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2023 Summer Rebates Are Here!

Energy Star Window Unit Rebate:

The **Energy Star Window Unit Rebate** is back for 2023. 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*.

Also, we want to remind our Senior Members about 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 Energy Star Window Unit 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.



Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP):

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back again for 2023. The PMRP began April 1st and will run through June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Co-operative who did not participate in the 2021 or 2022 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).

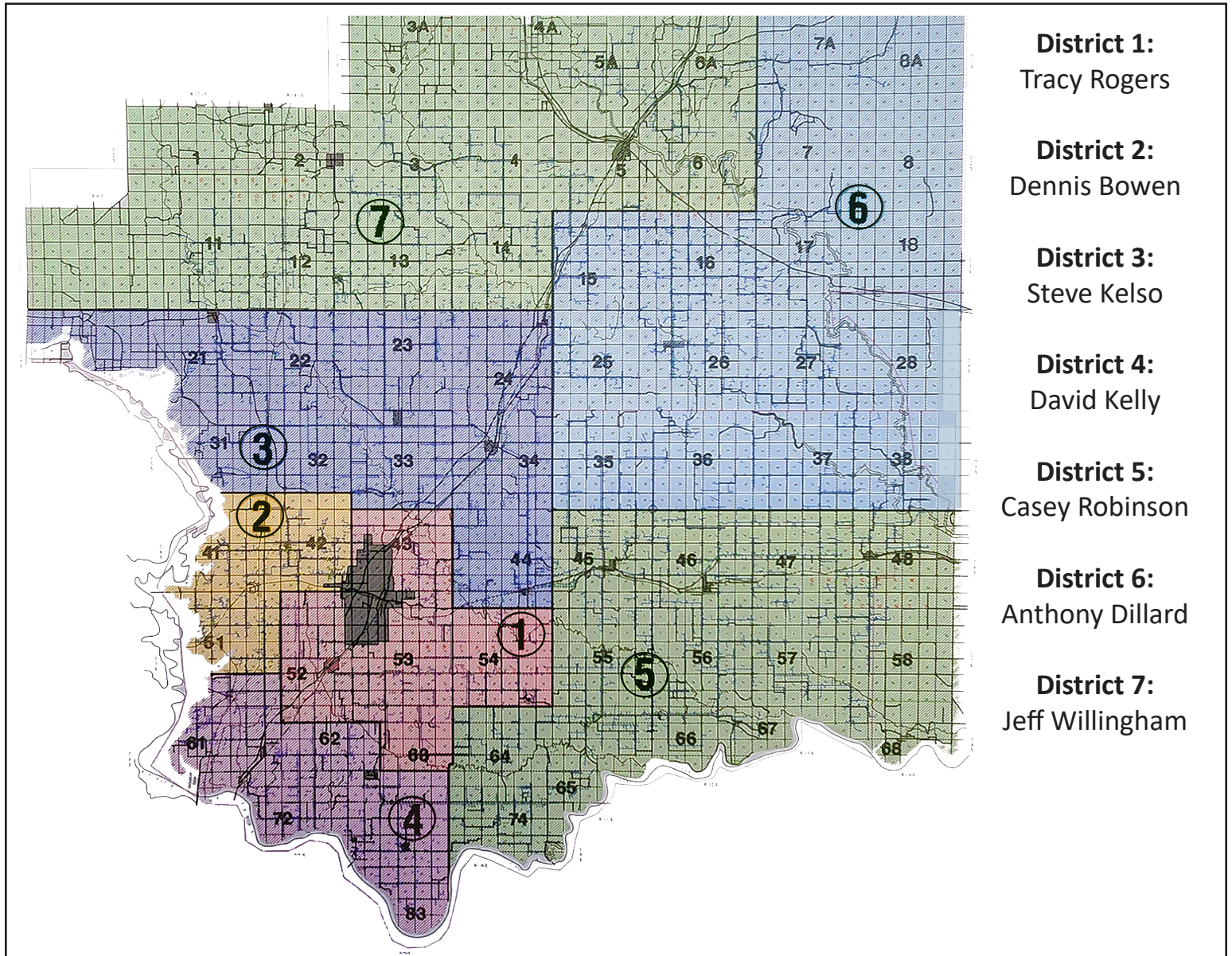
It is very important that you call our office at 580-745-9463 **BEFORE** you schedule your service with a licensed technician so that we can ensure you will qualify for the rebate. Upon approval you will be given an application **that will need to be IN HAND at the time of the service.**

Submit the original application along with a copy of the contractor invoice dated between April 1st-June 30th in order to qualify.***



Board District Re-Alignment - [Part 2]

By Jim Coleman-Director of Marketing & Member Services



SEC's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to re-align the Board Districts and reduce the number of Board Trustees at the January 24, 2023 monthly meeting. Having two Trustee vacancies in 2022, the Board, guided by SEC's By-Laws, decided that a re-districting and reduction of the number of board districts would be an appropriate action to take.

One of the driving factors behind the decision was the inequity of member representation. The geographical re-alignment of the districts, along with the reduction of the number of Trustees has made great progress in reducing that inequity gap.

The Board Districts that are impacted by the re-alignment are Districts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. SEC's new Board Districts will be 1 thru 7. If you live in districts 1, 2 or 4 there is no change to your district boundaries or who your trustee representative is.***

Krueger Wins SEC's 2023 Youth Tour Contest



In March, SEC wrapped up their Oklahoma Youth Tour (OYT) Contest. During the months of November and December of 2022, SEC visited area schools to inform the Junior classes about Youth Tour.

Youth Tour is a week-long, all-expense paid trip to our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., in June of this year where the winning student will learn and grow along with approximately 80 other High School Juniors from Oklahoma. The contest was open to all High School Juniors across SEC's service territory.

This year, Chance Krueger from Atoka High School (pictured above with SEC's Kevin Wingfield and Atoka's High School English Teacher, Shanci Garison) was selected as the Youth Tour Winner for SEC. Krueger is very excited about this once in a lifetime opportunity and said that he "never knew how involved Co-ops were or the importance of a Co-op until I had to do the research for this contest! I really enjoyed everything I discovered during the process."

We are so proud to have Chance represent SEC at the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Tour.**



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We're Ready for Storm Season... Are you?

Now that spring is in full swing, it's likely that you welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather.

But spring months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. These potential weather events can potentially cause destruction to our electrical system, but we want you to know that SEC crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. SEC encourages you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit www.ready.gov for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current and gathered together.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV. Make sure everything is charged and organized for easy access!

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check SEC's Facebook page for power restoration updates.

Always avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs, including on your property.

No one likes when the power is out. At SEC, we recommend that you prep ahead because of the advantages for being storm ready. From our co-op family to yours, we hope you have a safe and wonderful spring.