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## 2011 Harmon Electric Association Youth Tour & Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Winners Chosen



*Left to Right: Burk Bullington - President, Ryan Whitehead, Liana Mingura, Kayla Cotton, Rebecca Dill, Amanda Parisher, Ericka Garcia, Jessica Spann, and Charles Paxton - General Manager*

On March 22nd, Harmon Electric held the finals for the 2011 Youth Tour competition. Rebecca Dill of Mangum and Ryan Whitehead of Granite were chosen to receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. June 9-16, 2011.

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 is Harmon Electric Different from other Electric Utilities?"

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 and then answered interview questions from the judges. From these finalists, two winners were chosen for the Washington, D. C. trip.

Liana Mingura of Hollis and Ericka Garcia of Olustee were also awarded an all expense paid trip to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO July 8-16, 2011.

For nearly three decades the electric cooperatives of Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and Oklahoma have conducted an outstanding educational seminar known as the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

Every July, nearly 100 high school students travel to Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs) after being selected by their local cooperatives as participants. The seminar strives to help develop leadership skills that will assist students with the challenges they will face in the future.

Kayla Cotton, Amanda Parisher and Jessica Spann, all of Olustee, were each awarded a \$300 scholarship.

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# One co-op member in Oklahoma will win \$10,000 in Climate Connections Sweepstakes

Oklahoma's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, which includes Harmon Electric Association, are partnering with ClimateMaster, a leading manufacturer of geothermal heat pumps (GSHPs), to offer Co-op Connections Card holders the opportunity to win \$10,000. It's easy to enter, and it's FREE! By giving up very little of their time, qualifying homeowners can call 1-800-647-3656 and an appointment will be made with an authorized ClimateMaster dealer in your area. The ClimateMaster dealer will develop and present you a proposal for the installation of a ground source system for your home. The proposal takes into account the federal tax credits available along with rebate dollars provided by Harmon Electric Association.

Qualifying homeowners will gain a better understanding of GSHPs and how they can be over 45 percent more efficient than standard options. By utilizing the constant temperature of the earth beneath the home to provide year round heating and cooling comfort, GSHP systems have created the new benchmark for home energy efficiency. Even though the initial cost of a GSHP system can run two to three times more than a conventional system, the payback can come in as little as two to three years. And once the system is paid off, the annual return on investment can approach 20 percent.

In addition to receiving a free proposal, each homeowner will receive a free Five-Step Energy Efficiency Review on their home. This review measures attic insulation levels and compares them to Energy Star recommendations. Your home will be checked for weatherization

and filtration needs. There will also be a quick check for leaking duct work, which is a leading contributor to wasted energy.

Upon completion of the proposal and Five-Step Energy Efficiency Review, the ClimateMaster dealer will assist you in completing and submitting your entry into the "Climate Connections Sweepstakes". No purchase is necessary. The Sweepstakes began March 1, 2011 and ends December 5, 2011 with one lucky Connections Card winner taking home \$10,000.

## Qualifications for Entry in the Climate Connection Sweepstakes

Open to legal residents of Oklahoma who are "qualified homeowners" who are 18 years of age or older.

Your home must be at least 1,500 square feet.

Your home must have a ducted HVAC system.

Your home must not be in foreclosure, have mortgage payments in arrears, or have unpaid electric bills.

You must be a member of, and receive electric service from an Oklahoma Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperative and hold a Touchstone Energy Connections Card.

Employees, contractors, directors and officers of Oklahoma Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperatives, ClimateMaster, Inc., and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative are not eligible to participate. More information can be found in the official rules.

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*Operating in*

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and Greer Counties, Oklahoma  
Hardeman and Childress Counties, Texas

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Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives  
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National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative  
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Charles Paxton .....Manager

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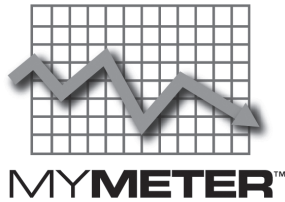
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**IF YOUR ELECTRICITY GOES OFF  
REPORT THE OUTAGE**

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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## MyMeter Program Allows Consumers To Take Charge Of Energy Use

*Free online service from Harmon Electric Association, Inc. lets consumers see daily electricity use and save on their monthly bills*

When Harmon Electric Association completed the installation of smart meters for its members, the co-op said the new meters would allow them to offer more to members in the future. Being true to its word, Harmon Electric Association has launched a new service called MYMETER™, a Web-based energy tracking service that will provide members with current energy usage information and tools for greater control over their electric bills.

MYMETER™ is a free online service that allows Harmon Electric Association members to view their daily electricity usage. The tool is made possible because of the initial Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) installed with the co-op's smart meters and is available through the Cooperative's Web site.

"Our new automated meter infrastructure is in place and provides a technology backbone to build on. Starting in April, we will offer the innovative MYMETER™ online software program to our members and look to offer additional energy management type services in the future," said Charles Paxton, General Manager of Harmon Electric Association.

Information on the MYMETER™ screens includes the ability to:

- View your daily and monthly energy use in an easy to read graphical format.
- Compare energy use fluctuations to changes in temperature.
- Set goals for reducing energy use and track the progress.
- Use **Energy Markers** to indicate an energy saving action and then track any changes in consumption.
- Access tips to help conserve energy.

"Clearly, we are facing a situation where energy is only going to get more and more costly and that's what makes MYMETER™ such a valuable tool. It provides our members more control over their energy use and their energy bill," Paxton said.

Paxton noted that Harmon is the first utility in Oklahoma to offer the MYMETER™ service to its members. "These kind of web-based energy management tools are the future, and we are very proud to be on the cutting edge of this technology," he added.

A key element of the service is consumers' ability to place a marker on their daily use graph when an efficiency upgrade such as new appliance or air conditioner is introduced into their home. It is then possible to note any changes in energy usage as a result of the new product.

Harmon members can register for MYMETER™ online by visiting <http://www.harmonelectric.com/> and clicking on the MYMETER™ icon. Members will need to have their account number handy for the initial registration.

The MYMETER™ program was developed by the St. Paul, Minnesota, software development company Accelerated Innovations, and has been the recipient of two national new energy product awards.



## LOOK UP!!

**Be Aware of Overhead Power Lines While Working Outdoors**

Outdoor chores for springtime include cleaning gutters, trimming tree branches, cleaning pools, washing exterior windows and involve ladders and tall machinery. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet away from power lines. Number one rule is to LOOK UP before starting any work and know exactly where the overhead power lines are located.254601

As you get involved in getting your task done, you should have a friend or family member around to remind you exactly how close you are getting to any overhead lines. Always lower any elevating machinery before relocating it. When carrying tall equipment such as ladders or long pipes, carry them horizontally and get someone to help you. If you try to carry them on your own, you might end up carrying them vertically which makes them more likely to come into contact with power lines.

And remember – never touch a downed power line. You should always assume it is live. Call you electric cooperative to safely remove the line.

## Before you pay full price... Remember your Co-op Connections Card

Before you pay full price for your prescription medicine, be sure to show your pharmacist your Co-op Connections card. Doing so could save you anywhere from 10 to 40 percent on many commonly prescribed medicines. Your card is recognized by most major pharmacies and at local pharmacies, too. For more details on pharmaceutical discounts or to locate a participating pharmacy near you, please call 1-800-800-7616, or click on the Co-op Connections link found at [www.harmonelectric.com](http://www.harmonelectric.com).

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SALE**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**18' X 28' Cabin** with wood siding, shingled roof, 2 metal doors & 4 windows on blocks for sale to be moved or torn down for lumber. Cabin is N of Gould on the Salt Fork River, asking \$750 OBO. Call David at (580) 649-8461 or email at DavidParker7922@GMail.com.

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**Texas Longhorn Beef for Sale** - Running Arrow Farm, LLC has USDA Inspected frozen and vacuum-packed lean beef for sale. Our ground beef is 95 to 98% lean for your heart healthy beef. Call Sandy at (806) 205-1235 for availability of our other Longhorn Beef products. We are open 7 days a week at 4230 US Hwy 83 North in Wellington, TX.

**1 - 3 pt, 12' JD Spring Tooth**, \$50, call (580) 688-2835.

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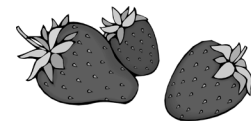
*Classified ad space is offered free to Harmon Electric Association Members. Send your ad to Harmon Electric Association, P.O. Box 393, Hollis, OK 73550 for next month's issue. Ads will be run one month only and must be re-submitted if you still wish the ad to be run. Service ads will be run three months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

## STRAWBERRY BROWNIE

## Recipe of the Month

1 box Brownie Mix (eggs, oil & water)  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 Large Cool Whip

1 Package fresh strawberries  
8 oz. package cream cheese



Bake brownie mix as directed in a 9" x 13" pan. Let cool. To make icing, combine container of Cool Whip, 8 oz. softened cream cheese and 1 cup powdered sugar. Mix well. Spread mixture on top of cooled brownie. Cut strawberries into small pieces and sprinkle on top of iced brownie.

## Hidden Account Number Worth \$10.00

Roland Gregersen located his hidden account number 489400 which was located in the Report An Outage picture on the third page of the March 2011 issue of the "Harmon Hi-Lites." The hidden account number for May 2011 is worth \$10.00.

Remember the contest rules as you search your "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, 2012.