

THE CIRCUIT!

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CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT FOR 2020



At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that a Capital Credit retirement totalling \$706,118.64 would be distributed back to the Members during the Spring of 2020. Those who were Members of the Co-op during the years of 1990 and 2010 should expect to receive a Capital Credit check.

SEC is a non-profit organization. The rates are set to bring in enough revenue for the Co-op to operate. When the operating expenses are subtracted from the total amount of revenue collected during the year, the result is referred to as a “margin.” As a member-owned Co-op, those margins are

then assigned in the form of a Capital Credit Allocation to their Members who purchased electricity from the Cooperative during the years in which the margins were generated.

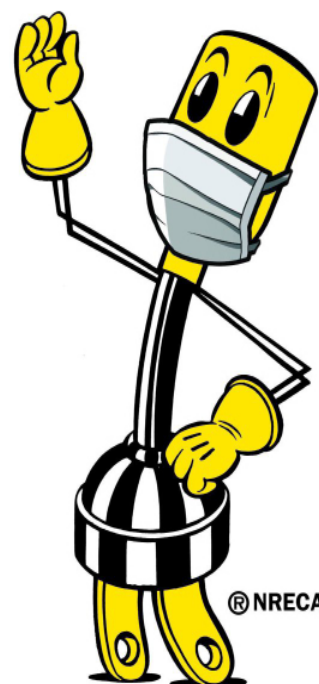
James Fox, SEC’s General Manager, said, “Members should begin seeing checks in the mail around late-May. Once you receive your check you may cash it right away. If you do not recognize the name on the check, please return it to the Co-op so it can be routed to the rightful person.” If you have any questions on how the funds are allocated, please contact Customer Services at 580-924-2170.***

2020 ANNUAL MEETING - CANCELLED

At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided that the Annual Meeting, which had been scheduled for August 4th, would be cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis.

The decision to cancel the Annual Meeting was a proactive response based on all the information that is available now, along with Governor Stitt’s Executive Orders. SEC’s concern for community extends to the health and welfare of each and every member, neighboring friends and community partners. As news emerges regarding the spread of the Coronavirus, SEC is joining cooperatives and other utilities across Oklahoma in taking appropriate measures to promote “social distancing” and limiting large gatherings.

With a record attendance being anticipated at this year’s Annual Meeting, this was **NO** time to disregard the Nation’s (CDC) warnings of the risk of large gatherings and thus jeopardizing our faithful members. Your Co-op will continue to provide the membership with outstanding service and prompt attention to member needs. In no way will the absence of the 2020 Annual Meeting impact any of the day to day operations or how the Co-op is managed. SEC is in solid financial shape and will continue to endeavor to produce sound fiscal practice going forward. Please watch for future editions of **The Circuit** for continued reports pertaining to the 2020 Annual Meeting.



MULTIPLE SEC YOUTH PROGRAMS CANCELLED

Oklahoma Youth Expo/Youth Leadership Summit

The Oklahoma Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) is an all expense paid one day interactive leadership experience held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Youth Expo in Oklahoma City. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event was **cancelled**. Attendees would have had the opportunity to increase their understanding of how leaders create change, overcome obstacles and serve others through their behaviors and attitudes in preparation for future goals and educational plans. Participants would have been awarded a \$500 scholarship at the end of the Summit.



Manager James Fox and Teeronie McCann-Silo

School and Ryleigh Anderson from Rock Creek High School.

McCann is involved in basketball, softball, cheer, cross country, FFA and National Honor Society. Her long-time goals are to graduate college and become a dental hygienist.

Anderson has a passion for showing cattle, is in the Gifted and Talented Program, has over 300 volunteer hours at Texoma Medical Center, was awarded Student of the Semester, and is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Technological Society. She wishes to attend Oklahoma Baptist University and major in nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

SEC knows how hard working and excited McCann and Anderson were for this event. The Co-op was still able to present these two students with the \$500 scholarship along with a t-shirt and some other great gifts.

Since 1915 Oklahoma youth and their families have been making OYE a tradition in their lives; this event is not only the World's Largest Junior Livestock Show but an event which highlights the world's best and brightest young people. SEC is very pleased and thankful for our Board of Trustees to allow us with the ability to provide assistance for these future leaders of America.***

Local rural electric cooperatives across the state selected participants from their local service territories to represent them in Oklahoma City that was to be held on March 16, 2020. Southeastern Electric selected two local 12th grade students who live on SEC lines and were eligible for OYE, giving them the ability to attend the YLS. This meant they were showing livestock and were able to attend the YLS while at the Youth Expo. Only those students who were able to attend and compete in the Leadership Training were eligible for the \$500 scholarship. The two students selected were Teeronie McCann from Silo High



Manager James Fox and Ryleigh Anderson-Rock Creek

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Oklahoma's Energy Camp

Oklahoma Energy Camp is located at the beautiful Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK. Campers would have had the chance for an all expense paid trip to engage in various leadership and electrification activities. The camp was open to incoming/outgoing 8th graders from across the state. However, like the rest of SEC's youth programs and per Governor Stitt's executive orders, Energy Camp 2020 was also **cancelled** for the year. Camp was scheduled for May 26-29 of 2020.



Nathan O'Neil-Silo

Interested students from SEC's service territory were required to submit an essay over the topic of "How I Can Have An Impact on Energy Conservation." Two students were chosen as winners to attend for this contest. Trisha Brewer and Nathan O'Neal, both from Silo Public Schools, earned their spot as campers!

At camp, the eight graders would have been able to learn what it would be like to be an electric lineworker by climbing poles, riding in bucket trucks and learning safety procedures and more! At Energy Camp, lifelong friendships are made through small group interactions, competitions and activities. Then, one of the biggest lessons would have been learning how electric Co-ops are driven by safety and the willingness to serve their communities.

Again, we understand how hard Brewer and O'Neal worked to get to this camp and we are deeply saddened that it has been called off for the 2020 year. SEC's looks forward to honoring these two students in the following weeks. We will be sharing more details in future editions of The Circuit!***

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Trisha Brewer-Silo

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Oklahoma Youth Tour

Unfortunately, also **cancelled** for the 2020 year was the Oklahoma Youth Tour. This was a trip of a lifetime where local students were awarded with an all expense paid week long educational experience in Washington, D.C. where they would discover and explore all of the landmarks that the area had to offer. Not only that, they would gain the confidence and leadership skills that would greatly benefit them in the future. The trip was scheduled for June 19th-25th.

This trip was available to all eleventh grade students in SEC's service territory. Students, who wanted to enter the contest, were required to submit a multimedia presentation about "What Makes A Co-op Unique". Three students were selected or eligible to attend the Oklahoma Youth Tour; Daniel Cullum from Silo High School, Max Bledsoe from Colbert High School and Alexander Robinson from Rock Creek High School.



Alexander Robinson-Rock Creek



Daniel Cullum-Silo



Max Bledsoe-Colbert

We are in complete understanding of how much time and effort were put into each of these youth programs by these bright students. Just like the Oklahoma Youth Leadership Summit and the Oklahoma Energy Camp, these bright young adults will not go unnoticed. All three students who were selected to attend Youth Tour will still be granted a scholarship for their efforts.

Please look in future June and August editions of The Circuit for more details and biographies about the Oklahoma Youth Tour winners.***

A NOTE TO OUR YOUNG MEMBERS

We are all looking forward to these programs being put back into full force mode in the 2021 calendar year. Please, if you are an educator and will have students that will be in the eighth grade, eleventh grade or twelfth grade next year, do not hesitate to call us at 580-745-9463 to find out more and how you can offer your students these amazing free-of-charge opportunities of a lifetime.

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