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Sometimes Being in Hot Water is a Good Thing

When we hear the words “you’re in hot water now,” it’s usually not a good thing. But with the H2O Plus program from West Florida Electric Cooperative (WFEC), those words take on a whole new meaning. When you sign up for H2O Plus, we’ll equip your water heater (at no cost to you) with a special device that allows us to cycle the unit for short periods of time (usually between one to two hours). You’ll still have plenty of hot water in your tank. In fact, you shouldn’t even notice a difference. 83626601

You see, by managing energy usage when demand is high (when you and your neighbors are using the most electricity), we can reduce demand during those times when energy is most expensive and take serious steps toward better managing electricity demand during peak hours.

At the heart of the program is a device that allows our power supplier to cycle your water heater for short periods of time during hours of peak energy demand (a certified electrician installs the device, at no cost to you). Although you should not see any difference in the amount of hot water you have, this program can make a



significant difference in the amount of power consumed system-wide. How will H2O Plus impact the system as a whole – and why does making a little effort today have a positive effect for your future? At first glance, you may wonder how cycling a few water heaters could make any difference at all. Consider that our power supplier must be able to not only generate the average amount of power needed on any given day, but also to meet the peak demands. The period when you and your neighbors are using the most

electricity each day only lasts three or four hours, but we must have the energy available to meet the demands of all our members during that time. If those peak demands push the limits of what can be generated with existing facilities, then you know what has to happen. Our power supplier must build more facilities to generate more power, even though the peak demands only make up a percentage of each day.

So anything we can do to lower the demand for electricity during peak

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hours will ultimately benefit us all. And the H2O Plus program does just that. Your participation will be an important part of the overall solution. Just as you should notice no difference in the amount of hot water available to you, it will be difficult to discern any difference in your monthly bill. But the impact of thousands of H2O Plus participants across the region will make a real difference. 89626601

So sign up for the H2O Plus program from WFEC. It's a power management program that makes wise energy use a reality. Contact us today for more information at 800-342-7400 or visit westflorida.coop. Don't forget WFEC will also replace your gas water heater with a more efficient electric water heater at no cost to you.

In addition to enrolling in the H2O Plus program, there are other steps you can take to reduce the impact your water heater has on your electric bill and system demand.

- Turn your water heater thermostats to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Insulate pipes by wrapping them at least 2 to 4 feet from the water heater.
- Wrap water heater jackets or insulation blankets around older water heater models.
- Wash clothes in cold water to help reduce energy consumption.

Remember your water heater is the second largest user of electricity in your home, so manage your hot water usage wisely. ⚡

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Congress: Give Us the Right Tool for the Job

EPA aims to use a hammer for a screwdriver's job

By Glenn English, NRECA CEO

The federal Clean Air Act was passed to control specific pollutants on a local scale. But in 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that the term “pollutant” in the Clean Air Act could include carbon dioxide, and required the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to “make the call” on whether or not to clarify carbon as a threat. One of the main authors of the most recent version of the Clean Air Act, U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), warned that using the Act to regulate carbon dioxide, which was never considered by Congress, will result in a “glorious mess.” 6447101

Ignoring that concern, late last year EPA announced it would include carbon dioxide in a list of pollutants contributing to climate change to be regulated under the Clean Air Act. It seems that “glorious mess” could indeed become a reality.

The Clean Air Act in its modern form was originally passed in 1970 to control harmful pollutants like nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide on a local and regional level. And in every case where these emissions fell under federal regulation, proven technology existed to address the goals of the legislation.

But when it comes to carbon dioxide emissions from coal- and natural gas-fired power plants, no such solution currently exists. Experts estimate at least a decade of research—on a massive scale—on promising technologies like carbon capture and storage

must be conducted before a viable approach to limiting carbon dioxide gas from smokestack emissions can be found.

In many ways, regulating carbon dioxide emissions under the law is akin to using a hammer to tighten a screw. You may eventually get the screw hammered in, but better tools are needed—ones that don't put your electric bills at risk during these tough economic times.

Electric cooperatives have been fighting to make sure any energy or climate change policy remains fair, affordable, and achievable. Much of this effort so far has been focused on legislation being considered by Congress, but the EPA's actions have opened a new front in the fight.

West Florida Electric Cooperative (WFEC) is asking you to make your voice heard in preventing the EPA from doing something Congress never intended. Reach out to your elected officials in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate and ask them to support fellow members of Congress who are doing important bipartisan work to prevent EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the federal Clean Air Act. Urge them to sign on to the Murkowski-Lincoln resolution (S.J.RES. 26) in the Senate, and the Skelton-Emerson-Peterson bill (H.R. 4572) or Pomeroy bill (H.R. 4396) in the House. Together, we can make a stand that will help ensure an affordable energy future and prevent an economic train wreck. Visit

www.ourenergy.coop today to send that message to Congress. ✉

For Sale

2006 Triton Summit pontoon boat. 18', 50hp Mercury. \$12,500. 526-4453.

2001 Peterbilt 379EXHD, \$27,000; 2001 Peterbilt 379EXHD, \$34,000; 2006 Peterbilt 379EXHD, \$56,000; 263-3105 or 326-0889.

2003 Kubota M4900, 50hp, 500 hours, excellent condition, \$12,500; 263-3105 or 326-0889.

Square bales peanut hay; grain fed beef; ice machine; 2 door cooler; 3 door cooler; walk-in cooler; freezer; 263-3427.

Guns, 20 gauge pump S&W, \$140; .410 NE, \$100; new Troy built generator, \$625; 263-3508.

Elliptical exercise machine, excellent condition, \$150; 263-4748.

Sundash Genesis 20 tanning bed, endurance 424, like new, used very little, \$1,200; 263-4807.

Fall Bahia hay, good quality, large rolls, \$20 each; 263-6479.

Nine-week-old hens & roosters, from good quality laying stock, \$7.50/hen, \$5/rooster; 263-9511.

Pot bellied Caboose wood stove, excellent condition w/pipes, \$300; 352-2780.

2006 27' Outback, 1/2 ton truck towable, electric tongue jack, AC/heat, sky lights, self-contained, complete equalizer hitch included, \$13,000; 352-3919.

1992 Chevy Lumina, doesn't run, body's in good shape, \$200; 352-4133.

Golf Cart 2001 EZ-GO battery power, batteries are 2-years-old, with charger, \$1,200 415-0003.

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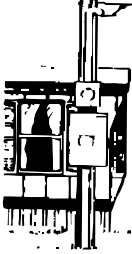
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Gary Finch Outdoors

Messengers of Spring - Gulf Coast Cobia

By Steve Layton & Gary Finch

Capistrano has its swallows, the Mississippi Delta has flocks of waterfowl, and the Northern Gulf of Mexico has the migration of the cobia. Just like clockwork, these various species seem to announce that a new season of the year is being introduced to their respective geographic locations and environments. When it comes to the annual migration of the cobia, there will be plenty of anticipation for this fish's arrival.

Some of the first beachcombers,

springtime pronouncement that other species like pompano, king mackerel, and dolphin will soon follow the cobia's lead into warm gulf waters.

Fleets of boats will begin the ritual of slowly patrolling parallel to the beach. The goal is to spot surfacing fish that rise to sun themselves during the mid-day hours. Each boat will have its tower manned with multiple spotters who will strain their eyes to locate these brown-backed fish



who visit Alabama and Florida, will not only be walking the white sands, but will be touring our beaches from a boat tower. The cobia migration will stretch along the Gulf Coast with anglers in Destin, Florida getting some of the first shots at slinging a bait to these fish. 7479801

What began back in early March is the annual westward migration of the cobia. The return of this particular species to gulf waters is a signal that the upcoming saltwater fishing season is just around the corner. It's the

in shallow water. Experienced captains will tell you that the best tools for this job are keen eyes and quality sunglasses. It doesn't hurt to have a wide brim hat or visor to block the glare of the sun. This is the ultimate in sight fishing and clear vision is mandatory.

Cobias are found around the world in temperate or tropical seas and are usually spotted beneath floating objects or while traveling with groups of turtles and rays. Since sight is such an important part of Cobia fishing, attention should be placed on anything that

may hold a fish or bait. Anchored objects like buoys, boats, and oil rigs are great magnets for traveling cobia. All along their migration route, these fish will seek out any structure for fast-food along the way.

Many times, novice fishermen have spotted the Cobia's brown colored backs in Gulf waters and mistakenly identified these fish as sharks. In the eyes of an experienced angler, something totally different and exciting is seen.

Cobias rarely exceed 100 pounds but are commonly caught in the 20-40 lb. range. The great thing about fishing for cobia is their appetite. One of their favorites is a live eel pitched in front of their path. They will strike just about any bait that is tossed, including live fish baits and colorful plastic jigs. The only problem is finding exactly which bait a cobia wants on a given day. It pays to have no less than three different baits ready to pitch at all times. While cobias do feed on a variety of baits, they can also be as finicky as a toddler in a high chair. More than one angler has been frustrated by watching a cobia simply turn his face away from a perfectly presented cast. The ability to quickly change an item on the menu can make all the difference in getting a tight-lipped fish to bite.

The bite is actually more like watching a vacuum cleaner in "attack" mode. A hungry cobia will

totally engulf the bait and run dead away for a strong line-stripping battle. This fish has a large tail, flat head, and a streamlined torpedo shape that makes swimming an effortless task. It will continue to fight even after being landed, so precautions need to be taken with this powerful fish.

The cobia is one of the most prized fish along the coast and in restaurants. It is also known as cabio, ling, lemon fish, and crab eater. The world record 135 pound cobia was landed in Australia in 1985.

Early season beach goers will encounter streams of boats gliding slowly east and west during the peak sunlight hours when visibility is best. As the migration declines so will the numbers of boats. For saltwater fishermen, that will signal that spring is officially over and summer has arrived.

Next year, the entire process will begin again. Just as flowers bloom to announce springtime on land, it's the migration of the cobia that brings spring fishing to the gulf. 🌊

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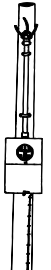
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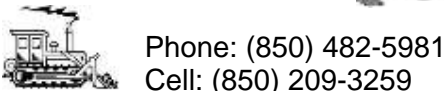
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The Bibletones to Perform at WFEC's Annual Meeting/Member Appreciation Day, April 24

WFEC's 73rd Annual Meeting/Member Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. The event will be held at the Graceville Civic Center, located at 5224 Brown Street or Hwy. 77 in Graceville.

Entertainment will be provided by the Bibletones who have been delivering the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in song across the Southeastern United States through their spiritually uplifting musical ministry for 52 years. Respected by their peers and industry leaders alike, the Bibletones are recognized as one of the premiere groups in gospel music.

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Other attractions at the Annual Meeting/Member Appreciation Day include blacksmithing demonstrations, blood pressure and other health screenings, electrical safety demonstrations and a bounce house and children's activities. Door prizes will also be given away at the meeting's conclusion followed by a barbeque lunch. So don't forget to mark your calendars and come join us for our annual meeting and some great entertainment! 🎉



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For Sale (continued)

Tandem trailer, 20'x78" bed, plywood deck, 25,000 lb. axles, ramps, jack stand, \$950; 573-5998 or 579-4779.

Ford F-350, 2004 Super Duty, 10,000 miles, 12' flatbed dump, PS, PB, AC, tow package, extras, very clean, \$26,000; 573-5998 or 579-4779.

3/2 house, 4 acres Hwy 69, Greenwood, pole barn, carport/storage, fenced for horses, large oaks, pecan trees \$160,000; 557-7688.

Ladder rack, \$175; 2006 1500 crew cab Dodge truck, \$11,500; 22" Lexani rims, \$1,000; 3-axle trailer, \$2,500; 557-6905.

2001 18.5' Bayliner w/trailer, lots of updates & accessories, \$4,000 OBO; 2008 Hanma child's 4-wheeler, 200cc Honda motor, \$800 OBO; 557-2903.

1988 33' Southwind motor home, w/4KW Onan generator, completely remodeled inside, sleeps 6, \$5,000 OBO; 557-0351 or 573-0149.

Large refrigerator, white, \$100; 4x8 utility trailer, \$400; 547-4342.

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2002 16x80 Fleetwood MH, excellent condition, 3/2, new carpet, paint & kitchen appliances in 2008, 2 porches, \$21,500 OBO; 447-4166.

2009 7' Brown 484 bush hog, JD green, heavy duty w/chains, used once, \$2,995; 447-1800.

Diamond cargo trailer, 20 ft. long, 8 1/2 ft. wide, 9 ft. high, 7,000 lb. axles, \$5,000 OBO; 373-8605.

Coachman Deluxe Quinn Star 5th wheel, \$800; 352-2090.

Purebred Dachshund puppies, \$150; 352-2031.

6-blade A&V disc for food plots & gardens, \$100; 333-2791.

6-year-old QH/Halflinger mare, green broke, imprinted at birth, \$700; 2005 3-horse slant load BP trailer w/tack room, great condition, \$4,500; 326-7253.

Miniature horse; donkey; baby goats; long horn bull; heifer calf; used bikes; tricycle; Ryobi trimmer/edger combo; 326-6558.

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Tankless Water Heaters-Does The Technology Really Deliver?

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An unlimited supply of hot water definitely sounds like a sweet deal to many homeowners. Reduced water heating costs, instantaneous hot water on demand, and more space in the utility closet are all promises made by companies selling tankless water heaters. But does the technology really deliver?

Unlike traditional electric resistance or gas-fired water heaters, tankless models do not store hot water. They heat water only as it's consumed. One or a series of heating elements within a tankless water heater are activated when a hot water faucet or valve is opened. The unit heats water until the faucet or valve is closed.

An unlimited supply of hot water sounds great, but generally doesn't make for responsible water use, particularly in areas of the country suffering from drought or chronic water shortages. Moreover, even the largest whole-house unit may not supply enough hot water for simultaneous, multiple uses.

The important information to understand is that a tankless unit for a residential home has a flow rate of about 4gpm at the outlet and will only raise the water temperature around 45-50 degrees. Depending whether you are on public utility water with a 60 degrees inlet temperature or a private well at 50-55 degrees inlet temperature will decide if you get 95 degree water or 120 degree water at the faucet. For example, such a unit may be able to supply only two showers simultaneously or perhaps one shower, a dishwasher, and a sink. If users demand too much water, temperatures will drop. As a result, a tankless system probably won't meet the needs of a large family.

In addition, water temperature depends on the volume coming out of a faucet. If you turn on the faucet only a trickle, water runs cold. If you open the faucet further, you will trigger hot water—the hottest possible. If you open the faucet to maximum, the

temperature will drop back a bit. If you open more than one faucet, temperatures will drop even more.

Hidden Costs

Generally, tankless water heaters do not require a lot of space (a large unit can fit in an area no larger than 24 inches square, and extend from the wall about 8 to 10 inches). But they do require an upgrade in electrical service – something most home improvement stores often don't mention, and a chief reason electric co-ops generally don't recommend the appliances. This means consumers who want to replace an existing conventional water heater with a tankless unit or add one as part of a home-remodeling project will incur additional costs.

An electric tankless whole house water heater, in most cases, must have three 40 amp breakers to operate, one for each element. This 120 amp set up causes a home owner to increase the house power panel from a standard 200 amp service entrance to a 400 amp. The wire size recommended for a standard whole house electric tankless water heater is #8 copper. The cost for #8-2 copper wire is around \$.86 per foot. With three 40 amp breakers it will cost approximately \$2.58 per foot to wire all three breakers. 8704102

Let's take a look at the cost for the normal installation of a tankless unit. A tankless unit costs \$700, breakers are \$24, wire is \$103, an upgrade to 400-amp panel typically costs \$605 for a total of \$1,432; without installation. A standard 50 gallon water heater costs just \$400, breakers are \$8, drain pans are \$20, insulation blankets are \$20, timers run \$50-\$150 for a total of \$598 with the most expensive timer and without considering installation costs.

Installation of a tankless unit costs an average of \$834 more than installing a standard tanked water heater. According to many retail plumbing stores and energy experts,

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If a tankless water heater is installed in an existing home without upgrading the electrical service, low voltage or sudden voltage drops are likely. This will cause dimming lights, blinking lights, and other problems.

While gas-fired tankless water heaters generally do not need basic service upgrades, the same considerations must be made when determining how many hot water faucets will be turned on at any given time and how far away the tankless heater remains from sinks and showers.

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Someone to plant 4 acres of pines, Compass Lake area; 579-5136, after 5PM.

Farm gates; 592-6921.

Little Golden book, "Little Audrey and the Little Green Men from Mars", under \$5; 592-8078.

Set of corn plates for a John Deere 7000 4-row planter; 638-0868.

Hair stylist, nail & pedi tech; 676-4908.

Wet/damaged hay for mulch, large or small quantity; peanut hay wanted for feeding to livestock (goats/donkeys/cows); 685-2353.

Community Calendar

Annual Folk Life Days - Bonifay

April 8th - 10th. Admission \$3.00
The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement will be having their annual Folk Life Days April 08th 09th & 10th. There will be demonstrations relating to home life including: biscuit & soap making, quilting, knitting, crocheting, washing clothes, beekeeping, blacksmithing, wood carving, making crackling, churning butter and using a saw mill. There will be hayrides and music throughout the day. All cabins will be opened and manned by volunteers.

St. Joseph Masonic Lodge #99 9th

Annual Fun Day - Greenwood
Saturday, April 24
Greenwood Town Park, Hwy. 162/Fort Road. Food, fellowship, and fun for the entire family. Free admission. Fried fish, sausage dogs, ice cream, ribs, moon walk, pony rides, arts & crafts, entertainment & more. Individuals, groups, churches, or businesses that would like to have a booth may call Leo at 850-209-4651 or 594-6181; Baker at 594-7441 or Sonnie at 482-4781.

Sneads Carlisle Rose Garden Club 5th

Annual Dog Show - Sneads
Saturday, April 24
Registration begins at 4:00 PM with the show beginning at 5:00 PM CST. Dog entry fee is \$10 per dog. The event will be held at the Sneads High "Citizen Football Field." Admission - \$5; children 6 & under are free. For more information, 593-6204, 592-2012, 593-6369 or 593-5252. All proceeds will benefit beautification of the Town of Sneads.

The Panhandle Pioneer Settlement's Annual Boston Butt Cook Off - Bonifay

has been postponed until May 7, 2010
Sorry for any inconvenience. Admission is free. Music jam with local musicians. For a donation of \$6.00 we will be serving chicken purlieu, drink, and dessert. Currently looking for contestants to participate in the cook off. First place prize will be \$100.00 second place \$50.00 and third place \$25.00. The Settlement will provide the Boston Butts. If you or if you know anyone that is interested in becoming a participant please call 674-2777 or email us at info@ppmuseum.org.

Custom Knife Show and Sale - Blountstown

Saturday, April 24th @ 8 am CST.
The Southern Knife makers will be at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement to show and sell one of a kind knives. There will be a knife making demo at the Settlement Blacksmith Shop beginning at 10:00 am thru out the day. Stop and see the blades hammered out to shape from the Forge to the Anvil. Panhandle Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown, Florida hosts this annual event. There is a \$5.00 admission fee (kids under 12 are free). For more information, contact the Settlement at 674-2777 or go to: www.ppmuseum.org

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