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Have A Great Holiday Season!

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BEN ESTES AND JENNA TESTERMAN

CHOSEN TO ATTEND TOUCHSTONE ENERGY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Touchstone Energy and Harmon Electric Offer Scholarships During Sponsorship of 2004 All-College Basketball Classic

Harmon Electric Association has chosen Ben Estes and Jenna Testerman of Hollis to attend the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit as part of the Touchstone Energy All-College Basketball Classic in Oklahoma City on December 28, 2004. During the Leadership Summit, Ben and Jenna will have some unique leadership opportunities, training and could compete for a college scholarship worth up to \$1,500!

A senior at Hollis High School, Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Estes. Ben has been involved in football, baseball, FFA, 4-H and UMYF. Upon graduation, Ben plans to attend college with a focus in Animal Science.

A junior at Hollis High School, Jenna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Testerman. Jenna has been involved in basketball, fast and slow pitch softball, FFA and the Hollis Show Team. Upon graduation, Jenna plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Ag Communications.

Forty high school students, all outstanding scholars and athletes, will represent Electric Cooperatives across the state at the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit. Students will attend a Leadership Seminar, which will provide exciting and unique leadership opportunities and training. The Seminar will also feature Stewart Kennedy, the inventor of peanut butter slices and Tracy Markum, a former Mr. Oklahoma bodybuilding champion and current member of Team Impact, who uses feats of physical strength and humor to motivate young leaders. In

addition, Leadership Summit students will compete in several "extreme" games and team building activities. With cool music, interactive videos, food and hands-on leadership opportunities, each Leadership Summit participant will walk away with more knowledge and excitement about being an extreme leader in their own community.

Held in conjunction with the 2004 Touchstone Energy All College Basketball Classic, students selected to attend the Leadership Summit program will also have the unique opportunity to attend both basketball games on December 28, 2004 at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City. The games will tip-off at 6 p.m. with the University of Oklahoma playing the University of Tulsa, followed by Oklahoma State University meeting Gonzaga University at 8:30 p.m.

Twenty lucky students will have the opportunity to win \$250 scholarships and one student will receive the chance to make three basketball shots to win up to \$1500 in scholarship money during halftime of the second game.

For the fifth year, Touchstone Energy is the title sponsor for the Touchstone Energy 2004 All-College Basketball Classic, the oldest basketball tournament in the country. Touchstone Energy is the marketing umbrella for more than 600 rural electric cooperatives across the country.

Purchase Touchstone Energy All-College Basketball Tournament tickets by calling (800) 511-1552, visiting www.tickets.com or the Ford Center Box Office.



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IF YOUR ELECTRICITY GOES OFF REPORT THE OUTAGE

We have a 24-hour answering service to take outage reports and dispatch servicemen. Any time you have an outage to report in the Hollis or Gould exchange area, call our office at 688-3342. Any other exchange area call toll free, 1-800-643-7769.

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HARMON ELECTRIC BYLAWS

Bylaws Concerning Nomination and Election of Trustees

Section 7 - Nomination and Election of Trustees

(a) **NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES.** Not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of an annual membership meeting, members desiring to be nominated for trustee must complete an official nomination form which may be secured at the association's headquarters office. The form must be fully completed and contain the signatures of five (5) other qualified members from the same board district. The completed form must be delivered to the Secretary of the Board or his representative not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual membership meeting. Incumbent trustees shall receive an automatic nomination for the district they represent. A list of qualified nominees shall be posted at the principal office of the association at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual membership meeting. The secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting or separately, but a least seven days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of the trustees to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates. The names shall be arranged by districts. The members may, at any meeting at which a trustee shall be removed as herein before provided, elect a

successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations, except that the new trustees must reside in the same district as the trustees in respect to whom the vacancy occurs. Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of trustees.

(b) **ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.** Election of trustees shall be by printed ballot. The ballots shall list the nominees arranged by districts. The trustee nominee receiving the majority of votes at a meeting allowing for trustee elections shall become the seated trustee of the association upon announcement of the election results at said meeting. In case no nominee receives a majority of the vote, the two (2) nominees with the highest number of votes shall participate in a run-off election immediately following initial balloting.

NOTE: Any member wishing to be nominated for trustee must have a completed form returned by 4:30 p.m., Monday, January 31, 2005. All signatures will be verified for authenticity.



CHARMING FIREPLACE CAN BE A ENERGY WASTER

Wood-burning fireplaces are charming and romantic, but they're among the most energy-inefficient devices in a home. Keep yours from sucking the heat out of your home and the money out of your wallet.

- Close the dampers whenever you're not burning a fire. Fireplaces can exhaust as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air per hour to the outside and bring an equal amount of cold air back into the house. Using one is like keeping a 48-inch window open all winter long.

- Seal the fireplace as tightly as possible. Caulk the hearth.

- Keep a window slightly open in the room while the fire is burning to

prevent a buildup of fumes and or gases coming from the wood.

- Find a certified chimney sweep to inspect and clean your chimney every fall. Creosote, a sticky black goo that builds up from incompletely burned wood, can catch fire inside the chimney. A good sweep can recommend repairs to help keep your chimney and fireplace in good working order.

- Never -- even to save warmth and heating costs -- close damper while there are still hot ashes in the fireplace. Heat that cannot escape could cause a low-level explosion that can shoot embers onto carpets and magazines that may be in the room. 308800

Hidden Account Number Worth \$60.00

Mr. Scout Zachary did not locate his hidden account number 29703 which was located in the "Forget Fried Turkey Article" section on the third page of the November 2004 issue of the "Harmon Hi-Lites." The hidden map location for December 2004 is worth \$60.00.

Remember the contest rules as you search you "Harmon Hi-Lites."

1. The hidden account number must be your own. Find the account number somewhere in the newsletter and compare the number listed in the lower left corner of your power bill, if same it is your number.

2. Your number must be reported by the 12th of the same month of publication of the newsletter.

3. You must report your own number to the association's headquarters office in Hollis, Oklahoma by phone, mail or in person.

4. Money will accumulate at the rate of \$10.00 per month until the number is found or until January 1, 2005.

**FOR
SALE**

CLASSIFIED ADS

House for Sale in Duke: Large corner lots - 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath - large utility room - wood burning stove in living room - 2 blocks from school. Price \$39,500, call (580) 679-3938 or cell (580) 679-4787.

Upright Freezer: (not frostfree) \$100 cash or will trade for good small chest freezer, call (580) 688-2701.

10 General LMT 460, 225/70R19.5 Tires with less than 10,000 miles, \$150 each, call Gary at HEA, (580) 688-3342 or (800) 643-7769 or e-mail at grippetoe@harmonelectric.com.

House for Sale: Large corner lot, 4 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath, den, living room, large country kitchen, very comfortable, must see to appreciate, 301 E. Chestnut, Hollis, call (580) 688-2913.

Classified ad space is offered free to Harmon Electric Association Members. Send your ad to Harmon Electric Association, P.O. Box 393, Hollis, OK 73550 for next month's issue. Ads will be run one month only and must be re-submitted if you still wish the ad to be run. Service ads will be run three months before they must be resubmitted.

Turkey Roll-ups

Recipe of the Month

2/3 cup nonfat sour cream
3 tbs onion and herb seasoning
1/4 cup honey Dijon mustard

4 large (10" to 11") flour tortillas
8 leaves leaf lettuce
Turkey slices

1 large red bell pepper cut
into 1/4" strips

Combine sour cream, onion and herb seasoning, and mustard; mix well. Spread evenly over tortillas. Cover each with 2 leaves of lettuce and turkey slices. Place 6 strips of pepper across one end of each tortilla. Roll up jellyroll fashion. Wrap each in plastic wrap and refrigerate a few hours before serving. Cut into 1" wide pieces and server. Serves 8.

BRIGHTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS WITH LED LIGHTS

Here is some money-saving advice from Santa's helpers at your electric cooperative: Don't dim your holiday sparkle with a high electric bill. This year, switch to light-emitting diode (LED) lights.

LED lights come in red, green and yellow, and they're at least 85 percent more energy-efficient than traditional holiday bulbs. Manufacturers estimate that you can burn the lights five hours a day for 30 days for about 19 cents. That compares with \$18.90 to run traditional lights.

LED strands are cool to the touch and convenient, too. They last up to 200,000 hours, and are shatterproof because they are made

of sturdy epoxy.

Here are some hints for decking the halls with efficiency:

- If you're sticking with traditional lights, switch from large bulbs to miniatures. They're 70 percent more energy-efficient.
- If you like artificial trees, buy one with built-in fiber-optic lights or a rotation color wheel. Both use less energy than traditional light strands.
- Burn your lights for no more than six hours an evening. If you leave them on around the clock, you'll use four times more electricity. Hook the lights to an automatic timer so they automatically switch on at dusk and off at bedtime.
- Turn lights off whenever you

leave the house. This saves energy and reduces the risk of fire.

- Buy lights tested for safety by Underwriters Laboratory. Use lights rated for outdoor use on the outside of the house.

Making safety and efficiency part of your decorating scheme are key elements for making this holiday season one that you will remember as a happy time for your family.

