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Red River Area 13 Special Olympics Hold 2016 Winter Music and Arts Festival

SEC provides medals and a judge



Brian Hicks and Scott Shackelford

The Red River Area 13 Special Olympics held their annual Winter Music and Arts Festival this past February.

The Festival was held on February 10th at the Choctaw Event Center. Don Hyde, Calera Chief of Police, emceed the show.

The Co-op provides medals for each brave participant and Kevin Ashley, Public Relations at SEC, sits in as a volunteer judge.

“I really look forward to this event. It is very special to see the bravery and passion in each of these kids on stage. Each year at

least one will move the judges to tears. That takes talent,” said Ashley.

From stand-up comedy, instruments, to song and dance, there is enough fun for everyone including an art show!

During the month of March, SEC also participated in the Special Olympics Track and Field day. The Co-op sets up and supervises the course dedicated to the Stars of the Future; a group of children ages 8 and under and also helps to prepare them for the larger field events. Watch in the May edition of The Circuit!

for updates and photos of the track meet.

Commitment to the communities that SEC serves is important to us. We are glad to be a part of event such as the Special Olympics.



Montana Smith and Richard Ezell

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Understanding Your Account

Many of our Members have made the switch to a PrePay account. It is important to understand how your PrePay service works. Below is an outline of the details.

- Your PrePay Meter works like a tank of gas in a car. You put money onto your account to be used as you go. If the “tank” runs empty, your service will be interrupted until the balance is in good standing.
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- Payments can be made on your account 24/7 by calling 1-888-260-6597.
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•If for any reason your PrePay account gets interrupted due to lack of funds or breach of agreement, you will be required to pay \$100 plus the amount that the meter ran over during non-disconnect times (see bullet point above). Please know that the \$100 that is required to reconnect a PrePay service will go directly to the balance, putting the account in good standing.

If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 580-924-2170 or the Member Services Department at 580-745-4343 and ask for Jim or Kevin.

Hearts On the Line

They are the ones who get the call during any given hour of the night. They are the ones who crawl out of their comfy beds, put on their stiff boots, and tell their families “good-bye” for a seemingly unknown amount of time. They are **Linemen**.

Each day they put their lives on the line to provide SEC Members with safe and reliable electricity.

April 11th is National Lineman Appreciation Day. In 2013, it was decided that linemen all across the nation should be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Without their bravery, Co-ops would not be able to exist.

Trevor Matlock, Safety Director, said, “The job that the linemen provide and are expected to perform is dangerous, yet rewarding. In the times of storms and restoring power and also in the routine jobs, they exemplify safety for themselves and are always looking out for the lineman standing next to them.”

Linemen always deserve to get appreciation for their hard work. Especially during the month of April, if you happen to see a lineman out take a moment and give a shout or maybe even a “thank you.” Without them, the world would be a dark place.



Beat the Peak Sign-Up Begins

Your Cooperative needs your help again in 2016 to Beat the Peak!

The Peak Season runs from June 20th to August 31st. Between these dates, members who have signed up by using the form below are encouraged to shift their energy usage from the hottest parts of the day (the hours between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.) to either earlier or later times when the temperatures aren't as extreme.

By shifting usage from "peak-times" during the day will help reduce the chance of having to build costly new power plants that would be required to generate enough electricity to meet the demand during the Peak Season.

One of the easiest and most helpful ways that you can save during these hours is by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees between the Peak

Hours.

To participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Cooperative. You may include it in your monthly bill, mail it separately, bring it to the office or even leave it in the drop box in the drive thru. Those who return their form and take the Peak Pledge no later than JUNE 20TH will receive a \$10 Energy Credit on their August 2016 bill.

Participants need to provide a phone number that has the ability to receive text messages OR phone calls in order to get the Energy Credit. Pledges received that do not have a notification option checked or that are not legible will not be put into the system. When the Cooperative is made aware of a Peak Day, the alerts will then be sent out to the registered Members.



Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2016

By signing and returning this form, I am pledging to make a conscious effort to shift my energy usage from the "Peak Times" to either earlier or later periods of the day in order to reduce the overall system demand and the possibility for construction of costly new power plants.

I will strive to shift my usage time of tasks such as laundry, using the dishwasher or showering, to earlier than 2 p.m. or later than 8 p.m. to help minimize the load usage for my household.

I understand that by participating in Beat the Peak I am not only helping myself manage my monthly electricity bill, I am a part of a group working together to reduce the overall system demand for neighbors as well as my Cooperative.

Please select how you would like to be notified for a "Peak Day":

Text: _____

Phone Call: _____

Signature: _____ Account #: _____

****PLEASE NOTE:** Please print. An account number **MUST BE** provided in order to receive the credit. This pledge **MUST BE** postmarked no later than June 20th, 2016 in order to receive your \$10 Energy Credit. Pledges that do not have at least one notification selected above will **NOT** be accepted.



If you have any questions about our Beat the Peak program, please call Jim or Kevin at 580-745-9463.