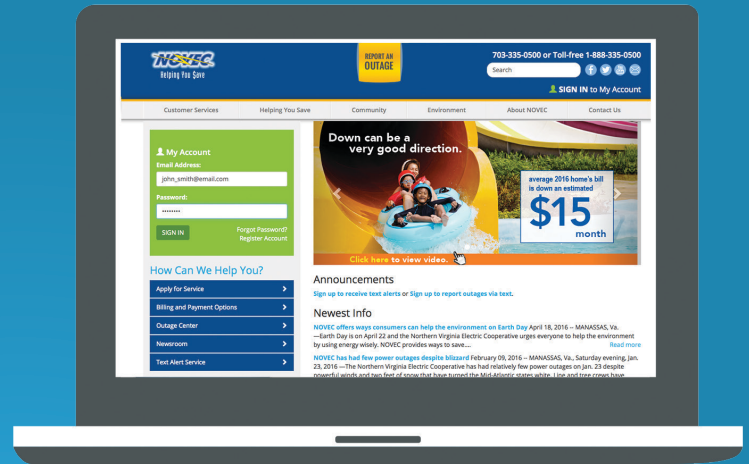


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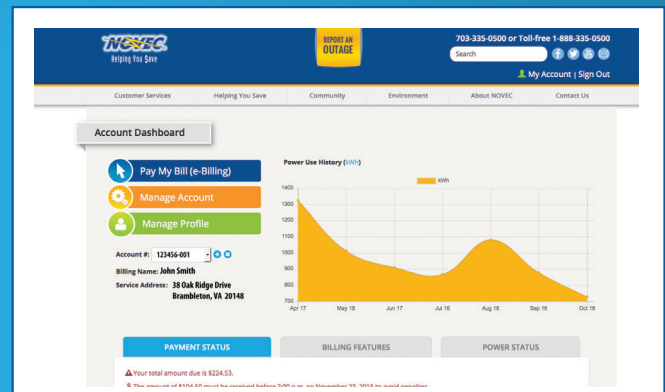
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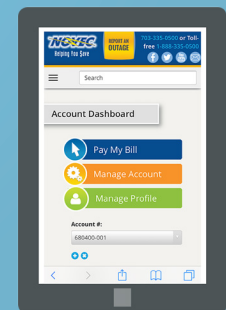
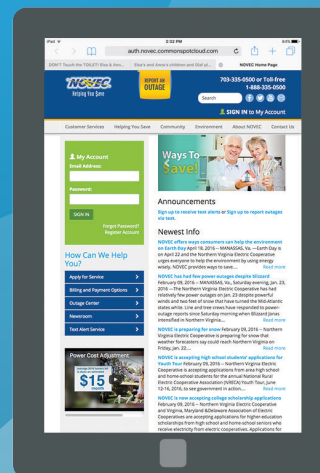
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# NOVEC Line Techs **Win Events** at Lineman's Rodeo



NOVEC Line technicians were among those earning top honors at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gaff-n-Go Lineman's Rodeo, held June 4 at Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Va. NOVEC's line techs competed alongside 115 other line technicians representing 14 electric utilities from six states

NOVEC's journeyman team of **Jesse Taylor**, **Justin Bettis**, and **Nicholas Reckmeyer** placed first in both the Hurt Man Rescue and Climbing Skills demonstration, and third in the Recloser Change-Out event.

NOVEC's apprentices swept the Climbing Skills event with **Kyle Sarvis** placing first; **Robert Studds**, second; and **Anthony Kestner**, third. **Justin Timbers** placed in the top ten. **Kyle Sarvis** also placed first in the Hurt Man Rescue event and teammate **Chris Perry** placed third.

Teamwork was obvious among all of the other NOVEC employees in attendance, including **Eric Depukat**, **Matt Grenke**, **Roy Robinson**, **Eric Stewart**, **Norman Tapp**, **Mark Windsor**, **Lori Spence**, and **Marc Schiller** who served as judges.

## Take a vacation from high energy bills

Summer is finally here in Northern Virginia. The pools are open, the days are long, and the temperatures are high. Don't let that warm weather turn into "summertime blues" when your monthly electric bill arrives. Here are some energy-saving tips from NOVEC to help you take a vacation from high energy bills.

**Adjust the thermostat.** Bumping the thermostat up at least two degrees can make a noticeable difference on your power bill. Investing in a programmable thermostat can lead to even greater savings by automatically adjusting it so that the cooling system runs more often when you are at home and less often when you are away.

**Be a "fan-atic."** While they don't replace air conditioners or heat pumps, fans move air and help you feel more comfortable. On milder days, fans can save as much as 60 percent on electric bills. Fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave.

**Regular maintenance is essential.** NOVEC recommends that members have their heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems serviced annually by a certified technician. This HVAC professional will check your entire system to make

sure it runs efficiently. This will help to extend life of the system and save money.

**Look for ENERGY STAR equipment.** When it's time to replace your cooling system, replace it with an ENERGY STAR-qualified model and reduce your energy costs by as much as 30 percent.

**Bigger isn't always better.** Too often, cooling equipment isn't sized properly and leads to higher electric bills. A unit that's too large for your home will not cool evenly and might produce higher humidity indoors. That's why it is important to talk to the energy-efficiency experts at NOVEC.

**Upgrade with ElecTel Energy-Efficient Loan.** If you are looking to make energy-efficiency upgrades to your home, check out the energy-efficiency loan program provided to NOVEC members through ElecTel Cooperative Federal Credit Union. Energy-efficient improvements may include electric heat pumps, weather stripping, electric/solar water heaters, insulation, windows, doors, and other solar or ENERGY STAR related items. **Find out more at [www.electelccu.org](http://www.electelccu.org).**

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