

THE CIRCUIT!

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Help SEC Beat the Peak This Summer!

Participants will receive an Energy Credit

The Beat the Peak Program will return for the Summer of 2016. Members will be able to sign up for either a text message or a phone call to their phone to alert them during a Peak Day. A Peak Day means that excessive temperatures have been reached and energy conservation is suggested for that day.

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

By shifting usage from "peak-times," it lessens 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 2 and 7 p.m. You can also do your laundry before and after those times, along with running the dishwasher, showering or other tasks that require a large pull on the electrical grid to save even more!

In the upcoming editions of The Circuit! watch for the sign up form. You can mail the form back to the Cooperative or drop it off when you come in to pay your bill. The forms **MUST** be turned in no later than **JUNE 20TH**. Members who sign up will receive a \$10 Energy Credit on their August 2016 bill.

Participants will also be **REQUIRED** to provide a phone number where they can receive a text **OR** phone call on Peak Days. Those that are submitted without a phone number will not be put into the system for notifications or for the Energy Credit.

If you have any questions about this program or any other program offered by the Cooperative, please call 580-745-9463 and ask for Jim or Kevin.***

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PMRP is Back For 2016

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back for 2016. The Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP) begins April 1st and will run through June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2014 or 2015 calendar year. If you need to find out your eligibility, please give our office a call at 580-745-9463.

This rebate of *up to \$70* can assist in absorbing part of or in some cases, all of the cost associated with having a yearly maintenance service performed on your heating and cooling system (HVAC).

During the extreme summer temperatures, and HVAC system is put to the test. The Department of Energy recommends that at the beginning of cooler or warmer weather, you should have your HVAC system inspected to help ensure proper operation.

Please call our office at 580-745-9463 before you schedule your service with a licensed technician so that we can ensure you will qualify for the rebate. Upon approval you will be given an application that will need to be IN HAND at the time of the service. Submit the application along with an invoice dated between the dates of April 1st-June 30th so that we may begin your rebate process!***

Daylight Savings-Spring Forward!

Sunday, March 13th marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time! Remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour.

Also, it is a good idea to go ahead and replace the batteries in your smoke alarms throughout your home. Ensure they are all working properly and remember to test them monthly.

Rest easy knowing that your smoke alarms are up to par and enjoy the extra hour of daylight!



Annual Right-of-Way Brush Program to Begin in May



Having clear and clean access to electrical Right-of-Ways (ROW) is very important when the linemen are repairing or maintaining a service. SEC incorporates an annual brush spray program to help keep lines cleared of vegetation and debris and provide accessible ROWs. When brush of other organic material comes into contact with the power lines, blinks and possible outages can occur.

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In efforts to keep safe and reliable electric service for all of our Members, the brush program is a necessity. This year, SEC has once again contracted with Progressive Solutions, LLC from Marshall, Arkansas to do the service. The program will focus on

areas off of the Bennington, Lane and Coleman substations. This will include the townships of Harmony, Lane, Crystal, Bentley, Atoka, Stringtown, Tushka, Boswell, Lake West, Smith Lee, Albany, Bokchito, Matoy, Bennington, Cade, Kenefic, Coleman, Milburn, Emit, Nida, and Philmore. It is scheduled to begin on or around May 15th and will take approximately three weeks to complete-covering 2,000 miles of line.

The trained spray crews will selectively treat the tall growing brush under the electrical lines. The products used will actually encourage growth of grasses, flowering broadleaf plants and other low growing vegetation while inhibiting the taller brush and trees

that are extremely hazardous to power lines.

The same type of herbicide that has been used in the past will be sprayed this year as well. All products that Progressive Solutions will use are a mixture of different herbicides, all manufactured by Dow AgroSciences and BASF.

These chemicals have been thoroughly tested for toxicological effects on many animal species including shrimp, fish, earthworms, birds and mammals. These products have also undergone rigorous field and lab testing before review and registration by the EPA. There are no special precautions needed in areas by people, pets or livestock.

“The products and methods we are using have received the support of many organizations such as Quail Unlimited, Quality Deet Management Association, and the North American Butterfly Association. Our company and it’s employees have also been recognized by DuPont as a “ProTeam Applicator” and Dow AgroSciences as an “Ace Applicator” said Tollie Green, Progressive Solutions Central Regional Manager.

The crews will be wearing their traditional blue uniforms and will be easily distinguished by their bright orange hats. “These designations given to our crews are only made to the very best applicators in the country that have a proven record of quality workmanship, environmental stewardship and the highest level of customer service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Southeastern Electric Cooperative at 580-745-9463 or Progressive Solutions LLC at 866-448-3065.***

Basketball Tournaments Re-Cap

During the month of January, Southeastern Electric sponsors and co-sponsors several area basketball tournaments. The Tushka AmeriState Bank Invitational Tournament, the Coleman Wildcat Classic and the Bryan County Tournament are events that the Cooperative participates in.

During the Bryan County Tournament, SEC pairs up with Landmark Bank to handle the Hospitality Suite in the Blue and Gold Room at Southeastern Oklahoma State University gymnasium during Thursday, Friday and Saturday games. SEC and Landmark are privileged to present the awards to the winning teams at the end of the tournaments on Saturday.

SEC is proud to show our commitment to the community by being involved in activities like area basketball.***



Silo Cheerleaders getting ready for the game!



Caddo VS Boswell



Caddo Bruins watching intently.

**Congratulations to the
Tournament Champions!**

Girls	Boys
	