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Energy Efficiency Makeover Contest



Seventeen electric cooperative members will be selected as grand-prize winners in the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Ninth Annual Energy Efficiency Makeover Contest. The winning members, one from each of Arkansas' 17 electric distribution cooperatives, will each receive up to \$5,000 in energy efficiency improvements to their homes. The application deadline is July 15.

According to Bret Curry, manager of residential energy marketing for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, "Any member can improve the energy efficiency of their home by mirroring the solutions made during the Energy Efficiency Makeover. The makeover process is a great avenue to educate members about do-it-yourself techniques and learn the right questions to ask when hiring contractors to address energy-related issues."

"Once the winners are selected, our trained contractors will visit each home and complete a comprehensive energy audit to pinpoint problem areas," Curry said. "The makeover solutions will target areas of unwanted air infiltration, proper installation of attic insulation, repairs and sealing of heating and cooling system ductwork and the installation of energy efficient light bulbs. The 17 makeovers are valued at up to \$5,000 each and will help lower electric bills, while improving the comfort level of the winning homes."

Curry said the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas have long promot-

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Plan For A Safe And Happy Fourth of July

The month of July is always exciting. It's the middle of summer, the kids are out of school and of course, we celebrate Independence Day! Typically on the Fourth, people celebrate our nation's independence with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, homemade ice cream and other sweet treats, and last but not least, fireworks. This is a time for fellowship with family and friends, but at North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, we also want to make sure our members focus on safety.

To ensure you have the best Fourth of July possible, we would like to remind you about a few important safety tips from The American Red Cross. Nothing says "Fourth of July" like a spectacular fireworks display! The safest way to enjoy this part of the celebration is to head to a local fireworks show. But, if you want to put on your own show at home, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Always follow the instructions on fireworks' packaging and never give fireworks to small children.
- Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.
- Make sure to wear protective eyewear when lighting fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a "dud."
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.
- Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

Cookouts are a great way to bring folks together on the Fourth. Whether you are grilling in your back yard or at a community park, make sure your feast includes a generous portion of fun and a side helping of safety! We recommend the following safety tips:

- Supervise your grill at all times.
- Use the proper tools for cooking on a grill.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when the coals have already been ignited.
- Always follow the manufacturers instructions when using grills.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Sure, there are many small ways to save energy around the home – like keeping your thermostat set to 78 degrees during summer months. But consumers should keep efficiency in mind on the larger scale, too – especially when making major upgrades



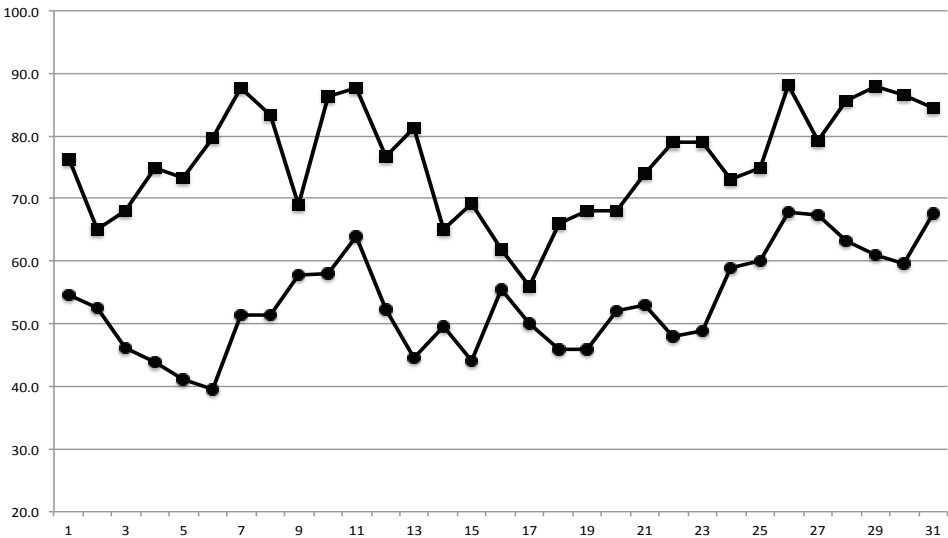
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offices will be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

24 hour emergency assistance will be available.

Daily Highs & Lows

May 2016



Average Daily High:
78.06 compared to 78.62 in 2015

Average Daily Low:
54.10 compared to 56.71 in 2015

Total Rainfall Amount:
5.71" compared to 9.85" in 2015

Warmest Day:
May 26th, 88.1 degrees at 2:00 p.m.

Coollest Day:
May 6th, 39.5 degrees at 6:30 a.m.

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ed energy efficiency, and the Energy Efficiency Makeover contest is a major part of that effort. “Seventeen lucky people will win grand-prizes; however, the project is designed to have a much broader impact,” he said. “By documenting the process of the makeovers via the Internet, Arkansas Living magazine, Facebook and other media outlets, the cooperatives help educate Arkansans on methods to make their homes and businesses more energy efficient.”

To be eligible for the 2016 contest, applicants must own their home and property, sign the requisite form, include a photo of the front of their home, be members in good standing with one of Arkansas’ 17 electric distribution cooperatives and have all-electric homes. Member can apply at www.EachomeMakeover.com or use the entry form provided in the Arkansas Living magazine.

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Fireworks and cookouts wouldn’t be complete without a sunny day. Here’s hoping we have good weather, and if we do, make sure you are practicing sun safety:

- Use a broad spectrum SPF sunscreen and reapply often.
- Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Be on the lookout for signs of heat stroke (hot red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing).

However you choose to celebrate, North Arkansas Electric Cooperative wishes you a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Attention: Mountain Home NAEC Members

In an effort to improve service to our members, the Mountain Home office will be undergoing some renovations to the inside lobby and drive through areas. Construction will begin sometime this summer and will eventually include the closing of the drive through window for an extended period of time. We ask for your patience during this time of construction.

Right-of-Way Locations

West Tree Trim Crews:
Cherokee Village area

We Want Your Response

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative abides by seven cooperative principles. The first principle of voluntary and open membership describes how cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

As a member-owned cooperative, we want your input. If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding the operation of North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, please send them to Messenger, P.O. Box 1000, Salem, AR 72576, or e-mail us at info@naeci.com. Names will be withheld upon request, but all letters should be signed. All letters will be considered for publication in the Messenger or Rural Arkansas Magazine.

We appreciate your support these past 75 years and look forward to serving you in the future.