

ELEC-O-NEWS

April is National Lineman Appreciation Month



Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative proudly recognizes all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety. "Our line workers are the first responders of our electric distribution system, and they work around the clock on high-voltage lines," said Rob Walker, General Manager. "Conditions can be dangerous, but they power through to ensure reliable service for our members."

Upshur Rural Electric invites members to take a moment and thank a lineman for the work they do!
#thankalinenman April 18, 2019 National Lineman Appreciation Day

Upcoming Events

March 30-April 28	Avalon Faire Renaissance Festival (weekends only)
April 4	Upshur Rural Electric's Annual Mtg.
April 6	Highway 271 Progressive Car Cruise
April 10-13	Rangerette Revels
April 11-13	Historic Highway 11 Treasure Trails
April 20-21	Gusher Days
April 26	Upshur County Relay for Life



URECC Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Upshur Rural Electric strives to provide quality service as well as support in our communities. One example of our commitment is our scholarship program. Upshur Rural will award 34 scholarships this May to graduating seniors.

Applications are available from area school counselors, at our office or on our website at urecc.coop.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2019.

YOUTH TOUR

DELEGATE SELECTED!

Since 2015, Upshur Rural Electric has been sponsoring one alumnus from our annual East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar to represent us and Texas Electric Cooperatives at the National Rural Electric's Youth Tour.

Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. for a week in June every year since 1950. The student gets the opportunity to tour national historic sites, experience cultural diversity, meet U.S. congressional representatives and learn about electric cooperatives and the energy industry.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Phillips has been selected for this trip of a lifetime! Sarah is a senior this year and plans to attend Texas A & M-Commerce in the fall where she will major in mathematics. Sarah is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Phillips.

Congratulations Sarah!



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As the old saying goes “membership has its advantages”, still rings true today. Cooperatives are owned by their members and are non-profit entities. We are held to a high standard and not governed by far-away stockholders. Our Board of Directors are elected by the members and they, along with most of our employees, reside in our service area.
Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative--striving to provide you with affordable, diversified and reliable electricity!

Since we are an Electric Cooperative, we abide by Seven Cooperative Principles.

***Voluntary and Open Membership**

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

***Democratic Member Control**

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

***Members' Economic Participation**

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

***Autonomy and Independence**

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

***Education, Training and Information**

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

***Cooperation Among Cooperatives**

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

***Concern for Community**

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.