October is Co-op Month

1. Voluntary & Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence
5. Education, Training & Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community
Our faucets and appliances use a lot of hot water. You can lower your water heating costs by using less hot water in your home. Water heating (2539200) accounts for a large portion of home energy bills.

To save energy (and money!) used for water heating, repair any leaky faucets, install low-flow fixtures and insulate accessible hot water lines. When it’s time to purchase a new washing machine or dishwasher, look for models that are ENERGY STAR®-certified.
ACE Hardware, State Farm, REI, Land O’Lakes and PC Electric all share something in common: we’re all cooperatives.

We may be in different industries, but we all share a passion for serving our members and helping our communities to thrive. In fact, all cooperatives adhere to the same set of seven principles that reflect our core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service to the greater community good. October is National Co-op Month, so this is the perfect time to reflect on these principles that have stood the test of time but also provide a framework for the future.

Just like all co-ops, PC Electric was created out of necessity—to meet a need that would have been otherwise unmet in our community. So in 1938, a group of neighbors banded together and organized our electric co-op so everyone in our community could benefit. For a modest membership fee to the co-op, any farmer could get electricity brought to his farm. Neighbors came together to tackle a problem that they all had but couldn’t solve alone. They worked together for the benefit of the whole community, and the newly established electric lines helped power economic opportunity in our community.

While this history may be forgotten, key parts of that heritage remain—the focus on our mission and serving the greater good. In this, we include everyone to improve the quality of life and economic opportunity for the entire community. Membership is open to everyone in our service territory, regardless of race, religion, age, disability, gender identity, language, political perspective or socioeconomic status.

Our co-op is well suited to meet the needs of our members because we are locally governed. PC Electric’s leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who sets long-term priorities for the co-op, also live locally on co-op lines. Our close connection to this community ensures we get a first-hand perspective on members’ priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments.

As a utility, our mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to our members. But as a co-op, we are also motivated by service to the community, rather than profits.

Because we are guided by seven cooperative principles, it’s not just about dollars—it’s about opportunity for all and being fair when engaging with our members. PC Electric is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. We view our role as a catalyst for good and making our corner of the world a better place. We serve our community not only by being an essential service, but by helping to power our local economy. Whether through economic development, volunteerism or donations to local causes, we invest in this community because it’s our home too.

I think you’ll find that most cooperatives bring good people together to make good things happen in the community. We hope you feel that way about us, your local electric co-op.

On behalf of everyone at PC Electric, we’re thankful for your membership.
PC Electric and CoBank makes charitable donations to local organizations

PC Electric’s board of directors and management are proud to announce the continued partnership with CoBank, a mission-based cooperative lender, in their Sharing Success Program. “This program helps many (1317605) of our local charities and 501(c) organizations. We remain committed to helping build more vibrant rural communities and shared success,” says Myron Lambert, PC Electric general manager.

The Sharing Success Program allows cooperatives to apply for grants, matching the contribution of their customers to the charitable organizations of their choosing. This program matches PC Electric’s donation of $1,000 for a total of $2,000 going to Pointe Coupee Health Services, Iberville Foundation for Academic Excellence, West Baton Rouge Foundation for Academic Excellence, and Pointe Coupee Council on Aging.

“Electric cooperatives are deeply rooted in the communities they serve and are committed to making their communities better places to live, work, and play.” says Lambert. He continued “We have a single purpose (1019900) at the co-op, and that is to serve our members in ways that improve their quality of life. The Sharing Success program is yet another tool we can use to support the community.”

Smart Home Tech Apps

1. **Smart Thermostat Apps:** Geofencing is a great enhancement for smart thermostat apps. You can set a boundary (2601) with your smartphone and when you leave the boundary, the thermostat switches to away or return mode.

2. **Smart Security Apps:** Video doorbells allow you to keep a watchful eye from anywhere. Smart security apps send alerts to signal activity outside your home.

3. **Smart Smoke and CO Sensor Apps:** These apps have the ability to send alerts, conduct status checks and silence alarms even when you’re away.

4. **Smart Appliance Apps:** App functionality depends on the appliance. Refrigerator cameras allow you to see what needs to be stocked while grocery shopping, and smart dryers can sense when electric use is high and turn off.

5. **Smart Lighting Apps:** Control lighting options for individual rooms, adjust brightness and color, and create lighting scenes based on mood - all from the convenience of your smartphone.
This Labor Day, try this Ice Cream Sandwich Cake. You can’t go wrong with layers of ice cream sandwich bars and some of your favorite sundae toppings. Super easy to make, but looks like you labored (pardon the pun) all day over it.

**Ingredients**

- 20 ice cream sandwiches or enough to line a 9x13 glass dish.
- 2 cups hot fudge topping
- 3/4 cup caramel topping
- 8 ounce tub Cool Whip, thawed
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup toffee pieces

**Instructions**

1. Microwave the fudge and caramel topping for about 15-20 seconds to loosen it and make it spreadable.

2. Line the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish with a layer of the ice cream sandwich bars (10 of them; trim if necessary.)

3. Spread half of the hot fudge, followed by the caramel, and then Cool Whip (2124100) over the sandwiches. Sprinkle on half of the chocolate chips and toffee pieces.

4. Repeat layers.

5. Freeze for about about 1 hour. Cut into squares and serve. Makes up to 15 servings.

Try mixing it up by using Neapolitan ice cream sandwiches or using different types of candies or toppings such as M&M’s or sprinkles.
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If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by October 31, 2022 to receive a $25 credit on your bill. Your account number can be found on your bill statement.

Good Luck!

FEELING LUCKY?
LOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER TO WIN A BILL CREDIT!

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after a power outage. Use these tips to minimize food loss and reduce risk of illness.

Food Safety Tips
1. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
2. Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color or texture.
3. Throw out perishable food in your refrigerator after four hours without power or a cold source (like a cooler with ice).

When in doubt, throw it out!

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Notice of Nominating Committees, Districts 3 and 5

The PC Electric nominating committees for Districts 3 and 5 will meet Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the PC Electric Office at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads.

The purpose of these committee meetings is to nominate candidates from PC Electric Districts 3 and 5 to run for seats on the Board of Directors of the cooperative.

The following PC Electric members appointed by the PC Electric Board at a special board meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 have agreed to serve on the nominating committees. The committees will meet on November 1 at the times shown below:

District 3—9:00 a.m.
Mr. Fred Gueho
P.O. Box 23
Fordoche, LA 70732-0090
Lisa Robillard
P.O. Box 376
Morganza, LA 70759-0353
Mr. Sidney J. LaCoste, II
P.O. Box 159
Morganza, LA 70759-0159

District 5—9:00 a.m.
Risa Patin
10826 Section Road
Port Allen, LA 70767
Dorothy Schapatone
3954 Treuil Rd.
Port Allen, LA 70767
Rayfield Lewis
15236 Russell Lane
Glynn, LA 70736