



Youth programs available for local students

Area students could win a trip to Washington, D.C., Steamboat Springs, Colorado or to Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. Or they may win a scholarship to help with college. All of these are prizes available for students in Rural Electric Cooperative's annual youth programs.

Representatives of REC will be visiting schools beginning in January distributing information about these programs. Students may pick up the necessary information at their schools or at the Cooperative.

YOUTH POWER ENERGY CAMP - Eighth graders can compete to be one of eight students from REC's service area to attend a four day camp near Hinton, Oklahoma. The camp is designed to give the students a better understanding of electric cooperatives, enhance leadership skills as well as meeting new friends from across the state.

To participate in this contest, students must be attending school within REC's service area and write a short essay on a topic provided by REC.

WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH TOUR - Three students will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour. They will join approximately 70 other juniors from across Oklahoma on the tour this summer.

To participate, students must be

classified as a high school junior. They will be required to write an essay on a topic provided by the Cooperative.

Six finalists will be chosen to present their essays orally to determine the winners. The top three scores will win the Washington trip. Three runners-up will earn a trip to a leadership conference near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Area high school seniors whose parents are

members of REC are eligible to apply for one of ten scholarships to be awarded by the Cooperative. Scholarships will be applied to the students' freshman year of college in the fall of 2012.

REC will award two \$1,200 scholarships and eight \$600 scholarships.

Materials will be available at area schools or students may contact REC's Member Services Department at 756-3104, Extension 238.



YOUTH TOUR WINNERS from across Oklahoma are shown posing for a picture in Washington, D.C. Three students from REC's service area will be among over 70 high school juniors from across the state traveling to and touring our nation's capital this summer. They will tour monuments, visit the capital and meet with Oklahoma's Congressional delegation during their stay.

From Dale Nye, REC Manager/CEO

Growing pains eased by planning for the future



DALE NYE

From that small office located on Main Street in Lindsay over 70 years ago to the existing two-story of-

No matter how hard you try, things change. To deal with the changes, companies must make adjustments in the way they do business to keep up with the times and their needs.

From 1938 when REC was founded (serving about 100 consumer-members) to now (with over 10,000 meters), numerous changes have come to past.

fice on the north side of town, your Cooperative needs to be planning for the future. At the top of the list is the warehouse, which houses materials necessary for construction and maintenance of REC's distribution system and is past the 50 year old mark.

Nothing lasts forever and the warehouse is a prime example of needing a change. To say the least, that building has seen better days. We've "propped" it up for several years now and continue to remodel and repair in an attempt to make it useful for our needs.

We've gone about as far as we can without feeling we are, as the saying goes, "throwing good money after bad".

Your Board of Trustees and management have been talking about replacing the building for several years. The time has come to get more serious about planning for a warehouse building project.

REC recently secured a 20 acre tract of land south of Lindsay (near Erin Springs), a first step in planning and construction of a new warehouse facility and pole and transformer yard. The site is large enough for expansion as it becomes necessary as the years pass. Our current location has become too small for stocking the amount of materials we now need on hand to meet the needs of our membership.

The land is purchased. However, that doesn't mean we will begin construction immediately. What it does mean is that we are taking a first step in the planning process to meet the needs of the Cooperative and its members in the future.

We'll keep you posted as we proceed with this venture.

As we pause to celebrate during the holidays, we at REC want to wish everyone happy holidays. We also wish that you will be safe both as you travel and around your homes. Holiday lighting is blamed for home fires nearly every year. With a little extra care, you can make this a safe season for you and your family by following directions when installing both indoor and outdoor decorations.

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Outdoor lighting may discourage burglars

Adding outdoor lights around your home is one of the best ways to protect it from break-ins. You can add safety and style with a few well-placed lights. Some tips:

- Place a light at every entry point to your home: above or beside windows and doors, including the garage door. 780400

- Mount lighting fixtures on exterior walls near first-floor and basement windows to discourage burglars.

- Illuminate your front, back and side yards with floodlights so nobody can skulk around without being seen.

- Light up your driveway with pathway lights and another light above the garage door to lower the chances someone will break into your car.

- Send a message to prowlers that the neighbors will notice them. Mount lanterns in trees to pour light into your yard and onto your deck.

- If you have a security camera or a security system warning sign,

train a light on it so it's visible to intruders.

- Arrange outdoor lights so they're high enough to be out of the reach of vandals. Security experts say that's nine feet off the ground.

- Rig your outdoor lights to a timer so they come on at dusk and off at dawn.

- Take care with placement so light doesn't glare into your home or your neighbor's.

- If your lights are rigged to motion detectors, set them so they "see" what's going on near your house, but so they're not sensitive enough to trip when birds, bats or bugs buzz around them.

Happy Holidays



*The Board of Trustees
and employees of Rural
Electric Cooperative,
wish the best for you
and your family
during this holiday
season.*

REC's Holiday Schedule

CLOSED

Friday, December 23 and Monday,
December 26 for

CHRISTMAS

Monday, January 2, 2012 for

New Year's

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- WANT ADS -

AUTOMOTIVE –

FOR SALE: 2002 Chevy ½ ton, 5.3 automatic, LS package, \$5,000. PH: 580-656-4305.

FARM EQUIPMENT –

FOR SALE: Allis Chalmers 190XT tractor, propane, runs good. \$4,400. PH: 405-222-4684.

FOR SALE: 2008 equipment trailer, tandem duals, pintle hitch. \$4,900. PH: 405-222-4684.

MISCELLANEOUS -

FOR SALE: Billy Cook cutting saddle, like new. \$750. PH: 580-476-3686.

FOR SALE: 300 practice golf balls, some new. PH: 580-476-3398.

FOR SALE: 25 used orange heavy-duty panels. \$3,500.00. PH: 580-476-3686.

FOR SALE: New chicken nest boxes, made of galvanized metal; Insulated well houses. PH: 580-476-2608 or 580-641-1267.

FOR SALE: Fresh eggs. PH: 405-224-5821.

NEEDED: Houses to clean. PH: 405-779-8440.

FOR SALE: Firewood, free kindling. Delivery available. PH: 405-207-8904.

FOR SALE: Jigsaw puzzles, big variety, prices & sizes vary. PH: 405-428-2467.

WANTED: Will do house cleaning, references available. PH: 580-658-9995.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR –

The Cox City Baptist Church, a rural church located between Lindsay & Rush Springs on Cox City RD, is hosting the following events.

Dec. 10th: Craft Show at Lion's

Den in Rush Springs.

These events are fund raisers for the Cox City Baptist Church new church construction. The church address is 2411 Cox City RD, Rush Springs, OK 73082. The pastor of the church is Bill H. Love who can be contacted by phone at 405-756-8830 for more information on these events.

CO-OP CONNECTIONS CARD

Use your Co-op Connections Card to save you money on lodging, photographs, oil changes and other items. You can also save on prescriptions at participating pharmacies. Your card is a discount card. If you have misplaced your card, contact REC for a replacement card and use it to save yourself some money.

Account number worth \$10 credit

Locate your account number in an article of this issue, it will be good for a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

To claim the prize, you must locate the account number - if the number is yours, contact REC and we will credit your account.

Only the member assigned that number is eligible for the prize. If you don't know your account number it can be located on your electric bill.

Connections deals - discounts for members

Best Western, Chickasha -15% Off Regular Room Rate;

Blue Moose Outdoor Portable Rentals, Elmore City - 5% Off Septic Tank Pumping, Tent Rental and Special Event Toilet Rentals;

Edwards Canvas, Pauls Valley - 5% Off;

In Touch Communications, Pauls Valley - 25% Off All In-Stock Accessories;

Jenny's Pics Photography, Lindsay - 10% Off \$50 or More Purchase of Pictures;

Let's Ride Leather & More, Maysville - 10% Off Purchase of \$100 or More;

Lindsay Pit Stop, Lindsay - \$5 Off Any Full Service Oil Change;

Maysville Flowers & Gifts, Maysville; 10% Off all Green Plants;

Mazzio's Italian Eatery, Purcell - Buy a Pizza at Reg. Price Get The Next Pizza of Equal Amount or Less at 1/2 Price;

Okie Cleaners, Lindsay - 10% Off Laundry of Jeans and Shirts;

Photos by Ginger, Pauls Valley - 1 Free 8x10 Print With First Order (\$25 minimum);

The Leopard Lasso, Wynnewood - 10% Off.

Western Fuel Co., Maysville - 2 cents Off per gallon propane. Cash sales only. (No other discounts allowed);

Pharmacy Discounts - Check out the discounts available using your Co-op Connections Card at participating pharmacies throughout our area. For a complete list of pharmacies visit REC's web site to see if your pharmacy is among the hundreds offering discounts to Co-op Connections Card holders.