

THE CIRCUIT!

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SEC Welcomes New General Manager



Southeastern Electric's Board of Trustees and Employees would like to welcome our new General Manager, Mr. James Fox.

He was officially sworn into his new position as General Manager by Board President, Jeff Willingham, on February 28, 2018. Fox takes the place of the former General Manager, Larry Speaks, who held the position for eighteen years.

James was born to Zane and the late Ralph Fox. He is a 1981 Graduate of Caney High School in Caney, OK. He graduated in 1985 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Business Administration. He is married to Deatra Fox.

His past includes being the General Manager at Quality Inn in Durant. He owned and operated Ron's Jewelry and Gifts for fourteen years. Fox has been employed with Southeastern Electric since 2005. When James isn't at the Co-op, he enjoys his time at home with his wife and tending to his cattle.

Fox said, "I am extremely excited to have been chosen to assume the role of General Manager at Southeastern Electric Cooperative. I have great respect for all those who have served before me in this position and who have helped shape the Co-op into what it is today. It will be an honor to lead our great team of employees and work diligently on behalf of our 10,300 plus member-owners. I am grateful to the SEC Board of Trustees for their confidence in me and the invaluable support they have been during this transition."

Fox promised that, "SEC will continue the tradition of keeping its member-owner's needs and concerns in the forefront in every decision that is made. We will keep to our mission; to offer the most reliable service at the lowest possible cost." SEC is looking forward to the upcoming years with Manager Fox.***

Brush Spray Program to Begin in May



In efforts to keep safe and reliable electricity service for our members, SEC will begin the annual Right-of-Way brush spraying program.

The spraying is scheduled to begin at the end of May, early June time frame. The areas that will be focused on this year are townships off of the Lane and Coleman substations; areas to include: Kenefic, Filmore, Milburn, Wapanucka, Brown, Emet, Butcher Pen, Nida, Bentley, Stringtown, Harmony, Tushka, and Boggy Depot.

Progressive Solutions, LLC, headquartered in Marshall, Arkansas, have been contracted again this

year to provide the service. The spray crews will selectively treat the tall growing brush under the electric lines. The products used will encourage growth of grasses and other low growing vegetation while inhibiting the growth of taller brush that is hazardous to power lines.

This spray program is extremely important for your electric service. It aids to keep the lines free of debris and unwanted greenery which will provide safe and easy access for linemen to do needed maintenance and repairs.

The products Progressive Solutions will be using are a mixture of three herbicides: Accord XRT II and Tordon K, manufactured by Dow AgroSciences and Arsenal, manufactured by BASF. These chemicals have been thoroughly tested for toxicological effects on many animal species. These products have also undergone rigorous field and lab testing before being reviewed and registered by the EPA. There are no special precautions needed in areas by pets, people or livestock.

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Find Us On Facebook

Look for Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc. on Facebook this Spring!

Check our website for current announcements about the launch of our page.

You can go follow us to get important updates and information from your Cooperative.



Do You Need A Security Light?

Having a security light in your yard can be very beneficial for several reasons. Having the extra light can help you get to your front door more easily and safely. It can also offer an extra peace of mind during the night by warding off thieves by having a well-lit area.

You can have a security light installed on your current meter or transformer pole for a small fee of \$60. There is a 1-Year Service Agreement that will be required for all new light services. After the initial fee, the security light costs \$10.63 a month for a Member. That is a small price to pay for the added safety!

SEC will repair a security light free of charge when requested by the Member. *(Note: In the event of expected foul play-the security light repair could incur a charge to the Member.)*

You can find the Security Light Agreement form online at www.se-coop.com or by coming into the office and getting set up! If you have questions, please call 580-924-2170 or 580-745-9463 today!***



Spray

"The products and methods we are using have received the support of many organizations such as Quail Unlimited, Quality Deer Management Association, and North American Butterfly Association. Our company and its employees have also been recognized by DuPont as a "ProTeam Applicator" and Dow AgroSciences as an "Ace Applicator," said Tollie Green, Progressive Solutions Central Regional Manager. "These designations are only made to the very best applicators in the country that have a proven record of quality work, environmental stewardship, and the highest level of customer service."

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Southeastern Electric at 580.924.2170 or Progressive Solutions LLC at 866.448.3065.***

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Sign Up & Help Beat the Peak!

Your Cooperative needs your help again in 2018 to Beat the Peak!

The Peak Season runs from June 20th to August 31st. Between these dates, members who have signed up by using the form below are encouraged to shift their energy usage from the hottest parts of the day (the hours between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.) to either earlier or later times when the temperatures aren't as extreme.

By shifting usage from "peak-times" during the day will help reduce the chance of having to build costly new power plants that would be required to generate enough electricity to meet the demand during the Peak Season.

One of the easiest and most helpful ways that you can save during these hours is by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees between the Peak Hours.

To participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Cooperative. You may include it in your monthly bill, mail it separately, bring it to the office or even leave it in the drop box in the drive thru.

Those who return their form and take the Peak Pledge no later than JUNE 20TH will receive a \$10 Energy Credit on their August 2018 bill. Pledges received that do not have a notification option checked or that are not legible will not be put into the system. ***



Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2018

By signing and returning this form, I am pledging to make a conscious effort to shift my energy usage from the "Peak Times" to either earlier or later periods of the day in order to reduce the overall system demand and the possibility for construction of costly new power plants.

I will strive to shift my usage time of tasks such as laundry, using the dishwasher or showering to help minimize the load usage for my household.

I understand that by participating in Beat the Peak I am not only helping myself manage my monthly electricity bill, I am a part of a group working together to reduce the overall system demand for neighbors as well as my Cooperative.

Please select how you would like to be notified for a "Peak Day":

Text: _____

Phone Call: _____

Signature: _____

Account # (required): _____

Can SEC also notify you with Annual Meeting Updates? Yes No (circle one)

****PLEASE NOTE:** Please print. An account number

MUST BE provided in order to receive the credit.

This pledge **MUST BE** postmarked no later than June 20th, 2018.

Pledges that do not have at least one type of notification selected above will NOT be accepted.