

# The Circuit!

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in the counties of  
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## Springtime Storm Safety

Springtime is in full force in Oklahoma. The warmer weather, the blooming flowers and gentle showers can be expected and welcomed. However, along with Spring comes storm season and the heightened chance for unwanted power outages. Thankfully, we have experienced, dedicated crews of hardworking linemen that rise to the call of duty.

All SEC employees are dedicated in helping keep the lights on. You, our member consumers have an important role as well! Below are some ideas to help keep you on top of the storms this season!

- When you see a downed power line following a storm, **STAY AWAY**. Warn others to stay away as well and contact Southeastern Electric Cooperative. Just because a line appears “dead” absolutely does not mean it isn’t energized.
- Always keep a battery powered radio, flashlights and a supply of fresh batteries handy.
- Have a supply of water and non-perishable food.
- If you are home before the storm, try to remember to unplug your electronics since lighting can cause surges and damages.
- During an outage, it is very important that you keep your refrigerator and freezer doors shut as much as possible. Food can stay good for several hours. When the power returns, it is recommended that you use a thermometer to check food and throw away anything 40 degrees or higher.

*Remember to check out our Facebook page for outage updates as well as our live outage map on our website at [www.se-coop.com](http://www.se-coop.com)!*

## Behrens Receives Youth Leadership Summit Scholarship



The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) is an all-expense paid, one day interactive leadership experience held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City during March. Attendees will increase their understanding of how leaders create change, overcome obstacles and serve others through their behavior and attitude. Participants who complete the summit are awarded a scholarship at the conclusion of the event.

This year, SEC selected Merideth Behrens to attend the YLS. Behrens is a 12th grader who lives on SEC lines. She attends Colbert High School. She currently serves in her school's FFA Chapter, on the Student Council, is part of the Honor Society, and enjoys volunteering her time with Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels and Farmers Feeding Families. Behrens likes to participate in activities where she can go out and help the community. She said, "I love to serve and help others the best way I can. I also love being a part of any or all school organizations that I can be a part of."

Her future plan for higher education is to attend Redlands Community College in El Reno, Oklahoma with her ideal career field being in Agricultural Education.

One of the seven principles that make us a Cooperative is *Commitment to Community*. Providing scholarships to students like Behrens, participating in Youth Tour and Energy Camp, and donating to the Junior Livestock are just a few of the many ways that we show our commitment to the communities we serve. We are also proud to be able to support our youth, the future leaders of America.

# Summer Rebates You Won't Want to Miss!



## Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP):

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back again for 2021. The PMRP began April 1st and will run through June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2019 or 2020 calendar year. 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 tune-up performed on your heating and cooling system (HVAC).

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 a copy of the contractor invoice dated between the dates of April 1st-June 30th to qualify.

## Energy Star Window Unit

**Rebate:** Another great rebate program that is available again for 2021 is the Energy Star Window Unit Rebate. Members who purchase an Energy Star Certified window unit and submit the application along with a proof of purchase may be eligible for a rebate of 30% of the net cost of the unit.

Members may only claim ONE unit rebate per every THREE years. New homes are not eligible for this particular rebate. Please call the Co-op to request an application or you can print one directly off of our website at [www.se-coop.com](http://www.se-coop.com) under the rebates tab.



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# Help Us Beat the Peak in 2021!

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 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.) to either earlier or later times when the temperatures aren't as extreme.

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 2021 bill.***

Please note that pledges received that do not have a notification option checked or that are not legible will not be put into the system. \*\*\*



## Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2021

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 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 # (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Can SEC also notify you with Annual Meeting Updates? Yes No (circle one)

**\*\*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, 2021. **Pledges that do not have at least one type of notification selected above will NOT be accepted.**