

With gratitude at Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday always seems to take on deeper meaning during and after hard times. Such has been the case since its inception in 1621 at Plymouth, Massachusetts, when colonists from England, best known as the Pilgrims, sat down with local Native American tribes to share an autumn feast in celebration of their first successful corn harvest. The Pilgrims were simply grateful to be alive after suffering malnutrition and other illnesses after arriving in America.

In the decades after that first Thanksgiving, feasts of Thanksgiving continued to be celebrated by citizens of the New England colonies. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated days of thanksgiving, and in 1789, newly elected President George Washington issued a proclamation calling for Americans to set aside days of thanks for victory in the war and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. But it wasn't until 1863 during another difficult time in our nation's history — the Civil War — that it became a national holiday, thanks to the nearly 40-year campaign of Sarah Josepha Hale, a noted magazine editor and the "Mother of Thanksgiving." The date was set as the final Thursday of November by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, who stated he hoped the holiday would help heal the wounds of the nation.

In 1939, during the Great Depression, then President Franklin Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week with the notion of boosting the economy during the Christmas shopping season. The move was not popular, however, as 16 states continued with

the traditional date "leaving the country with dueling Thanksgivings," according to **history.com**. In the fall of 1941, not long before the United States would enter World War II, Congress approved a resolution returning the holiday to the fourth Thursday of November.

Jump ahead to 2020 where we find ourselves battling COVID-19, the worst health crisis in more than 100 years. It has been a year of unprecedented change in our daily lives and in the workplace. Historians have said we are in the most challenging time since World War II, which claimed the lives of more than 400,000 Americans and millions of other servicemen/women and civilians across the globe.

At C & L Electric Co-op, we have made necessary workplace changes designed to keep our employees and members safe during the pandemic while we continue our mission to provide you with affordable and reliable power. And we don't take that mission lightly or for granted.

We are more grateful than ever to be able to serve you as a part of a unified network of electric cooperatives that serve more than 1 million members in Arkansas and 42 million nationwide.

On Nov. 26, as we mark yet another Thanksgiving holiday, may the turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie be as good or better than what your mother made all those years ago. May the football games once again stir excitement and prompt cheers. And, most important, may your gratitude list be long.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at C & L Electric Co-op.



Congratulations to Jay Paul Frizzell

Jay Paul Frizzell, Manager of Operations for C & L, retired on August 31st, after 43 years of service. Jay, the son of the late Nelson and Hilda Frizzell grew up in Star City, Arkansas and graduated from Star City High School. He then attended University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Jay and his fiancée, Debby Socia, have four children, Richard (Laura) Frizzell, Brittney (Dustin) McCaig, Brad (April) Socia, Lindy Socia and AJ Prestwood. They also have seven grandchildren, Ryan and Beau Frizzell, Brendan and Blake McCaig, Kohl and Jackson Socia, and Luke (L.J.) Prestwood.

Jay is looking forward to traveling, relaxing, spending more time with family, and attending more Razorbacks games.

C & L employees and directors wish Jay the very best in his retirement!



Start with the kitchen for energy savings



Ah, the kitchen. It's undeniably one of the most-loved rooms in our homes. It's where we gather with family and friends to make meals and memories. But like most of us, you probably aren't thinking about saving energy when you're planning that Thanksgiving feast. Here are four ways you can save energy in the kitchen

with minimal effort.

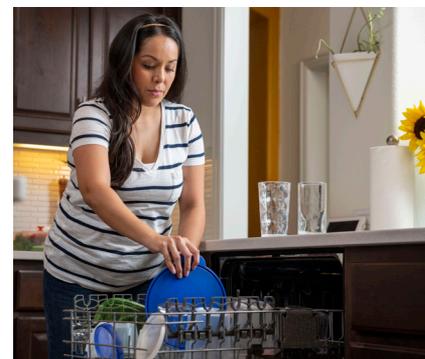
When possible, cook with smaller appliances. Using smaller kitchen appliances, like slow cookers, toaster ovens and convection ovens is more energy efficient than using your large stove or oven. According to the Department of Energy, a toaster or convection oven uses one-third to one-half as much energy as a full-sized oven.

Unplug appliances that draw phantom energy load. Halloween may be over, but it's possible you have energy vampires in your kitchen — these are the appliances that draw energy even when they're not in use, like coffee makers, microwaves and toaster ovens. The Department of Energy has estimated that one home's energy vampires left plugged in year-round can add up to \$100-\$200 in wasted energy costs. Unplug them when they're not in use, or better yet, use a

power strip for convenient control.

Help large appliances work less. There are small ways you can help your larger kitchen appliances run more efficiently. For example, keep range-top burners clean from spills and fallen foods so they'll reflect heat better. When it's time to put leftovers in the refrigerator, make sure the food is covered and allow it to cool down first. That way, the fridge doesn't have to work harder to cool warm food.

Use your dishwasher efficiently. Only run full loads, and avoid using the "rinse hold" function on your machine for just a few dirty dishes; it uses three to seven gallons of hot water each use. You can also save energy by letting your dishes air-dry. If your dishwasher doesn't have an automatic air-dry switch, simply turn it off after the final rinse, and prop the door open so the dishes will dry faster.



When it's time to do the dishes, remember to run full loads. You can also save energy by allowing your dishes to air-dry.

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Your electric cooperative pays property taxes too!

Just as everyone who owns property pays property taxes in the month of October, C & L Electric is no exception. The Cooperative pays taxes on its various properties, such as office buildings, overhead power lines and substations.

These tax payments are used to support such things as schools, roads, law enforcement and local governments. This year C & L paid a total of \$926,932.83 to the nine Arkansas counties in which we have members. Here's what your cooperative paid to each county:

Arkansas	\$ 1,386.84
Bradley	\$ 91,261.82
Cleveland	\$ 120,704.98
Dallas	\$ 3,838.52
Desha	\$ 132,108.12
Drew	\$ 164,839.25
Grant	\$ 72,000.22
Jefferson	\$ 53,193.45
Lincoln	\$ 287,599.63

**C & L PAID
MORE THAN
\$900,000
IN PROPERTY
TAXES
IN 2020.**