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Pictured above is Kourtney Retzlaff with PREMA's General Manager Ryan Reiber. PREMA teamed up with Cobank to donate a total amount of \$3,000 to be used for the needed repairs to the Grant County swimming pool.

Keep the patio cool on hot summer days

Nothing brings family, neighbors and friends together better in the summer than a cookout on a fully equipped patio. But on the hottest days, it's tempting to move the party indoors.

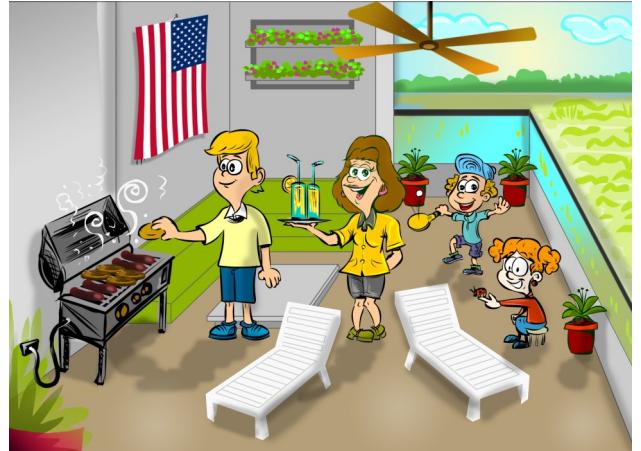
Instead, consider cooling your patio down a bit. Here are four suggestions:

Add a roof. The best way to keep the heat from ruining an afternoon party is to keep the sun off of the patio. Consider building a metal roof over your patio or installing a retractable awning or a pergola. A pergola adds shade and makes the outdoor room look extra stylish.

Install some fans. If your patio is covered, a ceiling fan can create a soft breeze that will cool off everyone who is sitting or standing nearby. Portable, high-velocity fans placed on the patio floor also will help guests feel cooler. Plus, they'll keep bugs away.

Try a mister. This is an outdoor cooling system that sprays a fine mist that evaporates in the air without hitting the ground or getting the patio—or the people using it—wet. The heat in the air makes the mist evaporate—leaving less heat in the immediate area. A tip: Get a good system, as the ones you connect to your garden hose could leave the party all wet.

Paint the floor. When sunshine lands on the concrete floor of an uncovered patio, it can overheat both the area and your guests' feet. Consider painting the floor a light color to keep it from absorbing so much heat. Or simply throw a sturdy outdoor rug on the floor.



Attention Smarthub Users

Paperless billing is an option on Smarthub. If you are a landowner and you choose to do this, please keep in mind that this turns the paperless billing on for your renters as well - they do not have access to your online account.

Unfortunately, when an account is turned on for paperless billing, PREMA does not get a notification. If this is a feature you would like to utilize, please let Allison know so that we can make sure that a copy of the bill still gets mailed to the renter.

Call Allison at 308-762-1311 or email billing@prema.coop.





Don't become part of a tragic fishing story. Keep an eye on weather conditions and know when to call it a day.

SEEK SHELTER

If you see or hear signs of weather rolling in, stop fishing and retreat to a four-sided building or hard-top car. If you ignore the signs and keep fishing, it could cost you your life.



WAIT 30 MINUTES

Wait 30 minutes after you see or hear lightning before heading back outside.

REMEMBER

Always look up for overhead power lines before casting.



LIGHTNING FACTS 2006-2020:



Two-thirds of lightning deaths occurred during outdoor activities.



Of those deaths, 33% happened during water-related activities.



Fishing accounted for most, or 44%, of those water-related activities.

Source: National Lightning Safety Council

Learn more:



Pictured above: Coy and Jett Childers, sons of PREMA Communications Coordinator , Katie Childers.



Notes From Load Management

With irrigation season in full swing, so is Load Management. Load Management participants wanting to receive a text message, when load control is active, can call the office at 762-1311 or email Tim Sherlock at tims@prema.coop.

Participants can also check which groups are in active control by logging on to (<http://www.prema.coop>) and go to the irrigation tab and click on Load Control Status. Control status can also be checked by calling the office at 762-1311, after hour calls will be forwarded to PREMA's dispatch call center.



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