

THE CIRCUIT!

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SEC Employees Volunteer at the Special Olympics



SEC Lineman Marcus Rice helping an athlete with the bean bag toss.

Since 2012, SEC has been a part of the Red River Area 13 Special Olympics Track and Field event. Employees dedicate their time to help the “Stars of the Future” group which is the name given to the young athletes eight years old and under.

The young group gets to run through an obstacle course set up and monitored by SEC volunteers. The kids can go at their own pace to complete the course and then run it again as many times as they would like. They enjoy getting to be a part of the event while cheering on and helping their friends.

“In High School, I had the privilege of working in the Special Education classroom every afternoon. So, this program has a special place in my heart. I want to be able to encour-

age and let these children know how special and loved they are. I consider it an honor and a blessing to be able to volunteer for such a great cause.” said Penny Bourne, SEC Accountant.

In addition to the obstacle course are events like basketball, bean bag toss and mini golf. At the end of the event, SEC gets to present their group with award ribbons in front of the crowd.

“I truly love getting to be a part of this event each year. I have volunteered with the Special Olympics group since 2009. It is amazing getting to see these individuals grow up and I get to make new friends along the way! Each person in this group is so special to me.” says Kevin Wingfield, SEC Youth Programs Coordinator.

One of a Cooperative’s Seven Principles is their *commitment to the communities* they serve. It is an honor to be asked to participate each year.



SEC Sends Two Area Students To Youth Leadership Summit

The Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) is an all-expense paid one day interactive leadership experience for our area youth. It is held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) in Oklahoma City each Spring.

Local rural electric cooperatives from across the state selected participants from their local service territories to represent them in Oklahoma City on March 18, 2024. Those participants were also awarded a \$500 Scholarship at the conclusion of the Summit.

SEC chose Hunter Durkee from Caney High School and Hannah Sharp from Rock Creek High School to represent SEC at the Youth Leadership Summit.

Durkee (pictured upper right with Kevin Wingfield, SEC's Youth Programs Coordinator) is currently the FFA Chapter President and has held an office at the Chapter level for the last four years. He is also the Senior Class President. Durkee is a member of the Caney High School Track and Golf teams. He is hoping to qualify for the State Track Meet in Shot Put for the fourth year in a row. He has been active in FFA since his 8th grade year. After High School, he will be attending college at NOC Tonkawa to work towards an Agricultural Degree while being a member of the Livestock Judging Team. He will remain there and then plans to transfer to OSU to finish his education.



Sharp (pictured left with Wingfield) is on the Academic Team and has been the Captain for the last two years. She is also the FFA Chapter President and shows steers. She is in the FCCLA, BPA, 4-H and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend OSU in Stillwater to pursue a degree in Nutritional Sciences with an emphasis on Dietetics. She has also been a concurrent student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the past six semesters and has made the President's Honor Roll.

YLS is just one of the many ways that SEC helps to support our local youth. We are very proud of our two participants and know they did an outstanding job representing their schools, their communities and SEC at the event!

Capital Credits Will Hit Mailboxes Soon!



At the March 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that a Capital Credit retirement totaling \$905,442.00 would be distributed back to the Members during the Spring of 2024.

Those who were Members of the Co-op during the year of 1992 and the year of 2011 should expect to receive a Capital Credit check.

SEC is a non-profit organization. The rates are set to bring in enough revenue for the Co-op to operate. When the operating expenses are subtracted from the total amount of revenue collected during the year, the result is referred to as a “margin.”

As a member-owned Co-op, those margins are then assigned in the form of a Capital Credit Allocation to their Members who purchased electricity from the Cooperative during the years in which the margins were generated.

James Fox, SEC’s General Manager, said, “Members should begin seeing checks in the mail around late-May, early June. Once you receive your check you may cash it right away. If you do not recognize the name on the check, please return it to the Co-op so it can be routed to the rightful person.”

If you have any questions on how the funds are allocated, please contact Customer Service at 580-924-2170!



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Reminder for 2024 Summer Rebates

Energy Star Window Unit Rebate:

The **Energy Star Window Unit Rebate** is back for 2024. Members who purchase an Energy Star Certified window unit and submit the application along with a proof of purchase *may be eligible* for a rebate of 30% of the net cost of the unit *up to \$150.00*.

Also, we want to remind our Senior Members about the **Senior Energy Star Window Unit Rebate**.

Members who are *65 years of age or older* can receive 50% of the net cost of the unit *up to \$225.00*.

The Window A/C Rebate application and proof of purchase will also be needed in order to qualify for the Senior Energy Star Window Unit Rebate.



Members may only claim ONE unit rebate per every THREE years. New homes are not eligible for this particular rebate. Please call the Co-op to request an application or to determine your eligibility. Rebate applications can also be printed directly off of our website at www.se-coop.com under the rebates tab.

Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP):

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back again for 2024. The PMRP began April 1st and will run through June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2022 or 2023 calendar year. This rebate of *up to \$70* can assist in absorbing part of, or in some cases, all of the cost associated with having a yearly tune-up performed on your heating and cooling system (HVAC).



It is very important that you call our office at 580-745-9463 **BEFORE** you schedule your service with a licensed technician so that we can ensure you will qualify for the rebate. Upon approval you will be given an application **that will need to be IN HAND at the time of the service.**

Submit the original application along with a copy of the contractor invoice dated between April 1st-June 30th in order to qualify.***