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Anniversary Celebration

FREE FAMILY EVENT
Tuesday July, 14th
Practice Field, Alliance



5:30pm
Start Time

Air Balloon Activities East Of The High School
(Weather Permitting)

- Tethered Balloon Rides
- Balloon Night Glow
- Sign Up For The Chance To Win A Full Release Ride For The Following Day

All Attendees Will Have The Opportunity To Put Their Name In The Drawing For A Chance To Win A Black & Decker 40-Volt Max Lithium Ion Push 16" Cordless Electric Lawn Mower.



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Director Election Results

Michael Collins.....74 votes

Wayne Crawford.....79 votes

Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Crawford were elected to a 3 year term by the membership. Thank you to those who took the time to fill out and submit your ballots.

Lakeside Communications Tower Goes Up



The original tower which stood 350 feet was a complete loss after the late November ice storm. Due to advances throughout the years it was able to be replaced with a 180-foot tower which was completed the beginning of June.

Run ceiling fan to save energy

Ceiling fans don't actually cool the air in a room. Instead, they circulate the air, so anyone who is in the room while one is running will feel a sort of breeze. That makes the person feel cooler.

So there's no point in running a ceiling fan in an empty room.

But for rooms that are usually occupied, a ceiling fan can make the room feel like it's up to 8 degrees cooler than a room without one. And because the fan circulates cool air, it gives the air conditioning system a break.

In fact, with a ceiling fan running, you can turn your thermostat up by about 4 degrees without sacrificing comfort, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

A few tips for getting the most energy savings from ceiling fans:

- Rotate the direction that the fan blades spin when the weather warms up. In the summer, ceiling fans should rotate counter-clockwise. That way, the blades push cool air down into the room. In the winter, they should rotate clockwise, to draw warm air up to the ceiling and recirculate it. The rotation isn't automatic; you have to manually flip a switch on most models.
- Hang the fan seven to nine feet above the floor and about a foot below the ceiling.
- Fan blades should be at least eight inches away from the ceiling and 18 inches from the walls.
- Large ceiling fans move more air than small ones. For a large room, choose a large fan.
- Likewise, large fan blades move the air around more forcefully. So if you're installing one in a home office or another room where you keep loose papers, choose one with small blades.
- Generally, the more expensive the fan, the quieter it runs.
- Fans with an Energy Star label are about 20 percent more efficient than standard models.





Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

Our office will be closed Friday, July 3rd so our employees can celebrate with their families.

Notes From Load Management

As a participant in PREMA’s Load Management program, there are a couple of things to take into account.

- PREMA recommends pivots on Load Control to have auto restarts. Make sure the auto restart is working properly and pivot begins operating when Load Control is inactive. (Load Control becomes inactive at 10:00 PM).
- Plan to irrigate during off-peak hours. Off-peak hours are 10:00 PM to 11:35 AM, Monday through Saturday. No active control Sunday and holidays.

Control status can be checked at www.prema.coop under the irrigation tab. Status can also be checked by calling the office. After-hours calls are forwarded to our call center.



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