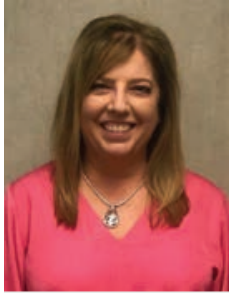


Navarro County EC Welcomes New CFO



NAVARRO COUNTY Electric Cooperative would like to welcome Jill Sadberry, the co-op's new chief financial officer. Sadberry began working at Navarro County EC on May 3. She previously worked at the Kerrville Public Utility Board for six years and prior to that at Comanche Electric Cooperative for 17 years. ■



DID YOU KNOW?

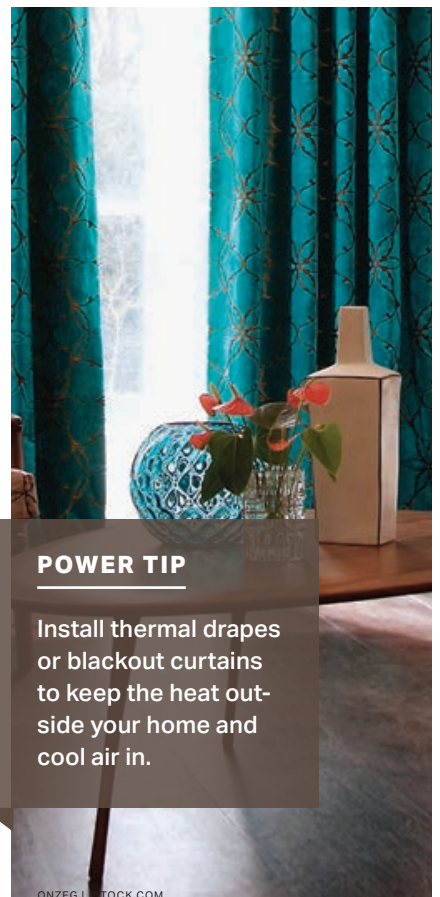
A refrigerator manufactured 30 years ago uses four times as much electricity as a modern one.

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Apprentice Completes Stage of Training

Navarro County Electric Cooperative would like to congratulate Isaiah Solis on completing the second level of the co-op's lineworker apprenticeship program in June. As Solis advances through the five-year program, he will continue to learn through on-the-job and classroom training to eventually become a line-man for NCEC. ■



POWER TIP

Install thermal drapes or blackout curtains to keep the heat outside your home and cool air in.

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5 Home Energy Hogs

EVEN THOUGH TWO HOMES may have many similarities, there may be hidden energy hogs causing one home’s utility bills to be higher. Here are five energy hogs that increase energy use.

1. An old fridge or freezer in the garage. That second refrigerator or freezer may be costing more than you think. If the model was produced prior to 1990, it’s likely using twice as much energy (or more!) than a newer Energy Star-rated model. If it’s located in the garage, it may run constantly in the summer, which leads to higher electric bills.

2. Cooling or heating an uninsulated area. Cooling or heating an uninsulated workshop or garage can be expensive. If you really want to heat or cool these types of spaces, insulate them.

3. Hot tub. The cost to operate a hot tub can be exponentially higher if it’s an older, less efficient model. A smaller hot tub with better insulation, a cover and a pump that runs on a lower voltage will use less energy. In the end, getting a “good deal” on a used hot tub may cost more in energy bills in the long run.

4. Swimming pool. If you have a pool, consider installing a smaller, more efficient pump and reducing how often it runs. You can also look at installing a larger filter and maximizing the flow of water through the pipes by making them larger. These measures could cut your electric use for the pool pump by as much as 75%. Consult with a pool installation specialist to find the most efficient setup that will still keep your pool clean.

5. Pumps. If you live on acreage or a farm, you probably have several pumps, including irrigation, well, septic and sump. You probably use those pumps until they break down. Consider replacing the oldest and most-used pumps over time with more efficient ones that are sized correctly for their task. ■

NCEC Awards Grants: Operation Round Up

Organization/Agency	Grants Approved
Common Ground Ministries	\$1,000
Frost Community Center	\$3,000
Waxahachie Little Pantry	\$1,000
Waxahachie Symphony Association	\$3,000
Total granted	\$8,000



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ABOUT NAVARRO COUNTY EC

NCEC owns and maintains more than 3,000 miles of line to provide electric service to more than 12,000 members in Ellis, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and Navarro counties.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at navarroec.com
- Through the SmartHub app
- By phone at 1-855-385-9975
 (Phone payments are not accepted on the NCEC office line.)

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NCEC provides *Texas Co-op Power* and TexasCoopPower.com to give you information about events, safety, special programs and other activities of your cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the co-op office.

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Keep Cool This Summer Without Blasting Cold Air

THERE'S NO NEED to lose your cool when you get your electric bill during the hottest days of the year. Instead, try some alternatives to cranking up the air conditioning when the sun is blazing and it hasn't rained in days.

Install a dehumidifier. If it feels as humid indoors as it does outdoors, it's not just the heat making you uncomfortable. If you see water dripping out of the air conditioner or if you have to set it so low that you're freezing just to feel comfortable, a dehumidifier will help.

Cook outdoors or eat cold food. Salads, raw veggies and fruit make great bases for summer meals, and they don't require the stove or oven, which can heat up the kitchen. Instead, gather the family

for a barbecue and fire up the outdoor grill or serve a cold buffet on extra-hot evenings.

Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home. Check doors, windows, outlets, attic access doors and anywhere else outside air might enter your home.

Hang bright curtains. Red, orange and yellow tend to deflect heat, so for curtains, those colors are energy efficient. Closing the curtains or blinds during the day will keep sunrays from heating up the home you're trying to keep cool. Or install solar screens or a window tint to let in the light but keep out the heat.

Run fans. Ceiling fans with blades that turn counterclockwise pull heat up out

of the room and send a soft breeze down into it, so anybody nearby will feel cooler. Electric fans placed in windows can draw heat out of a room on days when you want to give your AC a break.

Run your dishwasher, clothes washer and dryer after dark. Appliances that use heat to operate also throw some heat into the rooms they're in. So run them during the coolest part of the day—after the sun goes down. ■



#1016: 2010 1/2-ton, 2WD, gasoline, automatic, 184,100 miles



#1210: 2012 1-ton, SRW, 4x4, gasoline, automatic, 204,000 miles



#0849: 2008 Knapheide, 26,000 GVWR, 24+5



#1323: 2013 1/2-ton, 2WD, gasoline, automatic, 184,000 miles



#1219: 2012, 1/2-ton, 2WD, gasoline, automatic, 215,000 miles



#1320: 2013 1/2-ton, 2WD, gasoline, automatic, 194,000 miles

#0717: 2007 Chevrolet C5500, cab and chassis, 2WD, Duramax diesel, automatic, 132,100 miles



Vehicles For Sale

SEALED BIDS will be accepted in the Navarro Electric Cooperative manager's office until 4 p.m. Friday, August 13. Vehicles sold as is. No warranty is expressed or implied. Payment must be cash or cashier's check. Please furnish contact information with your bid.

Winning bidders will be notified Monday, August 16. Vehicles must be picked up by Friday, August 20, or the next highest bidder will be notified.

Navarro County EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Viewing hours for vehicles: Monday–Friday, 8:30–11 a.m. and 1:30–4 p.m. To make an appointment, call (903) 874-7411, ext. 115.



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Mama's Watermelon Salad

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil**
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- 1/2 medium watermelon, diced**
- 1 1/2 cups baby greens**
- 1 cup diced cucumber**
- 1/2 cup chopped mint leaves**
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese**
- 1/4 red onion, sliced very thin**

1. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, vinegar, and salt and pepper. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine watermelon, greens, cucumber, mint, feta and onion. Drizzle the salad with the vinaigrette and toss gently to coat evenly.

SERVES 6

TCP Find this and more delicious recipes online at TexasCoopPower.com.