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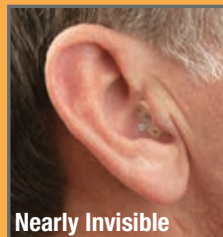
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GARY L. RAYBON
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Ascending Over Arizona

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Ash, a lieutenant in the Navy and a graduate of Texas Tech University, piloted an F/A-18F Super Hornet.

The four-aircraft flyover commemorated 50 years of female pilots in the U.S. Navy. Women were first admitted to Navy flight school in 1973.



Skeeter Bleeders

Rice University bioengineers have teamed with other experts to study the bloodsucking behavior of mosquitoes using patches of synthetic skin made with a 3D printer, eliminating the need for human volunteers.

Berry Burst Pavlova

“Wow! The whole family loved it, which is miraculous. My granddaughter says that’s what she wants for her birthday cake every year—for the rest of her life. She’s 24.”

MARY RILEY
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MEGAN MYERS

A Vanishing Tongue

Auf Wiedersehen [May 2023] was a bittersweet read. Less than a week earlier, in the *Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post*, it was reported that upper-level studies in German would no longer be offered at the high school, as only half of the minimum registrants required to offer the classes had signed up. How sad.

The UT project participants certainly have their work cut out for them.

Françoise Wilson
Central Texas EC
Gillespie County

I grew up in Fredericksburg hearing Spanish (or Tex-Mex), English and Texas German. Talk about confused. When I moved, someone asked if I was from Fredericksburg. How did you know?, I asked. Your accent.

Julie Ausbrook
Via Facebook



NOAH WOODS

In Texas and Beyond

The assertion that if you can learn to surf the sloppy chop in Texas, you can surf just about anywhere is true, as I have been able to surf in California, Mexico, Hawaii and Japan [*Surf Your Turf*, May 2023].

But I must point out that Brad Lomax’s partner in the Texas Surf Museum was Pat Magee (not McGee). If you look at the background in the photo of Brad Lomax, that’s Pat surfing in the blue trunks to Lomax’s right.

Joe Bonorden
Pedernales EC
Canyon Lake

Recalling Kitty Hawk

Although I didn’t serve aboard the Kitty Hawk, I was deployed in its battle group in 1984 while serving aboard the USS Long Beach, and we were there in the Sea of Japan on March 21, 1984, when the collision with the Soviet nuclear submarine occurred [*Breaking Up*, February 2023]. I have a photo of that damaged Soviet sub in my home office. Thank you for the well-deserved remembrance.

Thomas Mueller
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A treasured Hill Country summer camp fosters community and joy



It was 44 years ago when Dr. Chris Plauche wrote a letter clearing one of her pediatric patients to take part in summer camp. The child wanted to ride a horse that summer.

But Plauche was devastated to learn that her patient was denied entry anyway. So she, along with other doctors and health care professionals, took 32 children with disabilities for a weekend camp experience themselves.

“It was 1979, so it was before the Americans with Disabilities Act and nothing was accessible and it rained all weekend,” Brandon Briery says. “But they pushed wheelchairs through the mud and rode horses and canoed in the rain and had the time of their lives.”

The physicians knew that couldn’t be a one-time experience.

More than four decades later, participants are still having the time of their lives at Camp CAMP—Children’s Association for Maximum Potential—nestled along the Guadalupe River in Center Point. It’s a special kind of summer camp that changes lives. Located on a sprawling property about 55 miles northwest of San Antonio, Camp CAMP is a haven for visitors of all abilities, offering them the opportunity to make lifelong friendships, gain independence and have fun. Last year it served more than 1,400 children and adults with weeklong summer camp sessions, respite weekends for caregivers and family retreats.

Nobody Is Invisible

It’s a warm cloudless morning, and parents are dropping off their kids for a CAMP weekend. After the COVID tests and medical briefings, each camper is paired with a counselor and assigned a cabin.

Hugs and high-fives abound because many campers and counselors know each other already. One camper-counselor pair plays basketball; others bring out coloring books. Over in the “swing-zebo,” several campers sway in the circle of porch swings, a popular spot for those with autism or other sensory processing disorders for whom swinging is a soothing activity.

Camp CAMP was designed to be fully accessible, with wheelchair ramps, accommodating bathrooms and specialized equipment that allow campers with physical disabilities to fully participate. During the summer, more than 70 counselors, many of whom are college students or recent graduates, receive extensive training to work with the campers. More than 100 health care staff are on-site to administer medications, provide overnight care and ensure the safety of participants. Dedicated volunteers return year after year to help as well.

Gia Barrera, a 16-year-old assistant cabin counselor, started out as one of those volunteers and made the transition to full-time staff last summer. She is sitting with Erin, a camper in her early 20s who is nonverbal but communicates with smiles, vocalizations and touch. Erin rocks back and forth as they eat lunch and plan out the afternoon.

“Camp is for the camper,” Barrera says. “They have complete autonomy over any decision they want to make.” For some, that means no formal activities at all, if that’s what they desire.

One of Barrera’s campers last summer wanted to make friendship bracelets all day. Another camper who loves machines spent hours with her in the laundry room, watching the spin cycle. “Working here gives you a greater understanding of everything,” she says. “It puts a lot of things into perspective for you. I love all the love here.”

CAMP’s mission is simple: to strengthen and inspire individuals with disabilities and those who care for them through recreation education. Campers are 5–55 years old with mild to severe medical conditions, including physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities. Some campers require breathing assistance, others have Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or autism spectrum disorder. But at CAMP, everyone is simply a camper.

OPPOSITE At Camp CAMP in Center Point, campers and counselors bond over activities that include archery, field sports, outdoor cooking and canoeing. ABOVE Savannah, left, and Audrey share a moment on a swing.



Every activity, including swimming and horseback riding, is adaptable to each person's needs so they all can have fun. Crafts, field sports, canoeing, outdoor cooking, an evening dance party and the big swing, which suspends campers in a harness attached to utility poles, offer a variety of adventures.

First up today is archery, where Michael Maffei, assistant camp director, greets campers as they line wooden bleachers. Maffei first attended as a camper back in 2003, so he knows how special the place can be.

He spent his early working life in the private sector but felt something was missing when he rejoined CAMP as an employee. "In the second hour of being in a full-time role here, I helped a young man named Soren shoot a bullseye," Maffei says. "He was so excited he just vibrated like a teakettle that was about to erupt. In that moment, I had more fulfillment and job satisfaction in my second hour at camp than in the four previous years."

Down at the canoe launch, staff members gently place Cassie into a supportive chair cradled by one of her counselors. She is unable to use her limbs and is nonverbal, but it's clear she loves being on the water.

As the boat is launched into the Guadalupe River, a relaxed smile spreads across her face. Two counselors paddle her downstream and back again—a simple journey that most people would take for granted.

"There are so many times out there in the cold, cruel world that the disabled either get overlooked, purposefully left out, unintentionally left out or they're just invisible," says Briery, CAMP's chief program officer. "CAMP isn't about the buildings, it's not even about the activities. It's about building relationships, building community and bringing people together."

FROM LEFT Kristi takes her turn on the big swing. Caleb readies his archery shot with help from Michael Maffei and Samika Iyer.

Dignity in a Safe Place

For many campers, CAMP is a life-changing experience where they develop a sense of independence. For parents, CAMP provides peace of mind knowing their child is in a safe and supportive environment being cared for by trained professionals. Kristen Reid says sending her son was an easy decision.

"As soon as you drive in and you get out, everyone's so friendly, everyone's so welcoming," Reid says. "They know what they're doing, and they love these children."

At a fall retreat, she got to spend a weekend at Camp CAMP with her whole family. She shared a cabin with Payton, 9; her husband; and 6-year-old daughter.

Reid rode a horse with Payton, who is nonverbal. They share a passion for the animals, and the experience was unforgettable.

"Not only could I see it with his hand movements, I could hear it with the sound that he was making ... I could feel he was shaking with excitement," Reid says. "For me to be there and actually see and feel it for myself was a really, really touching moment for me."

The retreat also connected the Reids to other families with similar needs. "And then you can kind of bounce ideas off each other or sometimes just vent to each other when you're having a bad day and you've spent three hours on the phone with insurance," Reid says.

That community and that belonging are exactly what Briery hopes CAMP provides.

"Some days are super long and hard in different ways, helping to manage what can be challenging behaviors," he says. "It's all worth it in the end because we create this safe space where people are treated with dignity, and they're respected, and they know that they belong." ■



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SLEEPING GIANTS

HENRY TROST's handsome and historic hotels remain welcome West Texas oases

BY PAM LEBLANC



SIT ON A ROCKING CHAIR on the front porch of the Gage Hotel in Marathon, and time slips away.

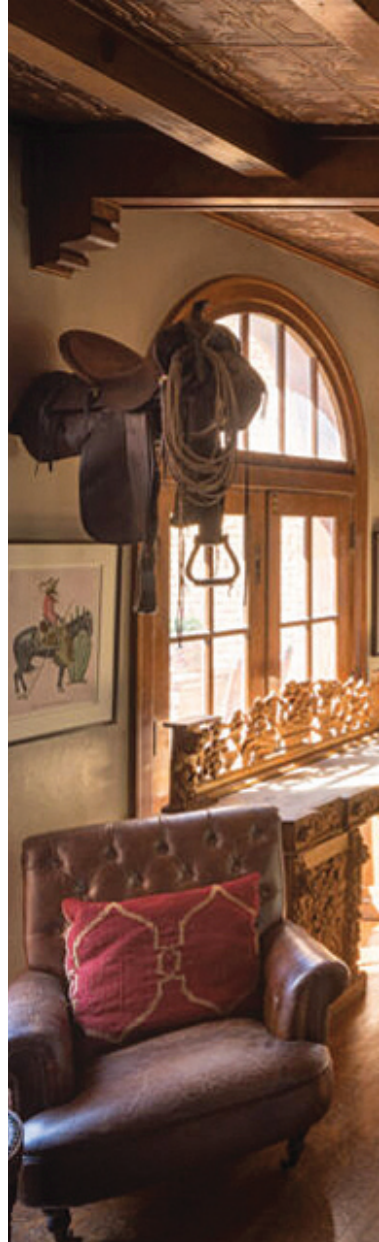
In the lobby behind you, a worn leather saddle hangs from the wall. Across the street, a train rumbles past. In the distance, a gray-green carpet of cactus and brush ripples into the distance like a prickly runway.

The view probably hasn't changed much since architect Henry C. Trost designed this hotel nearly a century ago.

The two-story brick structure, with its arched entryway and wrought-iron door, is just one of hundreds of buildings—fire stations, city halls, high schools, banks and courthouses—that Trost designed across Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

But it's the four hotels scattered throughout far West Texas that many know best. They're full of character, thoroughly Texan and located in a region of the state known for its dramatic landscapes and independent-minded residents. There was almost a fifth hotel here, too—architectural documents found at the El Paso Public Library indicate plans for a hotel in the small town of Valentine, also in the Big Bend.

"I would encourage people to get off the interstate, drive down into town to visit the hotels and take a step back in time," says Margaret Smith, great-niece of Henry Trost and secretary of the board of the Trost Society, which works to preserve the architect's work. "Learn the history that was made in the hotels and the history of the area."



PHOTOS COURTESY GAGE HOTEL



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Marathon's Gage Hotel, which opened in 1927, features a grand lobby and rooms that are at once modern and rustic.



Born in 1860, Trost was the son of German immigrants. He moved from Toledo, Ohio, to El Paso in 1903 and co-founded Trost & Trost, an architectural firm, with brother Gustavus (Smith's grandfather). A third brother, Adolphus, a structural engineer, joined later.

The company built its well-appointed West Texas hotels near railroad stations and designed them with spacious lobbies and large dining rooms to accommodate business dealings. Later, the hotels also became popular among families. The firm was also known for its artistic touches and for using reinforced concrete for fireproofing.

"The buildings look like a piece of art and not just a building," Smith says. "That makes them stand out."

GAGE HOTEL Marathon

Trost "was considered *the* architect of the Southwest in those years," says Carol Peterson, general manager. "If you were going to hire the best architect in those days, you would hire Henry Trost if you could."

That's what Alfred S. Gage did. The cattleman, who moved from Vermont to Texas in 1878 to seek his fortune, accumulated more than a half-million acres. He commissioned Trost to build a hotel that could double as a base to oversee his empire.

The hotel opened in 1927, but Gage died just a year later. A series of owners took over after his death, including one who tried to "spruce up" the hotel with dropped ceilings and linoleum floors.

"[Trost] had a very wide-ranging style," Peterson says. "The Gage is a bit more Mission style, as opposed to the Holland and Paisano."

J.P. and Mary Jon Bryan of Houston bought and renovated the Gage in 1978, and they still own it today. In addition to 14 rooms in the original building, with its delightfully creaky wooden floors and ranch décor (including a stuffed mountain lion), guests can book more modern rooms in the Los Portales annex.

"It's really become a very beloved, iconic Texas property," Peterson says. "It's not commercial, it's not cookie cutter. Everything about it has a hand-touched feel."

HOLLAND HOTEL Alpine

Trost wasn't involved in designing the original Holland Hotel, which opened in 1912. But he designed the "new" larger building, which opened next door in 1928 and was later connected to the first.

Sink into a comfy couch in front of the fireplace in the grand lobby, and you'll see the same arched windows and decorative tiles of some of Trost's other properties.

"The thing that makes the Holland special is the position it occupies in the town of Alpine—not geographically but in people's minds," says Alicia Fernbaugh, who manages the 27-room hotel and lives in what once served as the ballroom. "It's very much the heart of the town."

The building stood vacant in the 1960s and '70s, and for a time in the '80s, part of it was converted into offices. Over time, some of the old furnishings were sold off. Now and then, an old bedframe or chandelier discovered in an attic finds its way back home to the hotel.

The Century Bar and Grill, with its shady patio, is known for its margaritas and chicken-fried steak.

"It's very welcoming and warm," Fernbaugh says. "People feel very at home here."



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FROM ABOVE Holland Hotel décor and the Century Bar and Grill in Alpine.

HOTEL EL CAPITAN Van Horn

Just two blocks off Interstate 10 in Van Horn, the red neon sign of Hotel El Capitan invites travelers to pull off and enjoy a quiet respite in a mostly forgotten town.

The 50-room hotel, named for the rocky peak at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, an hour away, looks much like it did when it opened in 1930, as part of the Gateway chain of hotels operated by Charles Bassett in El Paso. Back then, ranchers gathered in the lobby to sell cattle, make land deals and sip coffee.

The Pueblo Revival-style concrete structure attracted cross-country travelers and tourists exploring nearby national parks.

The hotel closed in the late 1960s, and a bank took over the space. Then in 2007, Lanna and Joe Duncan of Fort Davis, who also own the Paisano, bought it from the bank.

"Although we are sister properties to the Paisano, and the layout inside is almost identical, the exterior is 100% different," says Starvanna Cottrell, general manager. "El Capitan was made to look more like adobe, although it's concrete. The Paisano's exterior is much more European looking."

A fountain bubbles in the courtyard. In the lobby, colorful tiles, exposed wooden beams and wrought iron banisters add character. A sign salvaged from the old coffee shop hangs opposite the fireplace.

"And you can still get a 5-cent cup of coffee, no matter how you want it," Cottrell says.

COURTESY HOTEL EL CAPITAN



COURTESY HOTEL PAISANO

FROM ABOVE The Hotel Paisano's pool was added in 1960. Outside, an inviting courtyard, and inside, a 5-cent cup of coffee.

HOTEL PAISANO Marfa

Another hotel in the Gateway chain, the Hotel Paisano in Marfa, also opened in 1930. "Hotels were built different years ago," says Vicki Barge, general manager. "They were built with more of a sense of community."

Step inside its lobby and you'll find ornate tilework hand selected by Trost, leather chairs and a stuffed buffalo head.

Like the Gage, the Paisano had close ties to the cattle industry. When it opened, trains regularly stopped in Marfa to load and unload cattle. Several ranches kept offices at the hotel.

"He wanted his buildings to look like they belonged to the landscape, and he did a great job of that," Barge says. "They do look like they should be just where they are."

Many guests know the Paisano for its connection to the 1956 film *Giant*, starring James Dean. Photographs of Dean hang on walls, and the movie plays nonstop in the lobby.

Dean, along with co-stars Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and Dennis Hopper, stayed at the Paisano for about two weeks during filming. Today, guests can book one of the hotel's 42 rooms or suites and swim in a pool that was added in 1960.

"I find it warm and friendly," Barge says. "It's kind of a look back at bygone days but still extremely viable now." ■



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FROM
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JEFF LANE

Take Control of Your Summer Electric Bills

IN TEXAS, WE EXPECT summers to be hot, and most of us do all we can to keep our homes as comfortable as possible while outdoor temperatures edge upward. When it comes to electricity, each of us has the power to help control our costs—we just have to make thoughtful choices to make energy savings pay off in dollars and cents.

If you don't have trees, a porch overhang or awnings that shade windows exposed to the afternoon sun, there's a good chance radiant heat is driving up indoor temperatures in your home and adding to your cooling costs.

Window coverings can help. Blinds or shades can deflect intense sunlight, and draperies lined with a thermal radiant barrier can block up to 95% of sunlight and 100% of ultraviolet rays.



Comfort and cooling are easier to maintain when you take advantage of airflow. A ceiling fan can pull warm air up above your living zone, making a difference during summer months. The evaporative effect of circulating air blowing across our skin makes us more comfortable, but that benefit disappears when we leave the room. So turn off fans in unoccupied rooms to conserve energy.

Air conditioner filters have a lot to do with airflow through your AC system. Dirty filters restrict

circulation through your returns, making your AC work harder. If you can see dirt in a filter, it's likely at least 50% clogged. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on replacing disposable filters or cleaning permanent ones, and consider checking them more frequently if you have pets.

You can achieve a 10% savings on cooling costs by turning up your thermostat 7–10 degrees from its normal setting for eight hours a day—while you're sleeping or away at work or school, for example. Turning off the air conditioning or raising the thermostat setting 20–30 minutes before you leave home can add to those savings.

You can save more money and electricity by shifting some of the most energy-intensive activities away from the hottest hours of the day.

Cooking, doing laundry and using power tools can increase heat and humidity inside your home, making it harder to reach or maintain a comfortable temperature.

Remember, controlling energy costs always works better with buy-in from everyone in your household.

- ▶ One open window anywhere can be like an uncapped chimney, pulling outdoors the conditioned air you pay to cool.

- ▶ A gaming system, computer or TV left on but idle produces nearly as much heat as it does when it's actually in use.

- ▶ Lighting and ventilation fans add convenience and comfort when they're needed, but when left on and

unattended, they waste energy.

- ▶ A bag of ice poured into a cooler will chill summer beverages as effectively and less expensively than an aging refrigerator in a hot garage.

Check with us for more ways to control costs and avoid seasonal billing spikes this summer. ■



TVEC | LELAINE FROESCH

Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative lineman Casey Bagwell gives a safety and informational demonstration for Bee Happy Day Program participants in Kaufman. Visit tvec.net to find out about TVEC education programs.

TVEC July Updates: Software Conversion News and More

SUMMER HEAT IS HERE, but your electric bill doesn't have to be a surprise. Sign up for daily usage alerts or check your usage charts on the myTVEC mobile app or the TVEC Member Portal at tvec.net.


- Prepare now for August 14–18, when we will not be able to take payments due to software conversion work that will be in progress. Look for more information in next month's *Texas Co-op Power*, as well as TVEC member emails, social media and tvec.net.
- Coming in September will be a whole new way to vote in the TVEC director election. We have added online voting in order to make participation easier and to make sure we reach our quorum of voters. You will receive a ballot and voting instructions in the September issue of *Texas Co-op Power*, as well as an email ballot from Survey and Ballot Systems. You may vote either way, and yes, there will still be a prize drawing for participating!
- Be sure to mark October 5 on your calendar for the 2023 TVEC Annual Membership Meeting. We will once again head to the Canton Civic Center for a light dinner and important information from co-op leaders.
- Operational costs continue to rise for businesses including TVEC. We are still asking members to consider a few cost-saving options to help us save you money.

First would be considering low-cost payment options like bank draft or electronic check. These are considerably cheaper than credit card transaction fees, which have added up to about \$750,000 in recent years.

Another great money saver is switching to paperless billing. This has the added benefit of reducing paper waste.

As a nonprofit cooperative, any savings is money back to you through the capital credits system. ■

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TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

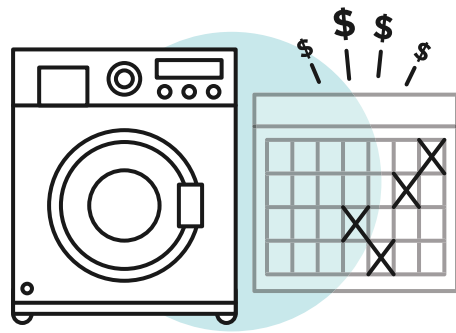
When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:



1. Purchase price of the appliance (think of this as a down payment)

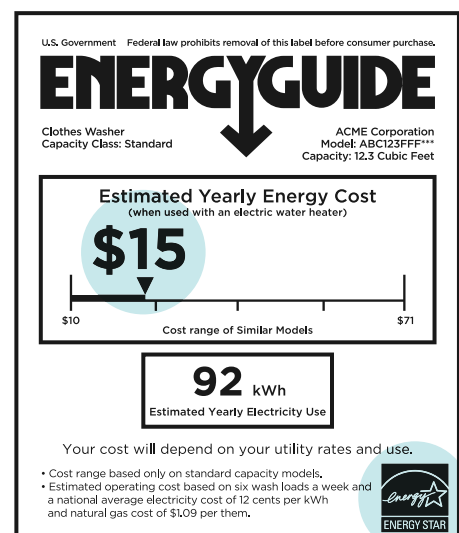


2. Cost to operate the appliance over its lifetime (how much energy the appliance uses)



That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- **Look for the ENERGY STAR® label.** ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- **Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance.** The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- **Once you choose your make and model, compare prices.** Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- **Recycle or sell your old appliance.** Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!





ERCOT Issues Summer Generation and Demand Outlook

TVEC communications aims to keep members informed in tight grid conditions

BY DON JOHNSON, MEDIA & CONTENT SUPERVISOR

THE LESSONS OF WINTER STORM URI in February of 2021 have resulted in many changes throughout the Texas electric industry. But with a hot summer on our doorstep, there are plenty of questions remaining about grid reliability and generation capacity.

ERCOT SARA Report Predicts Record Demand, Sufficient Power Supply This Summer

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas issued its Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy (SARA) in May, showing increasingly tight power supply as demand grows in the state.

The base summer peak load is estimated to be 82,739 megawatts, with more than 97,000 MW of summer-rated resource capacity expected to be available for summer peaks. The previous summer demand record was set in 2022 at just under 80,000 MW.

Continued Growth, Reliance on Wind, Solar Could Lead To Future Supply Crunch

Texas leads the nation in solar and wind electricity production, which peaks during daylight hours. This opens the door for potential shortages on hot summer evenings when the sun begins to drop but the demand remains high.

State legislators, regulators and industry leaders have proposed various solutions, but in the short term it will be prudent to pay close attention to grid conditions.

TVEC Communications In Case of an Energy Emergency

ERCOT has made better communication one of the key goals in response to the events of February 2021. There are new resources available at ercot.com for Texans to see current grid conditions and where that energy is coming from.

Here at TVEC, we have also revised our communications plans to make sure we can reach members in the case of an

energy emergency. We have added a mass email communication system, through which we can send both co-op updates and energy emergency information. If we do not already have a good email address for you, please contact our member services team to get on that list.

We will also keep you updated on tvec.net. The home page, news and outage sections will keep you updated if ERCOT calls for energy conservation efforts, or in the event of rolling outages.

TVEC social media channels, Facebook in particular, will also be updated as any grid events unfold, just as we try to keep you updated on any large outages or weather events.

A Word on Normal Outages

There is never a good time for a power outage, but outages are an unfortunate reality. Whether caused by trees, weather, wildlife, a car wreck, or failure of some connection in the lines, there are occasional service interruptions.

Outages are restored as quickly as possible by our line crews, and we try to minimize any power disruption.

We often see social media speculation about rolling outages, but these outages are not related to overall grid conditions, power supply or generation in the state.

We will always do our best to let you know what is going on with your power and your co-op. ■

Win \$100 Just for Reading

Somewhere, hidden on pages 16–23, is a TVEC account number. Read closely. If the account number is yours, contact the member services department by July 31 to receive a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Don't miss out—you could be our winner.





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TVEC ENERGY
MANAGEMENT ADVISER
CHRIS WALKER, BAP

Summer Conservation Tips to Beat The Heat

IN THE HEAT OF a Texas summer, we all want to keep cool in the air conditioning and grab a cold drink from the fridge. But remember that summer is the peak demand season for electricity, and the appliances that help make the season's searing heat bearable can also drive up your electric bill.

Keep Your Fridge Cool

With summer's high temperatures, you're more likely to open the door frequently for cool drinks. **Here are some tips to keep refrigerator energy use to a minimum:**

- ▶ Locate the refrigerator away from heat sources—the oven, the dishwasher and direct sunlight.
- ▶ Allow at least a 1-inch space around the outside of the fridge to enable air circulation. 61548001
- ▶ Clean the condenser coils at least once a year.
- ▶ Check the tightness of the door seals.
- ▶ Use a thermometer to check the inside temperatures: The fridge should be 36–38 degrees and the freezer zero to 5 degrees.

Make Friends With Your Freezer

- ▶ Keep the freezer as full as possible.
- ▶ Mark items for quicker identification to reduce open-door time.

Give Your AC an Assist

Your air conditioner works hard all summer long. **Follow these tips to keep it from heating up your electric bill too much:**

- ▶ You save 3%–5% for each degree you raise the thermostat. Try setting it at 78 degrees.
- ▶ Use ceiling fans in conjunction with the AC to feel cooler.
- ▶ Keep humidity levels as low as possible by always using an exhaust fan, if you have one, when taking a shower.
- ▶ Maintenance is important. Clean or change AC filters regularly, and have units professionally cleaned, inspected and tuned every season to keep them running at peak efficiency. ■

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**Energy
Quiz**



What city in Texas was the first to install electric lights?

- A • Houston, 1901**
- B • San Augustine, 1875**
- C • Galveston, 1883**
- D • Austin, 1890**

Win **\$100!**

Send your answer and contact information to contest@tvec.coop or contact TVEC Member Services by July 31. One \$100 bill credit winner will be chosen from all correct replies. Look for the correct answer in a future *Texas Co-op Power*.

June Energy Quiz: Naming Electricity

MANY ELECTRICITY PIONEERS had electrical terms named after them, but the term electricity itself was coined by English scientist William Gilbert.

In 1600, Gilbert used the term electricity to describe a force he thought was caused by a moving fluid.

Progress was slow in the field, however, and it wasn't until the late 1700s that major progress was seen.

Congratulations to the May Energy Quiz winner, Betty Adkisson of Wills Point.

Look for the winner of this month's contest in the September edition of *Texas Co-op Power*. ■



Energy Efficiency Experiment: Warm Windows

WHILE YOUR KIDS are home for summer, try this science experiment to help teach them about their energy use and the value of a dollar.

Warm Windows

You'll need: Two cardboard boxes with lids (e.g., shoeboxes), black construction paper, glue, tape, clear plastic wrap, box cutter, two thermometers.

Directions

1. Using the box cutter (a parent or guardian should handle the box cutter), cut a rectangular hole into the top of one of the boxes. In that same box, place a piece of plastic wrap to cover the hole and tape it down smooth. The result should leave you with a window to see into your box. Leave the second box as is with no holes.
2. Glue the black construction paper to the inside bottom of both boxes.
3. Place one thermometer in each box.
4. Close both boxes and tightly wrap plastic wrap around the sides of the boxes to ensure they are closed and all openings are sealed. Use tape to secure the plastic wrap.
5. Set the boxes in the sun for about an hour, depending on the temperature. Make sure the window opening is facing up so that the sun shines directly through the window.
6. After the hour is up, open the boxes and record the temperature readings from the thermometers in each box.

Results

The box with the window opening should have a higher temperature.

Explanation

The window in the first box acts like a window in a home that does not have curtains or blinds covering it. The other box acts as a window with the curtains and blinds closed. Keeping curtains and blinds drawn over windows in direct sunlight ensures a home will remain cooler and its air conditioning system won't have to work as hard. ■

Spending Time Outdoors? Stay Safe Around Electricity

OUTDOOR FUN IS CALLING this summer. Keep yourself and your family safe by paying attention to your use of electricity outdoors. Some tips:

Have an electrician check outdoor electrical outlets to make sure they're protected with ground-fault circuit interrupters that automatically shut the power off in case of contact with water. Outdoor outlets on older homes might not have this critical safety feature.

If you must use an extension cord outdoors, buy a thick, weather-resistant model rated for outdoor use. Don't string cords together and don't leave them outdoors when you're not using them.

Choose a wooden or fiberglass ladder when you're working near electrical wiring or electric lines. Metal ladders can conduct electricity and shock anyone who's standing on one if it comes into contact with a power source.

Don't use your electric grill outdoors if the ground or the grill is wet or it's raining—even a little.

Inspect electrical lawn tools for frayed wires and other damage. Don't try to repair the damage; replace the tool. ■





Payment Options

Savings Opportunities

As a nonprofit, member-owned cooperative, saving money together means we all win. By choosing the lowest cost payment option that makes sense for you, all members win by keeping the co-op's cost as low as possible.

Why Choose Bank Draft or E-Check?

- Provides the lowest transaction costs.
- Automated bank draft is the easiest way to pay—set up online or by contacting TVEC Member Services.
- Use the myTVEC app or online member portal for easy e-check payments.

Want to help more? Sign up for electronic billing to reduce mailing costs.

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hurricane Preparedness Guidelines

Hurricane season is June 1–November 30

Preparedness Checklist

- ▶ **Make an evacuation plan.** Find activated evacuation routes at drivetexas.org or by dialing 1-800-452-9292. Call 211 to find out if you live in an evacuation zone.
- ▶ **Sign up for emergency alerts.** Make sure your mobile device is enabled to receive wireless emergency alerts.
- ▶ **Prepare an emergency supply kit.** Learn how to build an emergency kit at ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- ▶ **Review your home insurance policy.**
- ▶ **Register with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry** at stear.tdem.texas.gov or by dialing 211 if you live in an evacuation zone and:
 - Have a disability or medical needs and do not have a car or other vehicle to use in an evacuation.
 - Have a disability or medical needs and do not have friends or family to help in an evacuation.

Information collected for STEAR is confidential.

Hurricane Preparedness Online Resources

Texas Division of Emergency Management: tdem.texas.gov

Texas Department of State Health Services: texasready.gov

American Red Cross: redcross.org

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: ready.gov

Office of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott: gov.texas.gov

DIVISIÓN DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE EMERGENCIAS DE TEXAS

Preparación para huracanes

La temporada de huracanes es del 1 de junio al 30 de noviembre

Lista de verificación de preparación:

- ▶ **Haga un plan de evacuación.** Encuentre rutas de evacuación activadas en drivetexas.org o marcando 1-800-452-9292. Llame 211 para averiguar si usted vive en una zona de evacuación.
- ▶ **Regístrese para recibir alertas de emergencia.** Asegúrese de que su dispositivo móvil esté habilitado para recibir alertas de emergencia inalámbricas.
- ▶ **Prepare un kit de emergencia.** Aprenda como construir un kit de emergencia en ready.gov/build-a-kit.
- ▶ **Revise su póliza de seguro de hogar.**
- ▶ **Regístrese con el Registro de Asistencia de Emergencia del Estado de Texas** en stear.tdem.texas.gov o marcando el 211 si vive en una zona de evacuación y:
 - Tiene una discapacidad o necesidades médicas y no tiene un auto u otro vehículo para usar en una evacuación.
 - Tiene una discapacidad o necesidades médicas y no tiene amigos o familiares para ayudar en una evacuación.

La información recolectada para STEAR es confidencial.

Recursos en línea para la preparación para huracanes

División de Administración de Emergencias de Texas: tdem.texas.gov

Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Estado: texasready.gov

Cruz Roja Americana: redcross.org

Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de los Estados Unidos: ready.gov

Oficina del Gobernador de Texas Greg Abbott: gov.texas.gov

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Operation Round Up Spotlight: Safety, Shelter and Security



Amanda Lewis, The Genesis Center North Texas Executive Director and Michelle Frazier receive a TVEC Operation Round Up grant from Laura Melton, TVEC public relations supervisor.

TVEC | DON JOHNSON

JUST OVER TWO DECADES AGO, the Genesis Center North Texas opened to provide immediate safety and shelter and victim care services for women who have suffered from drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness. “We are a faith-based ministry designed to rebuild and transform broken lives,” said Amanda Lewis, Executive Director of The Genesis Center.

At the center, the days start early with breakfast and chores, then a variety of education opportunities occur throughout the day. There are classes available covering topics like grief share, sexual abuse, domestic violence, life skills, life coaching, job readiness and bible study. The residents also attend required counseling sessions at no charge to the residents.

“The residents live on-site for 12-18 months, and those who graduate will leave with stable employment, secured housing and transportation that they have purchased,” Lewis said.

Much of the work at the center is done without state or federal funding. “We do not seek state or federal grants, so the shelter is run on proceeds from the on-site thrift store, private donations, and grants,” Lewis explained. With the grant donation provided by TVEC Charitable Foundation members, the “current grant money is going toward a new playground,” Lewis said. The playground will be for the children of the residents.

For those that struggle in violent or life altering situations, it is important to get those individuals in a stable and safe environment to start the healing process. “In a world where violence occurs it is necessary to provide a safe environment for those affected by various types of violent crimes,” said Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative’s Bobbi Byford, director of corporate relations. “With funding provided by the generosity of TVEC members, we are happy to support the Genesis Center, enabling victims to seek help when needed.”

If you or someone you know needs help getting out of a violent situation, call (972) 932-4351. Visit genesiscenter.org to find out more about the Genesis Center North Texas.

May 2023 Operation Round Up Awards

Grants:

Terrell First Assembly of God Church (Adopt A Block) - \$3,000
The Genesis Center- \$5,000
Gun Barrel City Rainbow Girls Assembly #369- \$500

Hidden Acres- \$2,000
Henderson County Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library Friends- \$2,500
Texas Youth Advocates- \$2,000
Wills Point Middle School- \$2,000

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then swung north of the most traveled roads, bushwhacking his way through mesquite and mottes of trees.

When the Texians put up the white flag, they asked to return to their homes. Woll told them that “if they did not surrender at discretion, they would be exterminated without exception.”

Woll took 62 prisoners, among them several high-value civilians: seven lawyers, a judge, two doctors, a surgeon and prominent business leaders. He told them they would return with him to the border, where they would be released. Instead, they were marched all the way to Mexico’s infamous Perote Prison, where many were held for two years, subjected to hard labor and chains. A few died en route, and some died in captivity.

Woll didn’t occupy San Antonio long. His goal was to be a disruptive force, preventing Texians from feeling secure and also to inhibit migration from the U.S. Woll’s other objective was to determine if there were credible military buildups for a Texas invasion of Mexico.

Meanwhile, Texians sounded the alarm that San Antonio had fallen. Volunteers grabbed their guns and saddled their horses. They gathered in Seguin, pushed on to Salado Creek and tempted Woll to pursue them. Woll took the bait, and the Texians, from the cover of the woods, killed and wounded more than 60 Mexican soldiers while the Texians lost only one. Sadly, on another portion of the creek, three dozen Texians were killed.

Santa Anna had once again underestimated Texas. He wanted to unsettle the new republic with fear and chaos and keep them isolated. Instead, he drove the Texians toward a collective desire to join the U.S., which they did six years later. ■

Second Sacking

Six years after the Alamo, Mexican troops twice stormed San Antonio

BY W.F. STRONG • ILLUSTRATION BY TRACI DABERKO

MOST TEXANS BELIEVE the Battle of San Jacinto settled everything. Once Mexican Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna was decisively defeated, he signed a treaty guaranteeing Texas independence. So Mexican troops would never again set foot on Texas soil nor darken our door—right?

Not quite. Just six years after Santa Anna’s Pyrrhic victory at the Alamo, Mexican forces twice tramped to San Antonio. First Gen. Rafael Vásquez showed up with 700 men to a mostly evacuated city in March 1842. They headed back across the Rio Grande after just two days, having set off a panic in Texas.

Then six months later, Santa Anna sent another army to sack San Antonio

and occupy the Alamo. Gen. Adrián Woll led a force of about 1,400 troops who awakened the town with the heart-stopping boom of a cannon blast at dawn, followed by military trumpeters playing reveille. They quickly pacified minor resistance on their way to the central plaza. This was the 19th-century version of shock and awe.

Near the plaza, Texas patriots quickly put up fierce resistance, shooting through rifle loopholes in the walls, but it was fruitless. They were surrounded by a Mexican force of many hundreds.

How did such a large army make it all the way to San Antonio without anybody noticing? Woll, a French mercenary, was quite wily. He crossed the Rio Grande about 20 miles south of Eagle Pass and

Garden Bounty

Harvest time takes on a new twist with these timely treats

BY VIANNEY RODRIGUEZ, FOOD EDITOR

Why not shake things up with a new seasonal take on sangria? A splash of mezcal over fresh peaches, sugar, lemon juice and mint gives this sangria a Mexican twist. It's a refreshing way to beat the Texas heat.



Peach Mezcal Sangria

- 1 pound fresh peaches, sliced
- ¼ cup sugar
- 6 fresh mint leaves, finely chopped
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ¾ cup mezcal
- 1 bottle white wine (750 milliliters), chilled
- 2 cups sparkling water, chilled
- Fresh mint leaves, for garnish
- Lemon slices, for garnish

COOK'S TIP Make it a mocktail by using white grape juice instead of wine and zero-proof mezcal, like that made by Houston-based Cut Above.

1. In a bowl, combine sliced peaches, sugar, chopped mint, lemon juice and mezcal and stir to combine. Refrigerate 1 hour.
2. Add refrigerated fruit and wine to a large pitcher. Stir to combine and top with sparkling water.
3. Serve over ice. Garnish with mint and lemon slices.

SERVES 6

TCP Follow Vianney Rodriguez while she cooks in Cocina Gris at sweetlifebake.com, where she features a recipe for Fresh Peach Tart.



Italian Turkey Zucchini Meatballs

LORI BEGGS
UNITED COOPERATIVE SERVICES

After a bumper crop of zucchini, Beggs incorporated it into her meatball recipe, knowing her son wasn't a fan and hoping he wouldn't notice. The result: meatballs that are tender, flavorful and taste just like your favorites.

- 1 cup shredded zucchini**
- 1 pound ground turkey**
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese**
- ½ onion, grated with juices**
- ½ cup breadcrumbs**
- 1 egg**
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic**
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning mix**
- ½ teaspoon salt**
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper**
- 2 teaspoons olive oil**

1. Spread shredded zucchini out onto a paper towel. Add another paper towel on top and press to absorb moisture from the zucchini.
2. In a bowl, mix all ingredients except for the olive oil. Form the mixture into meatballs by hand.
3. Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add meatballs to skillet, brown on all sides and cook through, about 15 minutes.
4. Serve with your favorite pasta and sauce.

SERVES 4

[MORE RECIPES >](#)



\$500 WINNER

Fresh Corn Loaf

CATHY TOWER
HAMILTON COUNTY EC

Perfect for brunch or Sunday dinner, Tower's fresh corn loaf is bursting with garden flavors. A hint of cayenne pepper makes the fresh vegetables pop. Serve warm with butter or honey. This loaf is even tastier the next day.

SERVES 8-10

- 2 cups fresh corn kernels**
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes**
- ½ cup chopped onion**
- ¾ cup chopped green bell pepper**
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper**
- 2 teaspoons salt**
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal**
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese**
- 2 eggs**
- ½ cup evaporated milk**
- ½ cup water**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Apply cooking spray to a 2-quart baking dish.
2. In a bowl, combine corn, tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, cayenne pepper, salt, cornmeal and cheese.
3. In another bowl, whisk together eggs, evaporated milk and water. Add to corn mixture and mix well.
4. Spoon into baking dish. Bake 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

TCP \$500 Recipe Contest

SLOW COOKER DUE JULY 10
We want your best set-and-forget recipes. Submit yours online by July 10 for a chance to win \$500.



Candied Jalapeños

JILEEN PLATT
BOWIE-CASS EC

Platt gifts her East Texas pepper bounty by cooking up candied jalapeños. These tasty gems are delicious on sandwiches, burgers, eggs and tacos. The recipe can easily be doubled.

- ½ pound jalapeño peppers**
- 1 cup sugar**
- ½ cup cider vinegar**
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric**
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger**
- ⅛ teaspoon ground allspice**

1. Prepare a water bath canner or a large pot and heat to boiling, adding half-pint jars and lids to sterilize.
2. Slice jalapeños into ¼-inch round slices.
3. In a saucepan combine sugar, vinegar, turmeric, ginger and allspice. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Cook until syrup has reduced and thickened.



4. Carefully add jalapeños to warm jars, gently pushing down, filling up to leave ½-inch headspace.
5. Ladle hot syrup over jalapeños, leaving ¼-inch headspace and removing air bubbles. Wipe rims, top with canning lid and screw on bands. Continue until all jalapeños are canned.
6. Return jars to canner and return to a boil. Boil for 10 minutes. Remove jars, allow to cool. Store in a cool, dark place.

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Essential Canning Tools

BY MEGAN MYERS

Canning doesn't have to be complicated, but you'll want to have these basics before you start.

Large pot: You don't need a special water bath canning pot; any pot large enough to hold jars covered with water will do. Make sure to keep jars from touching the bottom of the pot.

Jar lifter: These special tongs help you transfer hot jars into and out of the water bath.

Wooden dowel or chopstick: Use either of these implements instead of a knife to remove air bubbles to prevent scratching the inside of the jar.

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COURTESY CHET GARNER

One Weird Wonder

Austin's Cathedral of Junk is an unfolding work of ... art?

BY CHET GARNER

THEY SAY ONE MAN'S trash is another man's treasure. If that's true, I was standing atop one of the most valuable treasure heaps in all of Texas. But rather than a pile of gold bullion or Fabergé eggs, this treasure trove consisted of busted TVs, at least one prosthetic leg and about 60 tons of accumulated stuff. It's definitely not the sort of "treasure" that sells at fancy auctions. But for artist Vince Hannemann, this is indeed a priceless work of art.

I was in Hannemann's South Austin backyard, atop his infamous Cathedral of Junk, a 30-foot tower consisting of multiple rooms and countless layers of—for lack of a better word—junk. License plates, wheelchairs and action figures formed into one massive structure that Hannemann started building in the late 1980s using pieces of his own trash.

As it took shape, neighbors started bringing him boxes of refuse that he puzzled and wired into the ever-expanding mass. Over three decades, the pile of trash became something more. It became a cathedral.

As he gave me a tour, Hannemann pointed out some of his favorite items that came with their own mysterious origin stories. One was a dented and burned timecard punch clock. "Did somebody get fired, smash the clock and then set the building on fire?" he wonders.

At first, the cathedral's haphazard form seemed like chaos, but as I walked the grounds, I slowly noticed that every room, wall and panel had a theme. Sometimes the junk was organized by color, other times by its decade of creation. Before long, the junk transformed into a work of art before my eyes. It's a creation too glorious for any gallery and more appropriately exhibited in an Austin backyard. ■

ABOVE Appointments are required to pay homage at the backyard Cathedral of Junk.

TCP See more of the clutter that makes Chet's heart flutter in the video on our website. And see all his Texplorations on *The Daytripper* on PBS.



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JULY

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Cuero [1–August 26] Black Cowboys: An American Story, (361) 277-2866, chisholmtrailmuseum.org

07

Kerrville [7–8] Open Pro Rodeo, (830) 997-1864, kerrvilletexascvb.com

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Weatherford Parker County Peach Festival, (817) 596-3801, parkercountypeachfestival.org

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Fort Stockton [13–15] Water Carnival, fswatercarnival.org

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Hempstead [14–15] Watermelon Festival, (979) 921-5095, hempsteadwatermelonfestival.com

Laredo [14–16] International Sister Cities Festival, (956) 794-2200, visitlaredo.com

Ingram [14–15, 21–22, 28–29] The Last Round-up of the Guacamole Queens, (830) 367-5121, hcaf.com

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Brownwood Dino Day, (325) 641-1926, browncountymuseum.org

Burnet 100-Year Boat-a-Thon, (830) 798-7632, tpwd.texas.gov

Friona Cheeseburger Festival, (806) 250-2761, friona-chamber.com

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Amarillo [19–22] Iron Horse Shoot Out, (806) 353-2911, ironhorseshootout.com

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Fredericksburg Historic Wrede School Open House, (830) 685-3321, historicschools.org

Palestine [21-23, 28-30] Matilda the Musical, thetexasstheater.com

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Naples [28-29] Watermelon Festival and Rodeo, (903) 458-0425, facebook.com/naplesmelonpatch

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Boerne Hot Summer Night Antique Tractor Pull, (210) 445-1080, theagricultural.org

Giddings Sip and Shop: Christmas in July, (979) 542-3455, giddingstx.com

Kingsville Back to School Festival, (361) 500-5892, cbabbq.com

Stephenville Elks Lodge BBQ Cookoff, (254) 979-5019, facebook.com/stephenvilleelksbbq

AUGUST

04

Huntsville [4-5] Genealogy Weekend, (936) 291-5471, huntsvilletx.gov

Olton [4-5] Sandhills Celebration, (806) 285-2292, oltonchamber.org

Kerrville [4-5, 11-13, 18-20] A Murder is Announced, (830) 896-9393, caillouxperformingarts.com

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Honest-to-Goodness Veggies

In the country, a trusted type of commerce still works

BY MIKE LEGGETT
ILLUSTRATION BY
ANNA GODEASSI

FOLKS DO THINGS differently out in the country, whether it's putting in a garden, processing their own hogs or raising beef to market.

Larry Westphal does a little of everything on his land along County Road 202 in Burnet County. Westphal, 70, has some cows and 200 head of sheep to keep him busy most of the year, but he's taken his garden to a whole new level.

He plants and harvests vegetables and tomatoes in a plot near his house that's about 40 feet square. With his wife, Judy, he picks, eats and cans what he is able to, but he still has a surplus almost every summer.

So Westphal decided to test his entrepreneurial skills and sell some of his annual harvest at local farmers markets. He also built himself a display stand several

years back and sells squash and tomatoes and sometimes peppers to anyone who wants them.

But Westphal doesn't sit by the stand, near the gate to his property. Rather, he hand-letters signs for each vegetable and sells them individually on the honor system.

The money goes into a small box that hangs off the stand, which could present a temptation for some, but this system works for Westphal. "Everybody around here is pretty honest," he says. "Unless it's a cat or one of the neighbor's chickens, I don't lose anything to somebody stealing it."

The little bit of money the stand generates doesn't go very far. "It pays for the seed," says Westphal, a Pedernales Electric Cooperative member. "That's about all it does."

Most of his business is local, too. "I think most of it is just our neighbors," Westphal says. "Everybody has been pretty honest. I figure if they're that hungry, they're welcome to it."

When we're driving past during the week, my wife and I debate how we'd eat our squash, if we bought some. I'm a sliced-and-fried guy, but Rana prefers stewed with onions—each the way our mothers made it.

Westphal comes by his gardening and farming instincts naturally. His grandfather, who emigrated to the U.S. from Germany, ran a dairy in Minnesota for years. "My dad left that place as fast as he could," Westphal says, remarking on what a tough business it was.

His maternal grandfather was a sharecropper in Oklahoma, where Westphal spent some of his early days walking along behind a tractor. "I was 4 or 5 years old, and you can't make a living off a place like that anymore."

There's not much money selling surplus vegetables for a dollar apiece either, but there's more satisfaction. And that's why he does it. ■

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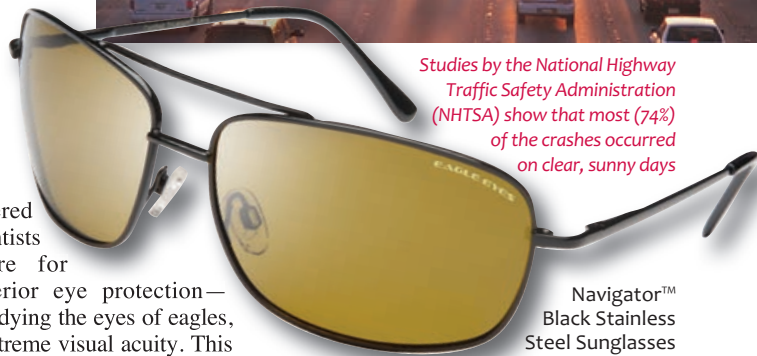
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