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Energy Efficiency

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Properly installed shades can be one of the most effective ways to improve windows' energy efficiency. Lower them during summer; in winter, raise during the day and lower at night on southfacing windows. Dual shades, with reflective white coating on one side and a heatabsorbing dark color on the other, can be reversed with the seasons and save even more energy. Learn more at EnergySavers.gov. Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Congratulations!

Sam Casteel is our online survey winner.



Employees and Trustees Award Scholarships

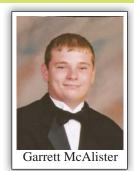
The employees and Board of Trustees of Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative (CHEC) support the educational goals of area youth by awarding the Herman Driscoll Memorial Scholarship each year. Four college bound graduates in the CHEC service area received these scholarships.

CHEC employees initiated the scholarship program in 1997 in memory of longtime employee Herman Driscoll. Mr. Driscoll believed that education is of foremost importance to success. The scholarships are solely funded by employee fundraisers and donations. Their goal is to give eligible graduating seniors the opportunity to further their education.

To be considered for these scholarships students submitted applications and two letters of recommendation. Graduates must be planning to attend a state accredited school or technical school offering associate or bachelor degrees. The program is open to any graduating senior whose parents or guardians are members of CHEC.

CHEC is pleased to announce the recipients of the Herman Driscoll Memorial Scholarship: Garrett McAlister of Central High School, son of Roger and Candi McAlister; Camry Brown of Vian High School, daughter of Michael Brown, Janell and B.J. Locust; Chelse Winklepleck of Keota High School, daughter of Jimmy and Terri Winklepleck; and Whitney Sessums of Roland High School, daughter of Tommy and Stacy Sessums.

For details on the scholarship program, visit **www.cooksonhills.com**, or call Felicia Williams at 800-328-2368.



Central High School



Vian High School



Keota High School



Roland High School

Stigler Home Office Phone Number to Change

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative will be making some changes to the phone system in the early fall. The home office number at Stigler, 918-967-4614, will no longer be available. Please call 800-328-2368 if you need to contact the Stigler office.

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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**

Safety

Don't mess around with downed power lines

Downed power lines can look relatively harmless, but don't be fooled. They likely carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or possibly death. A live wire touching the ground can cause electricity to travel through the ground, radiating outward from the contact point. These tips can help you stay safe around downed lines:



- If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything touching it.
- The proper way to move away from the line is to shuffle with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock. Electricity wants to move from a high voltage zone to a low voltage one—and it could do that through your body.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, do not touch the person. Call 911 instead.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the line by using another object such as a broom or stick. Even normally non-conductive materials like wood or cloth, if slightly wet, can conduct electricity and electrocute you.
- Do not drive over downed lines.
- If you are in a vehicle that is in contact with a downed line, stay inside until help arrives. Warn others to stay away from the vehicle.
- If you must leave your vehicle because it's on fire, jump clear of the vehicle with both feet together. Make sure your body is not touching the vehicle when your feet hit the ground. Keep both feet together, shuffle or hop 29900 until you are at least 30 feet away.

Source: NRECA

50th Youth Tour Reunion Next Month

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC), in conjunction with the participating electric cooperatives across the state, is coordinating a 50 Year Reunion Celebration of the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour program on July 20, 2013.

All former Youth Tour alumni are invited to the reunion in Midwest City. The reunion will be held at the Sheraton Midwest City at the Reed Conference Center. There is no charge for former Youth Tour participants to attend the reunion and only a small fee for their guests.

If you plan to attend the reunion, register at OAEC's website www.oaec.coop. If you need further information or would like to share the contact information of a former participant, please call 800-328-2368 or e-mail drhodes@cooksonhills.com.

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative (CHEC) has a large number of unclaimed capital credit checks. In the May issue of the Hot Watts, CHEC listed the names of 611 former members whose capital credit checks were never cashed. The list on page 3 contains 422 names (Ma – Z) which concludes the list of unclaimed checks. If you have any questions about capital credits, please feel free to contact CHEC at 800-328-2368.

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks continued.....

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WELCOME TO THE LAKE! SIMON'S PINE COVE MARINA

In a deep-watered cove surrounded by high bluffs at scenic Lake Tenkiller sits Simon's Pine The marina, which is the largest Cove Marina. marina on Lake Tenkiller, is located in Tenkiller State Park near the dam in the southeast corner of the lake. The family-owned marina offers a variety of services to their visitors.

The Simons, Jerry, Sally, their son Joe Paul, and his wife Brooke, acquired the marina in 2008. Joe Paul worked at the marina when he was in high school and through his college years. He became well acquainted with the people who leased the marina during that time. The tenants grew tired of the business and asked Jerry if he would like to buy their lease.

"I wasn't interested in buying a lease, but we decided to buy the entire marina. It's been a good investment for us," said Jerry. The Simons purchased everything in the cove from the back to the opening of the cove, including the boat ramps.

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative (CHEC) supplies electric service to over 300 meters on the docks and in the other areas of the marina.

The shop has a full-time mechanic who repairs boats year-round. There are 376 boat slips which vary in size from 20 ft. to 90 ft. The marina also has a large rental boat fleet which stays busy during the summer.

The Ship Store sells a number of products including gasoline, food, drinks, apparel, and anything else you may need for a day at the lake.

The Clearwater Café offers salads, sandwiches, steaks, and seafood. "They are known for their onion rings. People come from everywhere to try the onion rings," stated Jerry.

The Simons are longtime residents of the Vian area. In addition to the marina, they own Vian Home Center. "We've had the hardware store since 1947; it has been in the family for three generations. When we bought the marina we vowed to keep it family oriented as well," said Jerry.

This is will be the 5th summer at Pine Cove for the Simons. The next time you are in the Tenkiller Lake area, pay a visit to Simon's Pine Cove Marina.

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