

# HARMON ELECTRIC

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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# Hi-Lites

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## SCHOOL DAYS IN CO-OP COUNTRY

For parents, back-to-school time is a bittersweet reminder of the passage of time as we watch our children grow and become increasingly independent. It's also a time when we think about their safety.

At Harmon Electric, we share that concern. That's why we are looking out for the safety of our children. With the beginning of every school year, our line workers are keeping an eye out for children on their way to or from school. Sometimes it means helping a disabled school bus. Frequently, it means using our mobile communications to report a problem or a suspicious occurrence in a neighborhood. And always it means being there to lend a hand, whatever the problem.

Being committed to the communities we serve means more than just making sure your electric service is reliable. Even in these days when electric utilities face competition that's getting tougher every day, going the extra mile in consumer and community service is standard operating procedure for your electric cooperative. It has to be that way because electric cooperatives are unique. Every day, we hear reports of other

utility companies closing their local offices and moving out of town to save money. When that happens, their customers have to do business long distance, frequently talking to people hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles away.

Harmon Electric is different. Our first obligation is to our consumers. You can still stop by the local office and talk to someone you know about any part of your service. And when you call your electric cooperative, you'll speak to someone close by who knows your community and

what's happening in it. Being a local electric cooperative means doing business close to home. Because our consumers are also our owners, your cooperative gives first consideration to what's in the consumers' best interest.

At first glance, it may seem that there is little connection between school kids waiting for their bus and the line crew in the co-op truck. But look again. Members of the line crew may well have kids waiting for the school bus alongside your kids. Making sure all our children stay safe is part of what holds local communities together. It's part of the work we take pride in every day.



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# What can a penny buy?



## Lots!

### For the price of a single penny, you can:

- ✓ Watch your favorite TV show
- ✓ Dry your hair for five minutes.
- ✓ Bake a potato in your microwave oven.
- ✓ Mix a cake.
- ✓ Vacuum for 10 minutes.
- ✓ Brew a pot of coffee.
- ✓ Make toast.
- ✓ Puree for 20 minutes in a blender.
- ✓ Iron for 10 minutes.
- ✓ Play your favorite records for one hour.
- ✓ Read for two hours by a 60-watt light bulb.
- ✓ Stay snug under an electric blanket for two hours.
- ✓ Run programs on your home computer for one hour.
- ✓ Ease pain for four hours with a heating pad.
- ✓ Shave with an electric razor for one month.
- ✓ Tape TV programs for three hours on your VCR.
- ✓ Listen to the radio for two hours.
- ✓ Fry food in an electric pan for 10 minutes.
- ✓ Stay cool for one hour with a circulating fan.
- ✓ Use an electric saw for one hour.
- ✓ Tell time for three days with an electric clock.
- ✓ Pump water for 15 minutes with a one-half horse power pump.

*(Based on 8 cents per kilowatt-hour.)*

#### HARMON ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

**Incorporated**

**114 North First Hollis, OK 73550**

*Operating in*

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

Hardeman and Childress Counties, Texas

*Member of*

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Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative  
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#### HARMON ELECTRIC HI-LITES

*Charles Paxton, Editor*

The Harmon Electric Hi-Lites is the publication of your local owned and operated rural electric cooperative, organized and incorporated under the laws of Oklahoma to serve you with low-cost electric power.

Dwight Bowen ..... Manager

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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**



## Heating System Health Check-Up

As fall arrives, it's time to have your heating system checked and serviced by a qualified professional. No matter what kind of system you have, a heating system check-up will ensure that it's operating efficiently and safely before the first cold days arrive.

That heating safety check should also include any portable heaters that you may be using. Make sure the cord to a portable electric heater is in good condition and that the switches and controls are all working properly.

If you use a fireplace or wood stove during the winter, have the chimney cleaned and the flues checked out. Taking these simple steps now can help you stay comfortable—and safe—this winter. 257304

## Harmon Electric Receives Safety Achievement Award

Dwight Bowen, Harmon Electric's CEO, accepts a safety award from Hamid Vahdatipour, Chairman of OAEC's Safety & Loss Control Committee. The award was presented to Harmon Electric by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Safety & Loss Control Department during OAEC's August Board Meeting. The award was issued to Harmon Electric because it had no lost time accidents from September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003.

*Congratulations  
to the employees  
of Harmon  
Electric!*

This marks the twentieth consecutive year that Harmon Electric has received this award. Also, employees have driven since February 1979 without a vehicle related lost time accident.



# A SPORTING CHANCE

*is what everything deserves.*



Hunting, a favorite pastime for many Oklahomans and Texans, is meant to be enjoyed. Giving birds and other game a sporting chance is part of the fun.

But taking aim at birds on power lines or using insulators atop poles for target practice is not very sportsman-like. Each year numerous preventable tragedies result from such carelessness. And each year irresponsible shooters cause thousands of dollars' worth of damage to electric lines and hardware and cause unnecessary power outages.

The expense of repairing this damage is passed on to you, our co-op members, in increased electric bills.

If you spot someone shooting at electrical facilities, please call Harmon Electric or local enforcement officials.

And when you head out on those hunting trips, be a good sport and take aim carefully.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

John Deere, 25' tandem disk, call (580) 676-2785.

House for Sale in Duke: Large corner lots - 3 BR, 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) \$150 cash or will trade for good small chest freezer, call (580) 688-2701.

GOSPEL ESSENTIALS, (read from the King James

Version of the Bible) on audio cassette tape. \$5 donation please, Word of God Ministries, P.O. Box 121, Eldorado, OK 73537.

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 3/4bath, 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.*

## Mexican Chicken

## Recipe of the Month

3 or 4 chicken breasts

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 can cream of mushroom soup

2 cups chopped celery

1 med. chopped onion

2 cups chicken broth

1 can Rotel Tomatoes

1 large bag Taco Doritos

Shredded cheese



Boil chicken and save broth. Mix all ingredients in a large pan and top with shredded cheese. Bake 45 to 60 minutes at 350 degrees.

## Hidden Account Number Worth \$30.00

Mr. Eddie Stapp did not locate his hidden account number 289600 which was located in the "Meter Tampering Can Kill" section on the forth page of the August 2004 issue of the "Harmon Hi-Lites." The hidden map location for September 2004 is worth \$30.00.

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.

