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Crews Begin Spraying in June

Starting in June, Progressive Solutions, LLC, will be spraying all areas of Sequoyah County south of the river and near the Vian substation. They will be selectively spraying the tall growing brush under the electric lines, using products that will stop the growth of brush and trees in the right-of-way.

Please note that the people spraying on your property are indeed doing work on behalf of CHEC. Progressive Solutions' crews will walk the right-of-way, using backpack sprayers. The contractor crews' vehicles should be identified by a company name or logo on the door of their vehicle.

Progressive Solutions, LLC are responsible applicators, and the products they use are selected based on our concerns for your safety and for our environment. Their service is one of the very effective tools that we use to assure reliable electric service.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 800-328-2368 (Stigler) or 918-775-2211 (Sallisaw).

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If you find your account number hidden in this issue of the *Hot Watts*, you'll receive a \$25 credit on your electric bill.

Convenience Fee Reduced

CHEC is excited to announce the reduction in the credit card convenience fee from \$3.95 to \$1.50 per transaction!

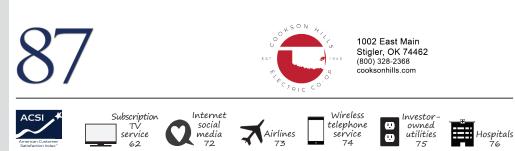
Results of recent member surveys expressed concerns about the price of the credit card convenience fee. Members of management worked with the credit card processors as well as with the software vendor to find a solution to help meet the needs of our members. As a result, we successfully have been able to change the fee structure in order to meet these needs, and effective May 1 have been able to reduce the convenience fee to \$1.50 per transaction for credit card payments made via kiosk, phone, SmartHub app, or online.

As always, payments made in person or through the auto credit card program remain free from convenience fee charges for members utilizing these two payment methods.

If you would like more information regarding any of these payment methods including the SmartHub app or the auto credit card program, please call us at 800-328-2368 in Stigler or 918-775-2211 in Sallisaw.



Your electric cooperative employs hard-working and dedicated staff who work together for the benefit of you, our member. Thank you for proving that "hard work pays off" by providing your feedback in our 2018 member satisfaction survey that includes American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) metrics. Your opinion landed us at the top of the utility industry average scores* and above several other service industry average scores.*



*Based on American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) reports for the noted industries in 2018.

The names listed are member accounts that have capital credit refund checks available to them. If your name appears on the list or if you are the surviving heir of a name listed, please contact CHEC about the capital credit refund check. Below is an alphabetical listing of names (Gir-Nee). In the May issue, names (A-Gip) appeared and the remaining names will appear in the July issue. If you have any questions about capital credits, please contact CHEC at 800-328-2368.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov

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CHEC Awards Scholarships

CHEC is pleased to announce the 2019 Cookson Hills Electric Scholarship recipients: Honey Vang of Sallisaw High School, daughter of Ying and Mayko Vang; Lyric Powell of Stigler High School, daughter of Candice Chesney and Matthew Powell; ShyAnn Leigh Bonham of Gore High School, daughter of Greg and Melissa Bonham; and Joshua R. Osburn, homeschool, son of Craig and Katie Osburn.

The employees and Board of Trustees of CHEC support the educational goals of area youth by awarding scholarships. Each year four college bound graduates in the CHEC service area receive a \$500.00 scholarship. CHEC employees initiated the scholarship program in 1997. The scholarships are solely funded by employee fundraisers and donations. Their goal is to provide eligible graduating seniors the opportunity to further their education. [2130903]

To be considered for this scholarship, students must submit an application and two letters of recommendation. Students must plan to attend a state accredited school or technical school offering an associate or bachelor degree. The program is open to any graduating senior whose parents or guardians are members of CHEC.

For details on the scholarship program or if you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please visit www.cooksonhills.com or call Felicia Wixom at 800-328-2368.



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