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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

When shopping for a new appliance, consider lifetime operation costs as well as the up-front purchase price. Refrigerators last an average of 12 years, clothes washers about 11, and dishwashers about 10. Check the Energy Guide label for the appliance's estimated yearly operating cost, and look for ENERGY STAR units, which usually exceed minimum federal standards for efficiency and quality. To learn more, visit EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Congratulations Penny Netherlain is our online survey winner!



DISTRICT MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CHEC) will hold district meetings in August for the members who live in Districts 1 and 3.

Rocky Woods Sr. currently serves as the trustee representing District 1, and Joe Falleur, Vice President of the Board, serves as the trustee representing District 3.

CHEC holds district meetings in order for you to elect your representatives to the Cookson Hills Board of Trustees. These local meetings are essential to the CHEC. Attending these meetings gives you as a cooperative member the opportunity to choose who will represent you on your cooperative Board of Trustees.

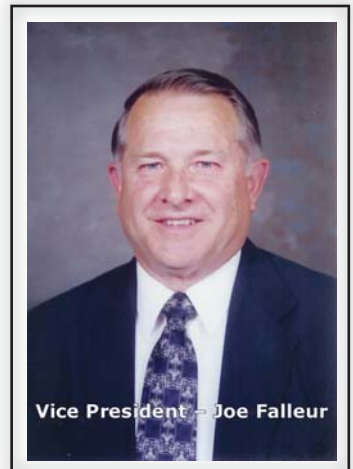
A seven member Board of Trustees governs CHEC, which divides its service area into seven districts with

one trustee representing each district for a three-year term. The board establishes policies and monitors cooperative finances and procedures. The board has set the following dates and times for the 2013 district meetings: District 1 meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2013, at the Liberty Schools Cafeteria in Sequoyah County; District 3 meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 15, 2013, at the Central Schools Cafeteria in Sequoyah County.

CHEC will send notices to cooperative members in each of these districts. **Please be sure to read your district meeting notification carefully.** If you have questions about the district meetings, please feel free to call 800-328-2368.



Trustee - Rocky Woods, Sr



Vice President - Joe Falleur

REMINDER:

Cookson Hills Electric has a NEW PHONE SYSTEM. The local phone number at Stigler, 918-967-4614, will no longer be available. Please call 800-328-2368 if you need to contact the Stigler office to report an outage and for

customer inquiries or customer service. If you need to speak to an operator or if you need to report an outage, please continue to call us toll-free at 800-328-2368 if you live in anywhere in CHEC's service territory, or dial 918-775-2211 if you live in the Sallisaw area.

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Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. welcomes members to submit photos, and articles which will be subject to editing.

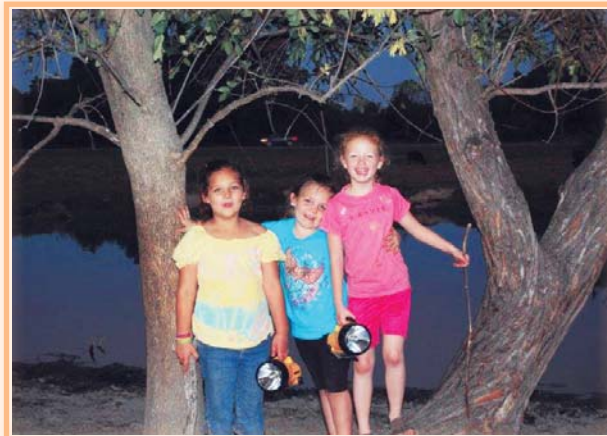
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If You Find Your Account Number Hidden in This Issue of the *Hot Watts* You'll Receive a \$25 Credit on Your Electric Bill

Teach Kids to Stay Safe Around Electricity

Summertime is a great time for outdoor fun. While it is nice to get some fresh air and sunshine, there are hazards that we need to make sure kids are aware of to keep them safe when playing outside:

- Never climb trees near power lines. They could be conductors of electricity if branches touch the wires. Even if branches are not touching power lines, they could if weight from a child is added.
- Do not fly kites or model planes near overhead power lines or electrical substations. A kite string can conduct electricity from an overhead power line to the person on the ground.
- Never enter an electrical substation for any reason. If a ball or other toy enters the fence, call Cookson Hills Electric for help.
- Keep your eye on the sky, because summertime storms can pop up quickly. Along with hazards like strong winds and heavy rain, summer



Kyla and Jaycee Montgomery and Kaytie Cash from Porum.

- storms can bring dangerous lightning.
- When you are in the pool or in the water at the lake, get out of the water and seek shelter 2159000 when you first notice thunder and/or lightning. Lightning can strike from 5 to 8 miles away.

Don't take a chance with lightning; keep your family and friends safe this summer.

Source: *Safe Electricity.org*

Cookson Hills Electric Coop., Inc. Statement of Non-discrimination

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or disability shall be excluded from participation in admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Kendall Beck, General Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Proposed Revisions to CHEC's Bylaws

CHEC's 65th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Sallisaw High School Gymnasium. At the meeting, members will be asked to consider the approval of proposed changes to the cooperative's bylaws.

changes to the bylaws. Next month we will share the remaining section of proposed changes.

Please note: in the following proposed changes, additions are inserted in "red" and deletions have a line drawn through them.

This month we want to share one section of the proposed

SECTION 2.05 - Joint Membership. As provided in this Bylaw, ~~a husband and wife~~ **two or more persons** ~~principally residing at the same location~~ may apply for joint membership in the Cooperative ("Joint Membership").

- A. Creating Joint Memberships. By jointly signing and executing a membership application, and by jointly completing the Membership Procedures, ~~a husband and wife~~ **two or more persons** ~~principally~~ **exclusively** ~~residing at the same location~~ may apply for Joint Membership. By written request, and by jointly executing a new membership application, any Member may apply to convert the Member's individual membership to a Joint Membership ~~with the Member's spouse principally residing at the same location as the Member.~~
- B. Joint Member Rights and Obligations. Unless denied membership as provided by these Bylaws, and unless otherwise specified by these Bylaws, each natural person comprising a Joint Membership ("Joint Member") has and may enjoy all the rights, benefits, and privileges, and is subject to all the obligations, requirements, and liabilities, of being a Member; **provided, however, if a joint member is otherwise already qualified to vote, the member may not cast more than one vote.** As used in these Bylaws, and unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, Membership includes any Joint Membership, and Member includes any Joint Member.
- C. Effect of Joint Member Actions. For each Joint Membership:
1. Notice of any meeting provided to either Joint Member, or waiver of notice of any meeting signed by either Joint Member, constitutes notice or waiver of notice for both Joint Members comprising the Joint Membership;
 2. The presence of either Joint Member at any meeting:
 - a. Constitutes the presence of one (1) Member at the meeting;
 - b. Waives notice of the meeting for both Joint Members comprising the Joint Membership;
 - ~~3. Only one (1) Joint Member may vote on any matter.~~
 - ~~4. Except upon the death of a Joint Member or divorce or legal separation between Joint Members,~~
 - c. The suspension or termination of either Joint Member constitutes suspension or termination of both Joint Members; and
 - d. A Joint Member otherwise qualified is eligible to serve as a member of the Board ("Trustee"). If both Joint Members are otherwise qualified to serve as a Trustee, then either Joint Member, but not both Joint Members simultaneously, is eligible to serve as a Trustee.
 - e. Only one (1) joint member may vote on any matter.**
- D. Joint Membership Conversion and Termination. Upon the death, divorce, or legal separation between Joint Members:
1. If one (1) Joint Member continues to legally use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the same location then the Joint Membership converts to a membership in the name of the Joint Member continuing to legally use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the same location;
 2. If both Joint Members continue to legally use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the same location, then the Joint Membership converts to a membership in the name of the Joint Member determined by the Cooperative; or
 3. If neither Joint Member continues to legally use, receive, or purchase a Cooperative Service at the same location, then the Joint Membership terminates.

WILD HORSE MOUNTAIN BAR-B-QUE

Some things never change, and that is certainly true when you talk about Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que. The Holman family has been serving their famous barbeque for 48 years. Wild Horse Bar-B-Que is a family tradition, so it's no wonder they treat you just like family when you walk through the door.

Hubert and Betty Holman started their business in a small building they built at the edge of Wild Horse Mountain. Hubert and Dale, their son, put up the last blocks, doors and windows in May of 1965. Hubert and Betty are both deceased but the restaurant continues with their children in management.

The Holman's had four children, Dale, Eddie, Kathy, and Bill. Dale currently takes care of the day-to-day operations; Kathy takes care of the administrative and computer side of the business part-time; and Bill retired from the restaurant in June of 2012.

The menu is simple: the Holman family serves up pork ribs, sliced beef, hot links, sauce, and barbequed beans.

"It took Dad three, four, maybe five years before he was comfortable burning the meat. Mom came up with the recipe for the beans by combining several recipes for the sauce until she was happy with it, and we have been serving it the same for 48 years," said Dale.

You'll notice that the walls are covered with photos of famous folks who have visited the restaurant. But the

greatest accomplishment for the Holman's is simply the amount of people who have eaten at Wild Horse Bar-B-Que.

"I was in the Air Force for 20 years, and I traveled all over the world. It was always fun to be anywhere in the world wearing a 'Wild Horse Mountain Bar-B-Que' t-shirt and someone would walk up and say, 'I've eaten at Wild Horse Bar-B-Que before' I always enjoyed that," said Dale.

What does the future hold? Dale intends to continue operating the restaurant and Bill is planning to start bottling the barbeque sauce and selling it nationally.

No visit to the Sallisaw area is complete without a stop to Wild Horse Bar-B-Que. The restaurant is exactly two and half miles south of Sallisaw on Highway 59. Plan your next trip around this local landmark.

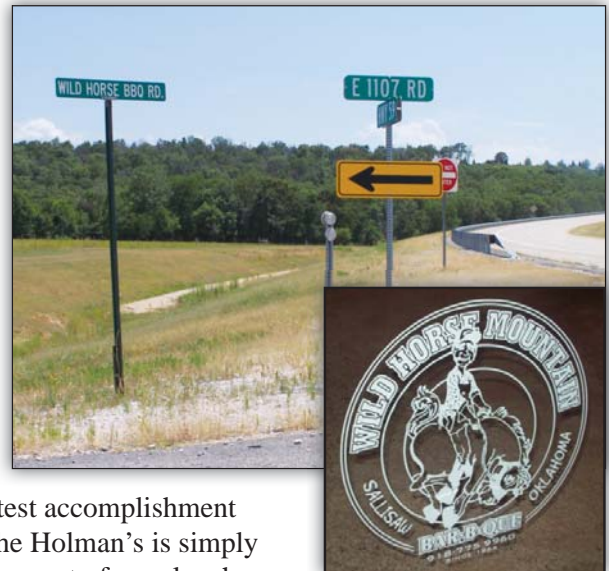


Photo by: Donna Rhodes

TOMORROW'S LEADERS TOUR WASHINGTON D.C.



Photo by: OAE

Rachel Brannon, Morgan Whitson, Zachary Sharp and Dillion Rea.

Four local students were among 1,600 kids representing 640 electric co-ops from around the country, visiting Washington, D.C. in June for the 2013 Youth Tour.

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative has sponsored the Washington Youth Tour for more than 40 years. The trip is designed to educate students about the role of electric co-ops in the national economy; foster students' appreciation for the democratic form of government; expose students to the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage; and build students' leadership skills so that they may make a difference in their communities. The students return home with a greater appreciation of our nation.

Rachel Brannon from Gans High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth Brannon; Morgan Whitson from Stigler High School, daughter of Mr. David Whitson and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hoover; Zachary Sharp from Gans High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sharp and Jenna Mitchell; and Dillion Rea from Stigler High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rea, joined 68 other Oklahoma students for this great educational event.

"It was so amazing! In my opinion, getting to see all of the monuments and memorials that were created by our nation's history was my favorite part," said Morgan Whitson.

Applications for the 2014 Youth Tour will be available in January 2014 on CHEC's website at www.cooksonhills.com, at the CHEC office, or by calling (800) 328-2368.