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2005 Harmon Electric Association Youth Tour Winners Chosen!

On March 22nd, Harmon Electric held the finals for the 2005 Youth Tour competition. Two students were chosen to receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. June 17 – 23, 2005.

The trip begins when they join approximately sixty other winners from across Oklahoma for a “Get Acquainted Banquet” in Oklahoma City. The delegates will board a jet the following morning and fly directly to Washington, D.C.

Six thrill packed days in the nation’s Capitol will include a tour of the capitol, a riverboat trip on the Potomac, tour of Mount Vernon, breakfast with Oklahoma’s Congressional delegation and many other points of interest.

The Youth Tour competition is available to all students in Harmon Electric’s service territory who are completing their junior year in high school. The contest consisted of an essay written on a topic chosen by the co-op. This year the topic was “How have electric co-ops changed America?”

From the essays entered, a panel of judges chose seven finalists. These seven students were invited to give an oral presentation of five minutes or less over their essay. From these finalists, two winners were chosen for the Washington, D. C. trip. Each of the other finalists will receive a \$100 savings bond.

Finalists participating in this year’s contest were: Reagan Garrison and Jason Sanchez – Hollis High School, Jessica Brown, Amber Ecorcia, Sarah Rogers, Caitlin Salpino and Whitney Warren – Olustee High School.

Jessica Brown and Jason Sanchez were winners of the Washington, D.C. trip and Reagan Garrison was chosen as the alternate.



L to R: Burk Bullington HEA Board of Trustees President, Reagan Garrison, Jason Sanchez, Jessica Brown and Dwight Bowen, HEA CEO/General Manager.



L to R: Burk Bullington HEA Board of Trustees President, Youth Tour finalists, Reagan Garrison, Caitlin Salpino, Jason Sanchez, Jessica Brown, Whitney Warren, Sarah Rogers, Amber Ecorcia and Dwight Bowen, HEA CEO/General Manager.

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2005 Harmon Electric Association YouthPower Energy Camp Winners Chosen!



Chelsea Chambers and Cory Monroe – Granite Junior High School were chosen to attend the annual YouthPower Energy Camp sponsored by the Oklahoma’s Electric Cooperative.

The two students competed against other eight graders from across Harmon Electric’s service territory. They were asked to submit an essay of no less than 250 words on the topic of “A day without electricity.” The YouthPower Energy Camp competition is available to all eighth grade students in Harmon Electric’s service territory.

While at camp, which will be held May 31st - June 3rd, 2005 at Canyon Camp in Red Rock Canyon, near Hinton, Oklahoma, the students will be introduced to a wide variety of career opportunities with electric cooperatives, witness high voltage demonstrations, tour a generation plant and have a host of other exciting experiences. They will even get to “try their hand” at climbing a power pole using regular lineman equipment.

Chelsea Chambers is the daughter of Rocky Chambers and Cory Monroe is the son of Virginia Sewel.

ATTENTION IRRIGATORS: CONTROLLABLE IRRIGATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST

HARMON ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION Incorporated

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Operating in

Beckham, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa
and Greer Counties, Oklahoma

Hardeman and Childress Counties, Texas

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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.

**TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
CALL 688-3342 or 1-800-643-7769
ANYTIME**



HARMON ELECTRIC AND WESTERN FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PAYS \$277,196 IN TAXES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In 2004, Harmon Electric Association and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative together delivered Gross Receipts Tax checks to 9 school districts in Oklahoma and Property Tax checks to 3 school districts in Texas. The amount of tax paid to each school district depends on the total number of miles of power lines the two cooperatives have in each school district.

Although HEA and WFEC are non-profit corporations, and therefore do not pay income tax, they do pay many different taxes, including the Gross Receipts Tax in Oklahoma and Property Tax in Texas.

The Gross Receipts Tax is sent to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, which withholds 5% for collection and handling, for distribution to the school districts.

The following is a breakdown of the dollars paid to the school districts by Harmon Electric Association and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative: 254501

| OKLAHOMA | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Beckham County | |
| Merritt | HEA..... 32 |
| Sayre | HEA..... 32 |
| Erick | HEA..... 460 |
| | WFEC 2,658 |
| Greer County | |
| Granite | HEA..... 12,322 |
| | WFEC 30,691 |
| Mangum | HEA..... 27,787 |
| | WFEC 23,169 |
| Harmon County | |
| Hollis | HEA..... 37,040 |
| | WFEC 31,552 |
| Jackson County | |
| Blair | HEA..... 1,420 |
| Duke | HEA..... 9,862 |
| | WFEC 36,294 |
| Eldorado | HEA..... 11,202 |
| | WFEC 18,578 |
| Olustee | HEA..... 6,610 |
| | WFEC 25,389 |
| TEXAS | |
| Childress County | |
| Wellington ISD | HEA..... 443 |
| Hardeman County | |
| Chillicothe | HEA..... 218 |
| Quanah ISD | HEA..... 1,437 |
| Total..... | \$277,196 |

During Electrical Safety Month, check for hazards

Most electrical house fires could be prevented if homeowners would correct five common hazards, says the Electrical Safety Foundation International, which sponsors National Electrical Safety Month in May.

Check for these five hazards in your home:

1. If your bathrooms, kitchen, laundry room and outdoor outlets aren't protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters, have an electrician install them today. They cut off electricity to an appliance when they sense trouble on the circuit. They can prevent electrocutions. The same goes for arc-fault circuit interrupters, which the electrician can install in your fl~se box or circuit breaker box. They shut off the circuits in case of an "arc," which can start a fire.
2. Replace frayed, cracked or cut power cords and extension cords. Don't try to repair them, and never patch them up with electrical tape. Make sure your new cords are certified by Underwriters Laboratories or another testing lab, and keep them out of high-traffic areas.
3. Unplug extension cords that have been in place for more than a week. Extension cords are not designed for permanent use. If your home has too few outlets for all of your appliances, call an electrician and get some more.
4. Likewise, power strips and surge suppressors, while giving you access to more plugs, don't add any capacity to the original outlet. If you plug too many appliances into one outlet, you'll overheat it and cause a fire hazard. Don't overload your circuits.
5. You plug your most expensive equipment into wall outlets. When is the last time you checked those outlets for problems? (Most people admit they've never checked their outlets.) Check for hot outlets, loosefitting plugs, discolored wall plates and missing wall plates.

**FOR
SALE**

CLASSIFIED ADS

WATER FRONT LOT & 1/2, 1 N OF BEACH HAVEN, 2 bedroom house, 1 bath, attached garage, needs to be finished, \$40,000, call (405) 733-3015 or (417) 476-5892.

TRAVEL TRAILER FOR SALE: 1993 Sportsman 24' travel trailer. Has been stored in a barn near Reed for the past 5 years. Equipped with air conditioning, microwave, stove & oven and gas or electric refrigerator, \$2,500, call (405) 751-1332.

WHIRLPOOL SUPER CAPACITY WHITE ELECTRIC STOVE AND OVEN, Acubake System, Cermic Top, Self-cleaning range, \$300, call 580-688-2370 after 6 p.m.

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.

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.

Krispy Kreme Bread Pudding

Recipe of the Month

Bread Pudding Ingredients:

2 dozen Krispy Kreme Donuts
1 - 14oz. can of Eagle Brand Milk
2 - 4.5 oz. cans fruit cocktail, undrained
1 - 9 oz. box Raisins
2 eggs beaten

Method:

Preheat oven at 350 degrees.
Cube donuts, mix and pour other ingredients on top of donuts and let soak. Bake approximately 1 hour.
Top with Rum Sauce.

Rum Sauce:

1 stick butter, melted
1 lb. confectioner's sugar
Rum to taste



Hidden Account Number Worth \$10.00

Mrs. J.W. Easterling did locate her hidden account number 131802 which was located in the "Make Appliances Sparkle as Part of Spring Cleaning" section on the second page of the March 2005 issue of the "Harmon Hi-Lites." The hidden map location for May 2005 is worth \$10.00.

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, 2006.