

MAY 2015

# People's Powerline

Memorial Park Cemetery, Ada, Oklahoma

A newsletter for PEC's electric consumers

## Proud Winners in Youth Tour 2015

(front) Noelle Vargas of Latta High School; (back row, l-r) Braden Prewett of Konawa High School, Carter Kessinger of Latta High School and Corey Ardrey of Vanoss High School.



1,500 other students from across the country who are participating in their state's Youth Tour program.

**The Trip** 391900600

Oklahoma's Youth Tour delegates will begin their trip June 12, 2015, with a "Get Acquainted Banquet" in Oklahoma City, and then depart for the nation's capitol the next morning. The students will return on June 18.

The action-filled week provides high school students opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community service and

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Four local high school juniors soon will pack their bags for a week long trip to Washington D.C., where they will join hundreds of other students from cooperatives across the U.S. on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour.

Each year, PEC awards an all-expense paid trip to the winners of its Youth Tour Contest, a 50 question fill in the blank test. The contest is open to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in a school system located in one of the 11 counties served by PEC.

### The Winners

The four students who will represent PEC this year are Corey Ardrey of Vanoss High School, Carter Kessinger of Latta High School, Noelle Vargas of Latta High School and Braden Prewett of Konawa High School. The students will spend six days in Washington, D.C., with nearly 70 peers from local electric cooperatives across Oklahoma. During the week long trip, Oklahoma's delegation will join more than

### CO-OP PROUD FOR 7 YEARS



Isaac Vandever began his full-time employment with the co-op in 2008, and currently serves as the Underground Construction Supervisor.



### HOLIDAY CLOSING

PEC's offices will be closed in observance and honor of Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2015

Report Power Outages 1-877-272-1500 or (24 hrs/day 7 days a week) (580) 272-1500, local Ada Area



(l-r) PEC Director of Administrative Facilities Maintenance Paul Pickett presents PEC member Judy Echols of Calvin a Co-op Proud gift basket. Ms. Echols signed up on PEC's Sure BET program in January to be entered to win the drawing on March 2, 2015, for the basket full of products made and sold on electric co-op lines.

## Heat Pump Financing (for qualified members)

The idea of owning a more efficient home—and paying lower utility bills—has widespread appeal, but finding ways to fund needed energy efficiency improvements can often be a challenge.

Fortunately, PEC's Heat Pump Loan Program allows members a convenient financing option for the purchase and installation of electric air-to-air, dual fuel, and geothermal heat pumps. Loan terms up to 120 months and monthly payments added directly to your electric bill are available. 413401301

A heat pump provides your home's heating and air conditioning all in one unit. As the name implies, heat pumps simply move heat from one place to another. During winter months, they collect and consolidate heat from outside sources and move it inside; during summer months, they reverse the flow and send warm, indoor air out.

Loan interest rates are 7.5% or 10.5%, determined by whether or not you join our Sure BET (Bills Electronically Transferred) program. (7.5% with SURE BET and 10.5% without SURE BET) There is a \$35.00 loan document fee, which is added to each loan.

(above) Pontotoc County, Okla., geothermal loop installation at the home of People's Electric Co-op member Randy Ross in December 2012.



## Sure BET (Bills Electronically Transferred)

Sure BET helps take your mind off paying electric bills. It can even help eliminate the high and low bills caused by peaks and valleys of electricity usage, which certainly makes monthly budgeting easier!

Choose to pay your actual electric bill each month or pay a 12-month average amount. On the last day the bill is due (the tenth of each month), your bill is automatically paid from your checking or savings account.

No more writing checks, buying stamps or unnecessary trips to the office to make payments.

Approximately 4,100--plus PEC consumers already take advantage of the Sure BET Program each month. This shows how very popular this program really is with our members!

So--are you ready to make a Sure BET? Simply call us toll-free 1-877-456-3031 or (580) 332-3031--or visit us online at website:

[www.PeoplesElectric.coop/surebet](http://www.PeoplesElectric.coop/surebet).

## PEC Heat Pump Financing Member Eligibility Requirements:

- You must be a current PEC member in good standing with no bill payments received after the 20th of any month;
- Have received active electric service from PEC during the most recent 24 months;
- Maintain a good credit report;
- Hold title to your home and allow PEC to file a mortgage on the property where the heat pump will be installed.

## Questions about PEC's Heat Pump Loan program?

Come by our office at 1600 North Country Club Road in Ada during regular business hours or contact our Customer Service Department by calling 1-877-456-3031 or (580) 332-3031.

# Proper Heat Pump Maintenance is Key

Like all heating and cooling systems, proper maintenance remains the key to efficient heat pump operation. The difference in electric use between a well-maintained heat pump and a severely neglected one ranges from 10 to 25 percent!

Remember not to set back a heat pump's thermostat if it causes any backup heating system to kick on; they are usually more expensive to operate. Continuous indoor fan operation can also hurt heat pump performance unless you use a high-efficiency, variable-speed fan motor. Operate your heat pump with the "auto" fan setting on your thermostat.

Clean or change filters once a month or as needed, and maintain the system according to manufacturer's instructions. Dirty filters, coils, and fans reduce airflow, which will decrease system performance and possibly damage the compressor.

Clean outdoor coils whenever they appear dirty; occasionally, turn off power to the fan and clean it; remove vegetation and clutter from around the outdoor unit.

Clean the supply and return registers within your home, and straighten their fins if bent.

You should also have a professional technician service your heat pump at

least every year. The technician should do the following:

- Inspect ducts, filters, blower, and indoor coils for dirt and other obstructions;
- Diagnose and seal duct leakage;
- Verify adequate airflow by measurement;
- Verify correct refrigerant charge by measurement; 781800400
- Check for refrigerant leaks;
- Inspect electric terminals, and, if necessary, clean and tighten connections, and apply non-conductive coating;
- Lubricate motors and inspect belts for tightness and wear;
- Verify correct electric control, making sure that heating is locked out when the thermostat calls for cooling and vice versa;
- Verify correct thermostat operation.

To learn more about heat pumps, visit [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov).

Source: *EnergySavers.gov*

## YT Winners Announced

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today's pressing issues in the energy industry. Students will meet their elected representatives in the U.S. House and Senate and visit historic sites.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local electric co-ops, such as People's Electric Cooperative, their statewide co-op associations, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for 51 years.

The trip is intended to educate students about the role of electric

co-ops in the national economy, to foster their appreciation for a democratic government, expose them to the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage, and build their leadership skills so they may make a difference in their communities. 633402203

Corey Ardrey is the son of Jake and Trina Ardrey. Carter Kessinger is the son of Steve and Lindsay Kessinger, Noelle Vargas is the daughter of Norberto and Bessie Vargas, and Braden Prewett is the son of Kelly and Marie Prewett.



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### Business Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday  
(877) 456-3031 or (580) 332-3031 (Ada Area)

### 24 Hour Outage Reporting System

(877) 272-1500 or  
(580) 272-1500 (Ada Area)

**Website:** [www.PeoplesElectric.coop](http://www.PeoplesElectric.coop)

### IMPORTANT DATES

Bills mailed .....31<sup>st</sup>  
Bills should be paid by the ..... 10<sup>th</sup>  
Cutoffs made ..... 20<sup>th</sup>

### STEPS TO FOLLOW IF YOUR ELECTRICITY GOES OFF

1. Check your fuse or breaker box.
2. Check with your neighbors. Are they off? Have they reported the outage?
3. Call our 24 hour Outage Reporting System at toll-free 1-877-272-1500 or (580) 272-1500 (local Ada area).
4. Always report outages promptly! Remember, the cooperative's responsibility ends at the meter. If a service call is made and the trouble is found on the consumer's side, a \$50.00 service charge will be assessed.
5. **For faster service, please make sure we have the correct phone number(s) for your account on file. Your phone number will be used to access your account information.**

*Providing electricity and energy service to over 20,000 meters in the following 11 south central Oklahoma counties: Atoka, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Hughes, Johnston, McClain, Murray, Pittsburg, Pontotoc and Seminole.*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cool this summer! ENERGY STAR certified refrigerators are about 9-10 percent more energy efficient than models that meet the federal minimum energy efficiency standard.

Source: *Department of Energy*

**LIVESTOCK & PET**

Reg. Angus bulls and Hereford, Angus cross bulls, 16 months. (580) 310-2367

Show steers and heifers for sale, out of the top bull in Pontotoc County, born near Roff. (580) 320-1373

Angus bulls, 7 to 13 months old, Angus business 55 years, same location. (580) 456-7241

Reg. Polled Hereford heifers, 12 months to 2 years old, Remittal Online 122L and PW Victor Boomer P606 genetics. (580) 332-2468

27 guinea's, \$10 each. (405) 238-5410

1<sup>st</sup> calf heifer pairs, blacks, reds, white range cattle. (405) 585-8054

Polled and horned registered Hereford yearling bulls and heifers. (580) 559-9445

**MOBILE HOMES, RV'S, BOATS, & ATV'S**

2013 Arctic Cat 700 super duty diesel, 4WD, winch, w/6X10 trailer, 139 miles, \$8500 OBO. (580) 827-2044

2010 Legacy mobile home, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, 16 X 64, all electric, dishwasher and range, \$19,900 OBO. (580) 827-2044

2006 Clayton mobile home, 2 bdrm., 1 bath, 14 X 50, \$13,000. (580) 559-6880

2006 Kawasaki Mule, 3010 trans, 4 X 4, hardtop, windshield, \$6500, cash only, call 10 am -10 pm. (580) 845-9939

2000 Model Ye Holiday Rambler, Admiral class A RV, 30 ft., excellent condition, auto transmission, 36K actual miles, \$19,900. (580) 618-2345

**FURNITURE & APPLIANCES**

Serta full size box springs and mattress, clean, \$50; Broyhill floral print sofa, very good condition, \$50. (580) 272-4937

5 piece king bdrm suite, cherry wood, \$350; love seat, \$75; brown recliner, \$50; sewing machine and cabinet, \$50; computer desk and chair, \$75. (830) 352-5414

Upright piano and bench, good condition, sounds good, \$450. (580) 618-6369

21" TV, works good, \$45; set of Praktica binoculars, new, \$45; hand massager, works good, \$45. (580) 759-9397

**AUTOMOTIVE**

2009 Yamaha XT 250 dual sport, like new, adult ridden, 7K easy miles, new tires and battery, commuter bike, gets 65 mpg, \$2200. (580) 235-7057

2007 Pontiac G6, red, hardtop convertible, super nice. (580) 332-1900

2004 PT Cruiser, auto, cold ac, runs great; 5 ft. box blade; 5 ft. angle blade; 1997 Pontiac Firebird, one owner. (580) 453-1648

1995 Mercury Villager in fair condition, 130K miles, internal electric scooter lift and a brand new electric scooter, LT w/ 1 mile, \$3750. (580) 320-7426

**REAL ESTATE**

Trailer house at Little Glasses on Lake Texoma, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, brand new kitchen, new floors, new large deck on front, completely furnished, new roof, best deal at resort. (580) 399-7536

*For lease:* Available soon, Ada home w/appliances, garage, & deck, near university, hospital and park, not pets, no smoking, deposit/references required, \$1000/month. (580) 456-7616

20 acres, house, shop, well, surveyed, fenced, south of Stratford, highway frontage, good hill, good price. (580) 759-9580

6 miles south of Sulphur, 4 acres, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, remodeled, wrap around porch, lots of trees, fenced, will not rent, \$119,000. (580) 618-1084

**FARM & EQUIPMENT**

D17 Allis tractor w/front-end loader w/grapple fork and bucket; small bales of prairie and alfalfa hay. (580) 421-5905

J.D. 8' brush hog; 8' Cedar posts, 5' diameter; 1976 Ford 100 pickup; antique cast iron bath tub with apron. (405) 818-4815

CM flat bed for Dodge/Chevy/Ford dually, 4 months old, new \$4300, will take \$3200, has hydraulic bale spike, fits cab/chassis only. (580) 399-4624

Excellent Bermuda hay, small square bales. (405) 238-0393

1966 Allis Chalmers D IT, 64 hp, excellent condition, great tires, runs and looks great. (580) 384-5706

46A John Deere front-end loader for 3020-3010. (580) 777-2318

**MISCELLANEOUS**

I'll be glad to quilt your tops, t-shirts, pictures, etc. or I'll quilt it from start to finish! (580) 332-3847 or (580) 436-7002

Murray riding lawn mower, 18 hp, 46-inch cut, runs great, new battery, \$275. (405) 802-8811

Sewing machine service and repair, home and commercial, Ada area phone. (580) 665-1001

Outdoor lounge chair w/pad, \$45; matching bench, \$10. (580) 310-0456

Picket fence, trim, siding, shelves, cedar lumber all sizes & shapes, square edge, live edge or both, custom cut all types of trees, wood starting at \$2/board, family owned sawmill. (580) 371-8349

Antique place settings, linen, some with birds, flowers, some Mexico art; OU and OSU aprons, great presents. (580) 436-0064

Sewing, zippers, patching, alterations, reasonable prices; adult walker, \$20; adult potty chair, \$20; antique upright piano, sounds great, \$700. (580) 332-5831

Crocheting big and baby afghans, dish cloths, pot holders, scarves, embroidery tea towels and miscellaneous, will do special orders. (580) 332-7508

Metal roofs, vinyl siding and windows, 150 colors, 20 years experience, free estimates. (405) 783-4284

Concrete blocks, \$0.50/each. (580) 272-3249

Sue's Flea Market, between Sulphur and Davis, lots of good stuff, power tools, fishing, house apparel, golf clubs, toys and old Avon 1970's. (580) 279-3294

5 X 12 trailer w/gate, spare, black, single axle, 2" hitch, \$650. (405) 409-5744

Set of 9 ft. pipe "A" frames. (580) 436-0339

Country Day's RV Park Arts/Crafts show, June 5-6, 8am - 4 pm, near Cedar Blue Park in Sulphur, booth info. (580) 622-3731

**WANT TO BUY**

Propane cannons, leave a message. (580) 320-6681

Looking to lease pasture for cows. (580) 235-7257

Honda 300, 4 X 4. (405) 645-2270 1022201108

30" slide in Jenn Air bottom exhaust cook stove, call or text. (580) 618-6144

**Account Number Winner**

No members found their account numbers in last month's newsletter. The find would have netted them a \$5 credit on this month's electric bill. The numbers belonged to Mike Mackey of Wardville, Bobby Stone of Ada, Sybil Wiley of Sulphur, Jess Furgerson of Calvin and Anthony Davis of Davis. It's easy to win. Just find your account number located somewhere in the newsletter, then call, write or come to PEC by the 12th of the month in which your number is published to claim your \$5.

**-FREE-**  
**Classified Ads for PEC Members!**

Type or print your ad on the lines below and mail it in. Remember, we are limited on the amount of available space, so mail ads as soon as possible or email your ad to [ads@peopleselectric.coop](mailto:ads@peopleselectric.coop) with name/account number.

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Since we are limited on the amount of available space, ads will be taken until the classified section is full. Ads received after the section is full will not be held for the next issue. They should be re-submitted. The number of ads published each month will vary according to availability of space and ad content. We reserve the right to delete words and edit ads if they are too long.