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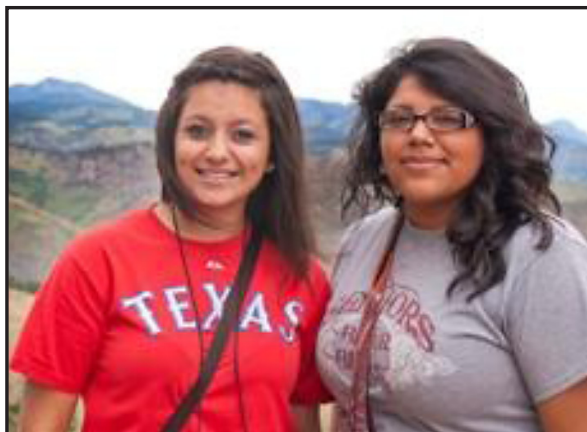
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Garcia and Mingura Attend Cooperative Leadership Camp

Ericka Garcia of Olustee, OK and Liana Mingura of Hollis, OK attended the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 9-16, 2011 in Steamboat Springs, CO. Garcia, daughter of Raymond and Sarah Garcia and Mingura, daughter of Roberto and Monica Mingura, were the winners of the 2011 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, sponsored by Harmon Electric Association in Hollis, Oklahoma.



At camp, Ericka and Liana joined around 76 other high school students from Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming cooperatives.

Garcia expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the camp. "I had an amazing time, all thanks to Harmon Electric" said Ericka.

"More than anything, I want to thank everyone for providing such an amazing experience. I have a memory that will last a lifetime and Colorado will remember a tiny piece of Hollis! I hope Harmon Electric will continue this fantastic experience." stated Mingura.

During their week-long stay in Colorado, the students created their own cooperative, complete with a board of

trustees and general manager selected by the students.

"The students this year exhibited amazing leadership potential," Shana Holsteen, Kansas Electric Cooperatives Director of Communications said. "Throughout the week, campers developed their leadership skills and learned about electric cooperatives through camp activities. It is amazing to see how much the students' skills grow in just one week."

The campers also took part in legislative presentations, a light and high voltage display and a competition to build a transmission line. They explored the Steamboat Village, Old Town Steamboat Springs, went white water rafting and toured the Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

Harmon Electric Association is proud to support the Youth Tour program and send our youth to develop essential leadership and teamwork skills," said Charles Paxton, General Manager. "Our hope is that local students gained awareness of how our electric cooperatives work and how important it is for the youth to be involved in their community."

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From the Desk of...

Charles Paxton

I don't know about you, but for me this has been the longest, hottest, and driest summer I can remember. As I write this we are still having 100 degree days, but hopefully by the time you read this article the temperature will have cooled off a bit. I think we're all ready for some fall weather, and with that school and football games.

We've obviously had some extremes in our seasons. The summer of 2011 will be one to remember just like the winter of 2010. Hopefully the years to come will bring some milder seasons. I think we're due some relief.

It's hard to believe we are still dealing with the consequences of the worst ice storm in our history. I thought I would take this opportunity to give you an update on where we are on the repair process.

For months we have known we had an enormous amount of repair work to complete due to the ice storm. After months of working with FEMA, we finally received the approval to move forward. Since that time we have been busy planning, engineering, staking, and purchasing the necessary material. As of the first of July we were finally able to award the contract for the re-conductoring portion of the FEMA work and in mid July the work finally began.

If by chance you have been west of Granite or in the Mangum and Duke area, you may have noticed contractor crews changing the conductors. This is quite an undertaking due to the fact that the work is done while the lines remain energized. Consequently, the Granite and Duke subs have been kicked off a few times. For that we do apologize. Every effort is being made to change the conductors safely, but when you have that many wires on one pole, accidents can happen. Fortunately, no one has been injured. We understand that service interruptions can be an inconvenience but we also pray the lineman remain safe.

We have a tremendous amount of work left to do. We still have around 100 miles left to re-conductor. This is just the first phase of the rebuilding work. While the re-conductoring work is going on, we continue working with FEMA to get approval on the next phase which is the re-spanning. This involves changing the poles as well as the wire. This is just an estimate, but it will probably be after the first of the year before we can begin this next phase of the rebuild.

Going through this whole process is a massive undertaking. It has added a tremendous amount of workload and stress to our staff. Life would be much simpler if we were not dealing with the aftermath of devastation from the ice storm. But, we do this for you, the member. As stewards of your cooperative we believe it's absolutely necessary and will improve the service reliability now and in the future.

From time to time we'll give you updates on the repairs. Hopefully things will continue to move forward in a timely manner and there will be no interruptions in service. The board, management, and employees goal is to continue to bring you safe, reliable service at an affordable cost.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Is your washing machine more than 10 years old? According to the U.S. Department of Energy, families can cut related energy costs by more than a third — and water costs by more than half — by purchasing a clothes washer with an ENERGY STAR label. Choose a front-load or redesigned top-load model. 337501

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Thank You!

Dear Mr. Paxton,
I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to the Leadership Camp. I am having an amazing time all thanks to you!

Sincerely, Ericka Garcia

Dear Charles Paxton,
More than anything I want to thank you for providing such an amazing experience. I have a memory that will last a lifetime but also Colorado will remember a tiny piece of Hollis, Oklahoma. I thank you and hope you will continue this fantastic experience for Harmon County.

Sincerely, Liana Mingura

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Harmon Electric Hi-Lites Now Offers Digital Version



You now have the option of viewing the Harmon Electric Hi-Lites newsletter online! Harmon Electric Association, Inc. and the statewide electric cooperative magazine, Oklahoma Living, offer digital versions of the monthly publication beginning this month.

Our newsletter is viewable as a digital insert within the digital version of Oklahoma Living. To view the electronic file, go to:

<http://content.yudu.com/A1t6o8/OklahomaLivingAUG11/resources/index.htm>

On the right hand side of the Oklahoma Living, you will see tabbed links to your local newsletter as well as newsletters from other cooperatives around the state. You can go straight to the digital edition of Harmon Electric Hi-Lites by clicking on the Harmon tab or you can flip through the pages of Oklahoma Living until you get to Harmon Electric's newsletter. The pages actually "flip" much like if you were reading an actual magazine.

There are also highlighted links within feature stories, news articles, and ads. When viewing the digital edition, you can click on any highlighted link and it will take you directly to the business or advertiser's website, putting more information conveniently at your fingertips.

Members will also continue to receive the printed version of the Harmon Electric Hi-Lites.

Be sure to visit the Oklahoma Living link above and check out the August issue of the Harmon Electric Hi-Lites.

School Days, School Days, Good Ole Golden Rule Days

By now, school is back in session and kids, parents and teachers are settled into a regular routine. This routine needs to include some safety practices to help keep kids safe during the school year. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind.

- Make sure your child knows their complete name, address and phone number.
- Make sure they have identification on them and enough money or a phone card to make a telephone call. Remind them that the "Operator" and "911" do not require money to access.
- Accompany your children to and from the bus stop or find a reliable person to take over when you can't be available or to alternate days or weeks with.
- Teach your child to make sure the bus driver is fully aware of where your child is before they walk in front of the bus. Children should never bend down in front of the bus to pick something up or tie their shoe.
- Teach your child to cross the street at a corner, using crosswalks and traffic signals. Children are not to run out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Establish a safe route for your child to use going to school. Avoid vacant lots, wooded areas, construction sites, and streets that are not well populated or lit.
- Teach them to always walk with a friend, never alone.

- Keep your child informed as to who will be picking them up and what to do if there is no one there to pick them up when school is dismissed. It wouldn't be a bad idea to have a password and to teach your children not to go with anyone that doesn't know that password. Change it periodically and for sure change it if it has had to be used.
- Make a mental note of what your child is wearing every day.
- Do not allow children to carry valuable items to and from school. This could make them a target for bullying.
- Always know where your child is, who they are with, and what they are doing.
- Safety tips for drivers or for parents to teach their teen drivers:
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential areas and designated school zones.
- Take extra time to look for children at intersections, on curbs and on medians.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. DO NOT be talking on your phone or texting while driving.

Let's all have a safe and wonderful school year!!!



3rd Annual Cotton Pickin' Festival Saturday, October 8, 2011

- Car Cruise (Friday Evening)
- Parade (Saturday, 10:00 a.m.)
- Car Burn Out
- Arts & Crafts
- Food
- Moon Jump
- Opry Play
- Vendors

*More information to follow
in the October Hi-Lites.
Mark your calendars and
join us for the fun!!!*

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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DARK WOOD ROLL TOP DESK. Call 940-781-9626.

40' X 60' MURRAY BROTHERS METAL BARN with 20' x 60' attached shed which opens out to 4 pens and 2 acres located on the NE edge of Hollis. Gas heaters on ceiling, well insulated, wash rack with 2 stalls, scales, cool room which could be turned back into living area. Could easily be turned into hunting cabin with plenty of living, an area with cabinets and sink, a cool room to keep meat, wash rack with drain for cleaning deer, and storage for hunting equipment. (580)688-2143, (580)471-4609 or (580)471-5495

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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.

AMISH COUNTRY CASSEROLE

Recipe of the Month

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon olive oil	1 (10-3/4 oz) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 medium onion, chopped	1 cup milk
1 pound ground beef	1 teaspoon salt
1 (16-oz) pkg. wide egg noodles	1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 (10-3/4 oz) can condensed tomato soup	1/2 teaspoon paprika

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat a 3-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat and saute onion 2 to 3 minutes. Add ground beef and cook 4 to 6 minutes, or until browned.
3. In a large soup pot, cook noodles according to package directions; drain well and return noodles to pot. Stir in ground beef mixture and the remaining ingredients, except the paprika and mix well. Place into the prepared casserole dish and sprinkle with paprika.
4. Cover and bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until heated through.



Hidden Account Number Worth \$10.00

Mrs. Douglas Lanford located her hidden account number 116800 which was located at the end of the Youth Tour article on the front page of the August, 2011 issue of the "Harmon Hi-Lites." The hidden account number for September, 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.