Dramatic changes are transforming all aspects of the energy industry and interest in renewable energy is at an all-time high. That’s why Northwestern Electric Cooperative (NWEC) opted to participate in Western Farmers Electric Cooperative’s (WFEC) Community Solar program.

NWEC is one of 11 member distribution cooperatives in WFEC’s service territory operating a solar site. The solar farm, which went live in December 2017, has a peak capacity of 0.125 megawatts (MW), and is located on 1.25 acres behind our main headquarters in Woodward, Okla. The farm consists of 513 panels ground-mounted with a fixed tilt, and each panel is around six feet tall by three feet wide, weighing 55 pounds. A panel is 315 watts of power at 45 volts direct current (DC) at peak sunlight.

In 2017, our solar site produced 253.06 MWh. And so far in 2018, the site has generated 168.77 MWh and is expected to surpass last year’s output.

According to Phillip Schaeffer, principal resource planning engineer at WFEC, all solar facilities associated with WFEC are performing well and are right on target.

“So, solar is a really good resource in this area. Plus, the cost has really dropped down the past several years so it is becoming very, very competitive with wind and hydro,” Schaeffer said. He went on to say solar technology helps reduce costs for cooperative members because it typically is generating at maximum output when demand loads and energy costs are at their highest.

Community solar farms offer a simple, affordable way for members to participate in renewable energy without the maintenance costs and concerns of owning their own residential array. NWEC is considering offering members the chance to participate in our community solar program.

“If we receive enough interest in the program, we will offer our members the opportunity to purchase individual solar panels,” said Tyson Littau, CEO.

To inquire about participating in NWEC’s community solar program, give Melissa Washmon, marketing and key accounts coordinator, a call at 580.256.7425.
Stay updated with alerts and reminders

Using your phone to pay your bill or report an outage is one of the easiest ways to do business with us. But did you know you could have important alerts and reminders sent directly to your cell phone or e-mail address? (18071001)

NWEC’s smartphone app offers a convenient way for you to access your NWEC account and energy use information using a mobile device. The app allows you to easily report power outages, pay your bill, view your monthly use and history, and sign up to receive alerts from outage notifications to reminders to pay your bill.

To access the alerts through the app, login to your account on your mobile device and tap the account information icon. Scroll to the bottom and tap on Alerts. Turn on the alerts and reminders you would like to receive and then tap the update button. You can also access the alerts through our member portal at https://bpp.nwecok.coop/osecp/.

Keep in mind, the alerts only work if the information linked to your account is up-to-date.

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Looking for missing members

If your name is on our missing member list for capital credits, please submit a Capital Credit Update Form. If you are the heir or executor for someone listed below, please submit the Estate Refund Form. Some of the estates listed have already received their capital credits from NWEC. They are listed again because the estates are due capital credits from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative. Forms are available at www.nwecok.coop. Click on the Capital Credit tab under Account Services, or you can request a form by contacting our office at 800.375.7423, 580.256.7425 or emailing cc@nwecok.coop.

Hidden account number contest

Last month’s hidden numbers went unclaimed. They belonged to Eric Wheeler and Alma Sarabia.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. The numbers will always be enclosed in parentheses and will look similar to this example (XXXXXX).

If you recognize your account number, all you have to do is give us a call on or before the 8th of the current month and we’ll give you a credit on your bill for the amount stated.

This month’s numbers are worth $75 each. Happy hunting!

Country cooking

Slow-Cooker Pumpkin Spice Cake

1 box (15.25 oz) Betty Crocker™ Super Moist™ spice cake mix
2/3 cup granulated sugar
4 eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup sour cream
1/4 cup water
1 can (15 oz) pumpkin puree
Whipped cream, for serving
Caramel sauce, for serving

In a large bowl, combine the dry cake mix, sugar, eggs, vegetable oil, sour cream, water and pumpkin. Beat with an electric mixer for 2 minutes on medium speed.

Spray the crock of a 6-quart slow cooker with non-stick spray. Add the cake batter to the slow cooker and cover. Cook* on low heat for 2 hours or until the cake has pulled away from the sides and a butter knife comes out clean when inserted in the center. Let cool for 10 minutes.

Place a large serving platter or tray over the top of the crock and carefully flip upside down so the cake falls out onto the tray. Be sure to use oven mitts, as the crock will be hot. Let cool completely.

To serve, top the cake with whipped cream and caramel sauce.

*All slow cookers vary, so keep a close eye on the bake time and adjust accordingly.
We’re always looking out for you
Check out our value added services for members

As a member-owned business, NWEC is committed to serving you better by providing services and programs that will improve your quality of life and enhance our local communities. Please take a moment to read over some of the different services we offer.

Payment Options

► Automatic Bank or Credit Card Draft: Sign up for NWEC’s automatic draft program and your electric bill is paid from your bank account or credit card by the 10th of every month.

► Pay By Phone: Pay your bill by phone anytime day or night with a check, debit or credit card by calling 580.377.1414. The automated system speaks both English and Spanish, and there are no additional fees.

► Prepaid metering: Our prepaid program allows you to pay-as-you-go with no deposit, no late fees and no disconnect fees EVER! Prepaid metering puts you in control of your electric account balance and energy use. (983638002)

► Online Bill Payments: Pay your bill online at www.nwecok.coop. For questions about online bill pay, call 800.375.7423 or 580.256.7425.

► Mobile App: Pay your bill using our mobile app. To locate the app, type “NWEC” in the search bar.

► Average Monthly Payment Plan: NWEC’s levelized payment plan evens out bills by averaging your use over the past 12 months. This can be especially helpful during cold winters and hot summers when your electric use spikes.

► PaySite Kiosk: A PaySite kiosk is located at our offices in Woodward and Buffalo. The kiosk is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and accepts cash for the exact amount, check payments, and credit or debit cards. There are no additional fees. Instructions and receipts are available in both English and Spanish.

Value Added Services

► Member Portal: Use our member portal to help manage your energy use. Simply log on to your account and click the “My Usage” tab.

► Outage Texting: You can report an outage by using our outage texting service. Signing up is easy! Go to our website at www.nwecok.coop, click on the outage texting icon and provide your account information.

► Co-op Connections: NWEC’s Co-op Connections savings card will earn you discounts and savings at participating local, state and national businesses. The card will also save you from 10 to 50 percent on prescription medicines.

► ERC Loans: Talk to NWEC about financing your next air source or ground source heat pump and energy efficiency home improvements such as new windows, insulation, etc.

► Rebates: NWEC offers rebates for installing high efficiency air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps, and water heaters.

► Energy Audits: NWEC offers free home energy audits for members. Energy specialists carefully inspect your home, point out areas of energy loss, and work with you to find affordable solutions.

► Youth Programs: NWEC believes in supporting our local youth. NWEC offers programs such as the Rural Electric Youth Tour for high school juniors, YouthPower Energy Camp for eighth graders, Watts Up Kids Camp for 1st-3rd grade students, and the Fanning-Fussell Scholarship.

Have a question? Call us right here at home! For details on these services, please call our Woodward office at 800.375.7423 or 580.256.7425. To reach the Buffalo office, call 580.735.2566 or 800.259.2566.