

The Circuit!

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Youth Programs Make A HUGE Comeback for 2022!

The past two years have been quite a trying time for everyone. With every planned event came a high level of uncertainty and “what-if” scenarios. The Youth Programs at SEC were no exception. However, this year SEC has successfully been able to make our Youth Programs available to our schools once again!

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

This year, SEC selected Griffin Behrens to attend the YLS. Behrens is a Senior at Colbert High School.



Griffin Behrens-SEC's Youth Leadership Summit participant



DeLaney Phelan-SEC's 2022 Youth Tour Winner

Also in March, SEC wrapped up their Oklahoma Youth Tour (OYT) Contest. OYT is a week-long, all-expense paid trip to our nation's capital, Washington D.C., in June of this year. The contest is open to High School Juniors all across SEC's service territory. The winning student gets to learn and grow along with approximately 70 other High School Juniors from Oklahoma.

This year, DeLaney Phelan from Silo High School was selected as the Youth Tour Winner for SEC.

Watch future editions of our newsletter as well as our Facebook page for more youth program winners and events! For any questions relating to our youth programs, please give us a call! 580-745-9463.***

SEC Members to See Capital Credit Checks This Spring



At the March 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that a Capital Credit retirement totaling \$785,737.10 would be distributed back to the Members during the Spring of 2022. Those who were Members of the Co-op *during the years of 1991 and 2011* should expect to receive a Capital Credit check.

SEC is a non-profit organization. The rates

are set to bring in enough revenue for the Co-op to operate. When the operating expenses are subtracted from the total amount of revenue collected during the year, the result is referred to as a “margin.” As a member-owned Co-op, those margins are then assigned in the form of a Capital Credit Allocation to their Members who purchased electricity from the Cooperative during the years in which the margins were generated.

James Fox, SEC’s General Manager, said, “Members should begin seeing checks in the mail around late-May. Once you receive your check you may cash it right away. If you do not recognize the name on the check, please return it to the Co-op so it can be routed to the rightful person.” If you have any questions on how the funds are allocated, please contact Customer Service at 580-924-2170.***

Here are some helpful tips for when you are needing to hire an electrician!

A licensed electrician can help with a variety of home projects from lighting upgrades to full renovations!

Electrician Hiring Tips



- 1. Hire a licensed, qualified electrician for the job.**
Look for a master electrician to manage the project. Master electricians have the most experience and will often oversee the work of a journey-level electrician or apprentice.
- 2. Make sure the electrician is insured.**
Seasoned electricians know the importance of protecting themselves in case of an accident.
- 3. Read *all* the reviews.**
Hire an electrician that has several positive reviews – not just one or two. Read reviews on different sites, like Nextdoor, Yelp and HomeAdvisor, and consider asking your neighbors for recommendations.
- 4. Determine your budget. Get two quotes.**
Knowing your budget upfront helps move the process along. Prices can greatly vary, so get multiple quotes (at least two).
- 5. Talk timeline.**
Some electricians accidentally overbook projects. If your job is time-sensitive, convey that early on and discuss a realistic timeline with the electrician.

Right-of-Way Spray Program Set Up for Summer 2022

In efforts to keep safe and reliable electricity service for our members, SEC is scheduled to begin the annual Right-of-Way brush spraying program during the late Spring-early Summer 2022.

The areas that will be focused on this year are townships off of the Bennington, Durant, Yuba, Colbert, Kiersey and TXI substations; areas to include: Bennington, Bokchito, Caddo, Yuba, Kemp, Hendrix, Colbert, Mead, Silo and Durant.

Progressive Solutions, LLC, headquartered in Marshall, Arkansas, has been contracted once again this year to provide the service. The spray crews will selectively treat the tall growing brush under the electric lines. The products used will encourage growth of grasses and other low growing vegetation while inhibiting the growth of taller brush that is hazardous to power lines.

This spray program is extremely important for your electric service. It aids to keep the lines free of debris and unwanted greenery which will provide safe and easy access for linemen to do needed maintenance and repairs.

The products Progressive Solutions will be using are a mixture of three herbicides: Method 240 SL and Escort XP, manufactured by Bayer Crop-Science and Arsenal, manufactured by BASF. These chemicals have been thoroughly tested for toxicological effects on many animal species. These products have also undergone rigorous field and lab testing before being reviewed and registered by the EPA. There are no special precautions needed in areas by pets, people or livestock.

“The products and methods we are using have received the support of many organizations such as Quail Unlimited, Quality Deer Management Association, and North American Butterfly Association. Our company and its 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.

“These designations are only made to the very best applicators in the country that have a proven record of quality work, environmental stewardship, and the highest level of customer service.”

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to follow our Facebook page or you may call Southeastern Electric at 580.924.2170.***



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2022 Summer Rebates You Won't Want to Miss!

Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP):

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back again for 2022. 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 2020 or 2021 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 April 1st-June 30th to qualify.

Energy Star Window Unit Rebate:

Another great rebate program that is available again for 2022 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 *up to \$150.00*.

NEW THIS YEAR is the Senior Energy Star Window Unit Rebate. Members who are 65 years of age or older can receive 50% of the net cost of the unit *up to \$225.00*.

The Window A/C Rebate application and proof of purchase will also be needed in order to qualify for the Senior rebate.

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 to determine your eligibility. Rebate applications can also be printed directly off of our website at www.se-coop.com under the rebates tab.

