

Co-op Comments

March 2017

REC Youth Leadership Summit brings area students together

Motivation, leadership, learning and meeting other students brought 13 schools from Rural Electric Cooperative's service area together for REC's 11th annual Youth Leadership Summit.

"REC is passionate about helping develop our youth's skill set," said Megan Lawrence, Manager of Member Services and Marketing. "REC and the Board of Trustees understand the importance of our youth and fostering leadership development for their future."

Rhett Laubach, owner of Your Next Speaker, in Edmond, Oklahoma spent the day working with approximately 100 students about leadership and being a leader in their school. The students interacted



Rhett Laubach from Your Next Speaker came and worked with 96 students from within REC's service territory on leadership skills for REC's 11th annual Youth Leadership Summit.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to spring forward on **March 12!** Set your clocks ahead by one hour.



with each other throughout the day and gained useful tips on making an impact. Laubach has taught leadership skills for over 20 years to audiences across the United States, the Bahamas and Canada.

This year, students from Bray-Doyle, Cement, Dibble, Elmore City-Pernell, Lindsay, Maysville, Ninnekah, Paoli, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Rush Springs, Wayne and Wynnewood participated in the Youth Leadership Summit. In addition to a full day of mental, emotional, social and physical activity, REC gave five scholarships. The winners of the scholarships were selected based on their participation throughout the day, their application they submitted and recommendations from their sponsors.

REC's Youth Leadership Summit is partially funded by Cooperative Finance Corporation which allows REC to give four \$250 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship. This year's \$250 Youth Leadership Summit scholarship winners were Austin Fisher from Bray-Doyle, Cameron Capps from Lindsay, Hunter Hartley from Maysville and Elizabeth Haskins from Rush Springs. Peyton Spencer from Wayne won the \$500 Youth Leadership Summit scholarship award.

"REC is honored to provide opportunities for our youth to learn and develop and we are thankful our schools allow their students to come and participate in this event," Lawrence concludes.

CEO's Message

A solid investment in your electric co-op



As a member of Rural Electric, you make an investment in the co-op every time you pay your bill. This collective investment in the co-op benefits you and the community immediately and over time. So what exactly is this monthly investment and how do you benefit from it?

The customer charge is a monthly investment helping your co-op cover the expenses of maintaining the overall electric system. Combatting cyber secu-

rity threats and maintaining poles, wires, substations and co-op equipment takes strategic planning and significant resources. The customer charge essentially ensures all equipment operates properly and staff is trained and ready so the lights turn on when you need them.

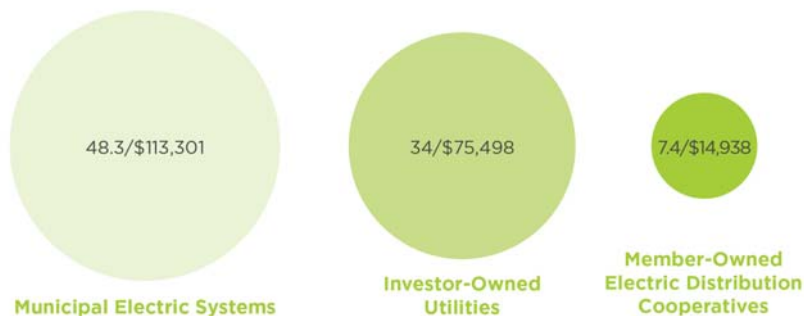
Regardless of how much electricity a particular family uses, the cost of delivering power to the houses is the same. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe the operational costs should be spread fairly and equitably across all of our members, regardless of the level of electricity use. This is why every member pays the customer charge each month to cover basic operational costs. All members are charged the same amount for the cost of operation since all members benefit from the same service. In essence, this gives each co-op member an equal share in Rural Electric's operation.

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. We appreciate and value the investment you make in the co-op each month, and we strive to use your investment wisely for the benefit of all members of our community.

Revenue in Review

Because of higher population densities (more consumers served per mile of line), municipal electric systems and investor-owned utilities (IOUs) receive more revenue per mile of line than electric cooperatives. Even though electric co-ops maintain more miles of line per consumer and acquire less revenue than IOUs and municipal systems, they continue to maintain a tried-and-true record of delivering affordable electric service to the members they serve.

Consumers served/revenue per mile of line for different utilities:



Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 2013



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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Chapman Metering begins installing REC's new RF meters



Terry Hall, installer for Chapman Metering, conducts hot socket test before installing REC's new RF meter.

REC has partnered with Chapman Metering to perform preventative maintenance and change out meters.

Last spring REC's Board of Trustees decided to replace its twelve-year old Landis + Gyr "Grid Steam" Power Line Carrier system and upgrade to the "Grid Stream" Radio Frequency system. After thoroughly researching the options available, the Board of Trustees decided the "Grid Stream" RF system would best meet the needs of the cooperative's membership.

The new metering system will provide "real-time" data about energy usage. The information the meter sends to REC will help improve outage detection during bad weather by locating outages more precisely. In most cases, the meter will send information to REC about losing electricity before the member calls to report the outage. All the meters will be connected or disconnected in the office with a remote switch which increases operational efficiency.

Chapman Metering started working around the Farwell substation in the middle of January. By the end of 2017, they should have completed changing all of REC's meters. During the changing out process, Chapman Metering takes a picture of the old meter and accurately records the last reading, conducts a hot socket test to determine the temperature and makes

sure the sockets are working properly in order to receive and send data. They also visually inspect the meter base, install the new meter and take a picture to include in a report for REC. The report includes GPS coordinates to not only verify the location of the meter, but to accurately report in REC's outage mapping system.

Members can expect to be without power for approximately 15 minutes during the meter change-out process. Chapman Metering currently has two installers working for REC and they typically work Monday through Saturday. Members will receive an automated call the day before the installers will be close to their location. Once Chapman Metering has completed the change-out process and preventative maintenance, they will reseal the meter base.

REC continually looks for ways to improve and keep up with technology. Advances in technology not only benefit the Cooperative, but also the members. This new system will allow the members to have more information about their daily usage and understand how and when they are using electricity. 1273405



During the process of Chapman Metering changing the meters, they are also doing preventative maintenance. While changing the meters, they take pictures of the old meter (left), the new meter (middle) and the sockets (right) and conduct a hot socket test.

Classified Advertisement

REAL ESTATE -

FOR SALE: 1970 Fleetwood mobile home, 2-bdrm, \$500. PH: 405-639-9361.

FOR SALE: 3-bdrm, 1.5 bath house close to the school in Lindsay. Single car garage, covered car port, with lots of closet space, big back yard with pipe garden shed and basement style cellar in back of garage. PH:405-756-6778 or 405-756-6739.

AUTOMOTIVE -

FOR SALE: 1994 Isuzu Trooper, four-wheel drive, \$1,000. PH: 405-639-9361.

FOR SALE: 2016 Titan cargo hauler, 5'X 8'X5'6", insulated, 5" ramp door, excellent condition-only pulled three times. PH: 405-615-3418.

FOR SALE: 2014 Cherokee Latitude Jeep, 4X4 wheel drive, 25,000 miles, active II transmission, many extras, call for price in Wynnewood area. PH: 972-816-6975.

LIVESTOCK & PETS -

FOR SALE: Angus bulls, 16-24 months old, guaranteed sound & fertile, \$2,500 each or lease for \$300 a year. Bred and open heifers available as well. PH: 405-207-1243 or 405-665-2502.

RECREATIONAL -

FOR SALE: 5th Wheel w/one slide-out, inside is like new, no children, pets or smokers have ever been inside, just two older people. Must see to appreciate, used very little. \$10,500. PH: 405-756-3488.

FARM EQUIPMENT -

FOR SALE: Stock/Horse trailer, 12' 5" X 6' wide, 6' X 5" high, \$850. PH: 405-238-0017.

MISCELLANEOUS -

FOR SALE: 17" flat seating cutting saddle, \$1,800. PH: 405-238-0017.

WANT TO BUY: Glass display case approximately 4-5' long. PH: 405-207-8904.

FOR SALE: Two cemetery plots located at Sunnyslane Cemetery, 4000 SE 29th Street, Del City. Market value for both plots is

\$3,695, asking \$2,500 for both. PH: 405-201-7430 or 405-527-5191.

FOR SALE: Rustic western style, wooden dining table with six padded chairs, \$450. PH: 405-613-8840.

FOR SALE: Farm fresh eggs, \$2 a dozen. PH: 580-432-5239.

FOR SALE: 26" steel chain saw, \$100; Jet water pump, \$80; 3' wooden model train

bridge, \$20; Red Devil Shop Vac, \$20. PH: 580-476-3943.

Want Ads

are **FREE** to REC members to post noncommercial items. Deadline for ads is the 8th of every month. Call the Member Services Dept. at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Scholarships winners from REC's summit



Scholarship Winners from REC's Youth Leadership Summit, left to right, Peyton Spencer from Wayne, Austin Fisher from Bray-Doyle, Hunter Hartley from Maysville, Elizabeth Haskins from Rush Springs and Cameron Capps from Lindsay.

Local Co-op Connection Card Deals

Backroads Boutique, Lindsay -

5% off everything excluding special order and sale items

Best Western, Chickasha -

15% Off Regular Room Rate

Blue Moose Outdoor

Portable Rentals, Elmore City -

5% Off Septic Tank Pumping, Tent Rental and Special Event Toilet Rentals

Chickasha Diesel Services, Chickasha -

\$50 off any big diesel oil change

Edwards Canvas, Pauls Valley - 5% Off

Jenny's Pics Photography, Lindsay -

10% Off \$50 or More Purchase of Pictures

Lindsay Tire and Lube, Lindsay -

\$5 Off Any Full Service Oil Change;

M & M Furniture, Chickasha -

10% Off Any Purchase

Mazzio's Italian Eatery, Purcell -

10% Off Purchase

Photos by Ginger, Pauls Valley -

1 Free 8x10 Print With First Order (\$25 Minimum)

The Leopard Lasso, Wynnewood -

10% Off Purchase

4 Seat Saddles, Boots and Hats -

10% Off \$100 or More, or 5% Off Repairs

Western Fuel Co., Maysville -

2 Cents Off Per Gallon of Propane on a Minimum of 125 Gallons. Cash Sales Only. (No Other Discounts Allowed)

Pharmacy Discounts -

Check out the discounts available using your Co-op Connections Card at participating pharmacies throughout our area. For a complete list of pharmacies, visit REC's website to see if your pharmacy is offering discounts to Co-op Connections Card holders.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades and films, to reduce heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs. Learn more at www.energy.gov