progress.



DISTRICT 4: LLANO COUNTY
Applicant: Stanley Keese (incumbent)

I was born and raised in Llano County and currently reside on my ranch in southwest Llano County. I graduated from Llano High School, Texas A&M University, SMU Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, and the University of Oklahoma Commercial Lending School. I served

in the U.S. Army Reserve for eight years and have had a career in banking from 1967 to the present, as well as previously serving as a director on several bank boards.

I serve the Prairie Mountain Community Association as treasurer. I am a director of the Hill Country Livestock Association, serving previously as president and treasurer. I am also a member of Texas and Southwestern Livestock Association, Llano County AgriLife Extension Steering and Agriculture committees, and am a past director of the Llano County Farm Bureau. I am a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

I have been a director of Central Texas Electric Cooperative for nine years, serving as past secretary and treasurer. I have completed additional director training and hold a Credentialed Cooperative Director certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

I believe that with my financial background and knowledge of Llano and the surrounding counties, I can continue to be an asset to the CTEC Board of Directors.



DISTRICT 5: GILLESPIE COUNTY
Applicant: Heinrich Boenig

I am an electrical engineer with a doctorate in electrical engineering and more than 45 years of professional experience. I have worked in industry, university and most of my professional life at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

I have designed and built power systems infrastructure for public utilities, steel mills, electrical arc furnaces, high-speed train systems, electrical ships for the U.S. Navy and large-scale physics experiments.

Over the past 12 years, I have been an independent electrical engineering consultant working in power systems, power elec-

tronics and electrical machines for clients in the U.S. and Europe.

I am familiar with the technical and financial aspects of high-dollar electrical engineering projects. My background should be of significant value to the CTEC board when analyzing, evaluating and deciding on important technical and financial issues.



DISTRICT 5: GILLESPIE COUNTY

Applicant: Tim Lehberg (incumbent)

I was born in Llano and grew up southeast of Art in Mason County. I went through the Mason schools and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in finance. I worked as a commercial banker in San Antonio and held ranching interests in the Hill Country and south-

west Texas. I have resided in Gillespie County since 2006 and in 2008 was named executive director of the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission. I am very engaged in the community and serve on numerous boards and committees throughout the Hill Country.

I have attended co-op district and annual meetings for a number of years in an effort to stay informed about co-op business. In February 2015, I was appointed to the CTEC board and hold a Credentialed Cooperative Director certification from the NRECA. I have a genuine interest in our co-op and seeing it continue to provide the excellent service and rates that we members have grown accustomed to.



DISTRICT 5: GILLESPIE COUNTY

Applicant: R. Travis Jones

R. Travis Jones, as a civilian engineer, taught aeronautical physics and electronic control in the Missile Science Department at Fort Bliss for six years.

Jones started as a communications and system control engineer with an electric generation and

transmission co-op in western Colorado. The G&T was owned by 14 distribution electric co-ops.

Jones eventually became manager of the transmission department, which included 115–345-kilovolt lines, substations and a dispatch center. He was on the statewide committee for all utilities to establish a hot line school for linemen at Mesa College.

After 18 years, he resigned to take over the family sheep ranch of 1,000 head.

He completed advanced studies in the Australian discipline, quantitative genetics in sheep breeding. He took the final exam in Sydney, Australia. The subject of the exam was: “Economic

Evaluation of Genetic Application.”

Jones served on the National Wool Growers Board of Directors, chairing at different times the Breed Improvement and Wool committees.

His son, Dr. Ted C. Jones, a corporate officer in Houston, suggested Jones sell the ranch and bring 126 head of sheep to Fredericksburg. The sheep were involved for many years at the Texas A&M annual Ram Test at Sonora. The Jones’ rams sold well nationwide.

Travis and his wife Darlene are members of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church.

Reason for Seeking Director Nomination: Jones sold the Rambouillet sheep and maintains a small flock of white Dorper hair sheep to keep the pastures clean. He was approached to consider being a director on the CTEC board.



DISTRICT 5: GILLESPIE COUNTY

Applicant: Paula Stone

One of the things that sets Fredericksburg apart from most small towns is the incredible amount of community service performed by its citizens. Because of the willingness of people to give their time for the betterment of the area, we all get to enjoy the results. Now that I am semiretired

and have the time to give back, I want to do that.

Both of my bachelor degrees are from the University of Oklahoma: one in English literature and one in interior design. I’ve run my own interior design company for the past 18 years. Before that, I was a partner in three wholesale home furnishings showrooms in Dallas and Houston. I’ve served on three corporate boards. I’ve also served on two nonprofit boards: the San Antonio chapter of Sierra Club and the Fredericksburg chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas.

Besides education and experience, I bring a woman’s perspective. In the 69-year history of this board, only three women have been elected. Studies by Credit Suisse Research Institute show that boards with female members are actually more profitable. According to Forbes magazine, “Since the start of 2012, there has been a 5 percent out-performance on a sector-neutral basis by those companies with at least one woman on the board.”

Fortunately, CTEC has not had the problems that have plagued some of our neighboring co-ops. We have the low rates that they aspire to. I want to continue that legacy of excellence and help guide our co-op into a future that is as efficient and reliable as in its past. If elected, I pledge to listen to whatever concerns are brought to me.

When you vote, I hope you will consider not just my education and board experience, but also the diversity and enthusiasm that I can bring to the board. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Local Student Wins Co-op Trip to DC



Editor's note: This essay earned Tori Morrison, a student at Cherokee High School, a trip to Washington, D.C., through Central Texas Electric Cooperative's Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest. Her essay is the second in a series of winning compositions that will be printed in *Texas Co-op Power*. The views expressed in this essay are not necessarily those of Central Texas Electric Cooperative.

The essay was required to answer the question: "How would you advise CTEC to communicate to members like you to be more involved in their cooperative and learn more about their cooperative?"

INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER ARE the two leading apps for teenage interaction right now. A good way to reach out to people like me is to create an Instagram or Twitter account for Central Texas Electric Cooperative. The problem is that we will not be interested in these organizations until we are taught about them. Once teenagers have a bright experience first-hand with CTEC, we will be more willing to check out an Instagram account about the organization.

The Texas FFA holds what is called a "Fun Day" that teenagers attend and spend a day learning about the FFA. I propose that Central Texas Electric Cooperative have a Fun Day for teenagers in the co-op.

Employees of CTEC will dedicate a time and place to invite all teens to a "CTEC Fun Day" to learn about how CTEC works and how much the organization does for our communities. As the teens arrive, they are handed goody bags full of information, little knick-knacks, and a couple of healthy snacks for the day. The teenagers should be split into smaller groups, about 20 per group, and each group will have an employee lead the teens around throughout the day.

Typically there is an entry fee for each teenager. The Fun Day should last from around 8 a.m. to noon. A lunch should be provided. The entry fee will provide funds for the lunch as well as any drawings for prizes that the organization would like to hold throughout the day.

The day will consist of a variety of "stations." The groups will rotate through the stations. For example, a station could teach the teenagers about the Texas power grid. Another station could show all of the careers and opportunities within CTEC. Stations can be about anything within the co-op such as energy use or even the history of the company. Also, each station should have an interactive portion because I believe teens like me learn best hands-on.

To urge the teenagers to follow the co-op on Instagram and Twitter, have each student post his or her favorite picture of the Fun Day online and tag CTEC in the picture. The teen with the best picture will win a prize. Each teen at Fun Day will follow CTEC online and each of their friends will follow, as well.

I believe that once CTEC creates an account on Instagram and Twitter and hosts a Fun Day to get the teenagers interacting with the co-op, CTEC will have much more success reaching out to people like me.



Use a programmable thermostat to help manage energy use when you're away from home.

9 Summer Ways To Save

WHY PAY MORE FOR ELECTRICITY than you have to? The less you use, the more you'll save. Here are nine easy ways to pare down your use of electricity this summer:

1. Move lamps, the TV or any other heat-emitting electric appliances away from your thermostat. The heat can trick the thermostat into "thinking" it's hotter in the house than it is. In response, it will work harder to make the house colder than it needs to be.
2. If you're still using leftover incandescent lightbulbs, switch to compact fluorescent bulbs or LED fixtures and bulbs. The newer bulbs emit less heat and use less electricity when they're turned on.
3. Turn the air conditioning up to 78 degrees. If you usually run it at 72 degrees, you can save between 6 and 18 percent on your cooling bill by warming it up, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.
4. Plant trees outside of windows on the sunny side of your house. The shade can save you up to \$250 a year.
5. When you turn on your AC, turn on your ceiling fans, too. Running them together will make your house feel 4 degrees cooler—so you can raise the thermostat by 4 degrees. Turn fans off when you leave a room; fans cool people, not the air.
6. Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees. That will save you money, and it's safer than a higher setting because 120-degree water won't scald anyone.
7. Give your oven and stovetop a break on hot days. Use the microwave oven, a toaster oven or an outdoor grill instead, and you'll cut your energy use—plus you'll put less unneeded heat into the house.
8. Early summertime is no time to coop yourself up indoors with your computer. Turn it off and enjoy the great outdoors. But don't leave the computer on when you walk away; that wastes up to \$75 a year in electricity.
9. Don't have a programmable thermostat? It's time to get one. Choose a model that can automatically turn the temperature up when you're not home and crank it back down in plenty of time to cool things off so you'll be comfortable when you return.

Operation Round-Up Sign-Up Drive Offers \$100 Bill Credit

INTERESTED IN HELPING FRIENDS and neighbors in need? Want \$100 off your next electric bill?

Central Texas Electric Cooperative's Operation Round-Up program collects funds to help area individuals and families in times of crisis, as well as local nonprofit organizations. Operation Round-Up participants agree to have their monthly electricity bill rounded up to the next whole dollar each month.

As part of a sign-up effort, CTEC will offer \$100 bill credits to a few first-time enrollees in the Operation Round-Up program. CTEC members who haven't signed up for Operation Round-Up yet can do so simply by picking up the phone and calling the nearest CTEC office to enroll one or all of their accounts. The average contribution comes to 50 cents per month, or just \$6 for an entire year.

Of course, one-time monetary contributions to Operation Round-Up are also accepted. Just call any of the member services representatives at a nearby CTEC office and tell them your preference. All donations are tax-deductible.

CTEC serves more than 36,000 meters. For less than the cost of a soda pop per month, co-op members can have their account "rounded up," too. It's an easy, inexpensive way to become part of a great community program through your co-op membership.



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