

THE CIRCUIT!

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May Your Season Be Merry and Bright!

The holidays are a time of year that many of us eagerly anticipate. The season is marked by special foods, seasonal decorations and lots of festivities. We cherish carrying on old family traditions and enjoy creating new ones. For many of us, we look forward to more time spent with family and friends.

However, given the hustle and bustle of the season, the holidays can also offer an opportunity to slow down and reflect. For all of us at SEC, we are grateful for you, the members of the co-op.

You see, one of our founding principles as a co-op is “Concern for Community.” While our main focus is providing safe, reliable and affordable energy, we want to give back. We want to help our community thrive.

Reflection

In looking back at this past year, we're thankful that we were able to make a positive impact in the community. Through programs such as Jr. Livestock, Youth Tour and helping with the Area 13 Special Olympics, we were able to change lives and provide experiences that otherwise may have not been available.

We were also grateful for the opportunity to partner with local schools to raise awareness of the importance of renewable energy, namely solar power. This year, we visited with many students from schools in your community about the impact of our solar field housed right here at SEC.

There are other ways we can help the community, whether we're providing information about our numerous rebate programs, or helping you find ways to save energy at home, we want you to know we're here to help.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead to 2020, we hope you will share your opinions with us. We recognize that our members have a valuable perspective, and that's why we continually seek your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you. We are led by you – the members of the co-op – and we depend on your feedback.

As we prepare for next year, we look forward to the opportunity to serve you and the greater community. On behalf of the Southeastern Electric Cooperative family, we hope your holidays are indeed merry and bright!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Holiday Closing and Maintenance Schedule

Christmas:

Friday, December 20th from 12:00-2:00 PM: Employee Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 24th: Offices closed in observance of Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25th: Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas Day

New Year's:

Wednesday, January 1st: Offices will be closed in observance of New Year's Day

Year-End-Maintenance:

Our Year-End Maintenance will begin at 5:00 PM on MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 through 10:00 AM on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

Due to the Year-End closing procedure, our Utility billing processing software will be unavailable. This means we will be unable to process any payments in the office or on-line, service connects, or service disconnects during this scheduled time.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through this process.

Our Facebook Needs Your Attention

We need your help getting the word out to your friends and neighbors. Any time that you see a post from South-eastern Electric pop up on your newsfeed, simply LIKE and SHARE it so that we can reach the largest audience possible!

Why is it so important to follow our page? Since we know that our demographics are constantly changing and that the Cooperative is getting involved in more community and youth projects, we want to make sure that we reach all age groups of our Members. We will be using Facebook more in the upcoming months as a social "news" outlet to announce items such as scheduled line maintenance, updates on severe weather outages, area school involvement, Annual Meeting updates and other events happening at the Cooperative!***



Travel With Safety



Winter weather can often put a damper on travel. Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary. Read the tips below to ensure you stay as safe as possible during any winter travel that you have to make!

Emergency Kit for the Car

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with the addition of these automobile extras:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction

Prepare Your Vehicle for Emergencies

Have a mechanic check the following on your vehicle prior to an emergency:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level

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Youth Tour 2020 Is Here!



Youth Tour 2020 is in full swing here at Southeastern Electric! This all-expenses-paid trip is an annual, week long trip to Washington, DC, that is open to select high school students in the eleventh grade. The Washington Youth Tour is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC), and Oklahoma's electric distribution cooperatives like Southeastern Electric.

During November and December of 2019, SEC visits students at area schools who are interested in participating in the program. Two lucky winners from our Co-op service territory will be awarded with a seat on the trip of a lifetime!

Students will get to experience and see things that they will remember for the rest of their lives. Monuments and museums such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Memorial and Mt. Vernon just to name a few. The educational aspects along with the leadership skills that will be gained during this week should be enough to make any students jump at this amazing opportunity.

In January, the interested student applications are due. Later in February, the student presentations will be due to SEC so that the judging can begin. In March, the six semi-finalist students will visit the Co-op for a formal interview and to submit their resumes. Then the winners will be announced at a Youth Tour Banquet held at the Cooperative. Finally, the winning students will be in Washington, D.C. June 14th thru the 25th!

Southeastern Electric is glad to be a part of Youth Tour 2020 since "giving something back to the community" is part of our business model. This program gives us the ability to do just that!***



Jim Coleman, Director of Member Services at SEC and Kenneth McDaniel, SEC's 2019 Youth Tour Winner in Washington D.C.