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Veteran's Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of their country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good of all. It is celebrated every November 11 and gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and realize just how blessed we are.

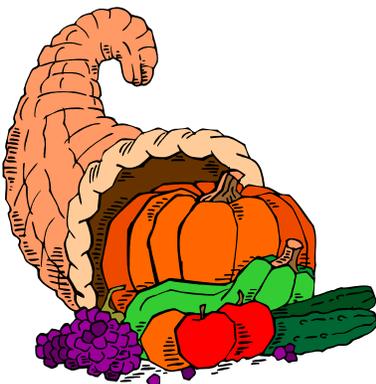
To each and every veteran, we would like to say "thank you" for all you have done for this country so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today!



Thank you for coming by to see us at the Yamboree! We gave away a few goodies with our "Punch Out" game and our drawing for those signing up for our SmartHub App was won by David DeRusha.



Employees L-R: Colton Jones, Jamar Todd, Sonny Hector, Amanda Anderson, Steven Hagler, and Esperanza Berrospe



Upshur Rural Electric will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

On behalf of our employees and Board of Directors, we would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

We now have a Facebook page! Go check it out and like us!



Cooking Up Holiday Energy Savings

By Anne Prince

For many of us, the best holidays involve home-cooked meals and wonderful aromas of turkey, stuffing and baked goods wafting throughout the house. It means a busy kitchen and a bustling house full of family and friends. If this rings true for you, despite the increased kitchen activity, you still have an opportunity to save energy during the holidays.

Cut Carbs (carbon) Painlessly

In addition to being the “heart of your home,” your kitchen could pump savings back into your wallet. According to the Department of Energy, cooking accounts for 4.5 percent of total energy use in U.S. homes. This number, combined with the energy use associated with refrigeration, dishwashing and hot water heating means that as much as 15 percent of the energy in the average American home is used in the kitchen. So, saving energy here can have a significant impact on your household budget.

For example, when preparing side dishes, baked goods, soups and such, consider using small appliances like a crock pot, toaster oven, microwave or warming plate instead of your conventional oven or stovetop. These small appliances are a smart, energy-saving alternative, typically using about half the energy of a stove.

Seal In Efficiency

When using your oven, don't peek! Opening the oven door can lower the temperature by as much as 25 degrees and causes your stove to work harder (consuming more energy) to return to the desired cooking temperature. If your recipe calls for baking the dish more than an hour, it is not necessary to preheat the oven. If your oven is electric, you can likely turn the oven off for the last five to ten minutes of cooking and allow the residual heat to complete the job. Clean burners and reflectors increase efficiency and offer better heating, so don't neglect this small but important task.

Just as keeping the oven door closed seals in efficiency and enables the stove to operate more economically, the same rules apply to the refrigerator and freezer. Keep the doors closed as much as possible so cold air doesn't escape. However, leaving the door open for a longer period of time while you load groceries or remove items you need is more efficient than opening and closing it several times.

If you are entertaining a large group, you may be able to give your furnace a brief holiday. When your oven is working hard and you have a house full of guests, the heat from the stove and the guests will keep your house comfortable, enabling you to turn down the thermostat.

Clean Up With Energy Savings

When it's time to clean up, extend fellowship to the kitchen, and wash and dry dirty dishes by hand. This uses less energy than a dishwasher. However, don't leave the water running continuously, or you will waste energy. If you do use the dishwasher and rinse dishes before loading them, use cold water. Run the dishwasher with full loads only, and if possible, use the energy-saving cycle. Note that dishwashers that have overnight or air power dry settings can save up to 10 percent of your dishwashing energy costs.

By adapting these efficient practices in your kitchen, energy savings will be one more thing to be thankful for this holiday season!



For Your Information!

Our drive thru is now closed in order to bring you a new kiosk and secure payment drop box that will be available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day! It will be conveniently located where our current drive thru is located and will be readily accessible from your vehicle! (We are straightening the road too!) The kiosk will accept cash, debit cards, credit cards (Visa or Mastercard) and electronic checks. We believe this will bring our members a more convenient method of making a payment as it is available 24 hours a day instead of 8-4:30. We also have a kiosk located to the left of the main entrance for your convenience.

Please pardon our progress!