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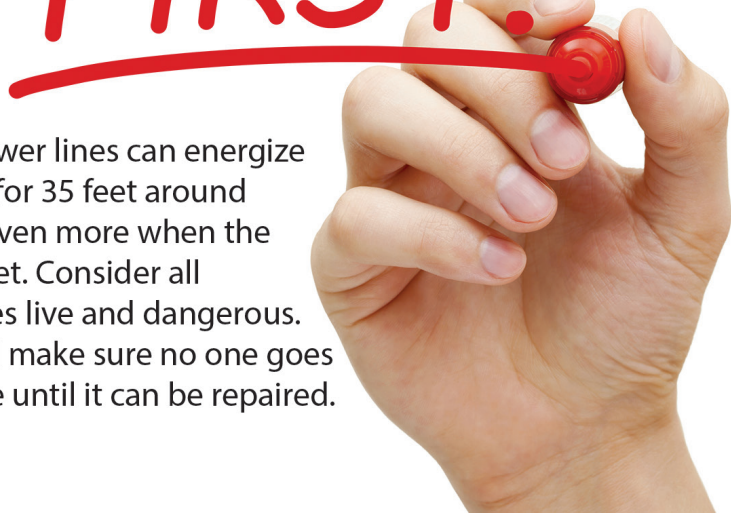
I am excited to announce a new program here at Lewis County REC. Back in April, the Lewis County REC Cares Foundation was formed. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed to promote rural community and economic development, agricultural research endeavors, improvement of health care, and educational development throughout our service territory. The Foundation is governed by a six-person board of directors that will meet quarterly to oversee the organization. Those directors are Judy Smith, President, Ryan St.Clair, Vice-President, Janice McGinnis, Secretary/Treasurer, Renee Kirchner, Linda Rutledge, and Jeanie James. This Foundation will be funded by you, if you choose to participate. Starting with the bill you receive the end of this month you will have the option to participate by rounding up your bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if your bill is \$283.60 and you choose to participate in the program, your bill would be rounded up to \$284.00 and the additional 40 cents would be donated to the Foundation. If you would like to participate in the round up program, you must contact the office and tell us to enroll you in the program. You can enroll or drop out of the program at any time.



Funds donated to the Foundation through the round up program will be returned through donations from the Foundation keeping with the Foundations guidelines. Any organization requesting a donation from the Foundation will have to fill out a detailed application and the Foundation Board of Directors will review those applications and decide if funds will be distributed. This Foundation is a totally separate entente from Lewis County REC and is not in any way governed by the Lewis County REC Board of Directors.

If you would like to participate in the round up program simply call the office and tell them you would like to enroll. If you have any questions or would like more information on the program or the Foundation please feel free to give me a call. Hopefully your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters can have a positive impact on our service territory. As I said, I am excited about the program and think this a great opportunity to benefit organizations in Northeast Missouri.

## SAFETY FIRST!



Downed power lines can energize the ground for 35 feet around them, and even more when the ground is wet. Consider all downed lines live and dangerous. Call 911 and make sure no one goes near the line until it can be repaired.



### Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

When August heat hits, learn to love your microwave and grill. Nothing drives up energy costs faster than adding heat to your house by using the oven or range top. A microwave, by contrast, cooks much faster and adds little heat to the room. A better choice may be taking your cooking outside altogether. Grills are a tasty alternative that keeps the heat where it belongs.

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING



### Mark your calendars!!!

Lewis County REC's 82nd Annual Meeting will be held Thursday evening, August 1st in the Knox County High School, Edina, MO.

- Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.
  - Entertainment by Mercy's Bridge 5:00-6:15 p.m.
  - Meal 4:30-6:30 p.m.
  - Business Meeting 6:30 p.m.
  - Kid's Prize Drawings prior to the business meeting
  - Grand Prizes following the business meeting
- HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

# Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

One-hundred and eight high school students participated in Missouri's 56th annual Missouri Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 14-20. Local delegates were Lauren Frazier, Canton R-V, Ellie TenEyck, Highland, Brynn Sprague, Clark County R-1, and Emily Schrage, Knox County R-1. They were sponsored by Lewis County REC

The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions, community service and today's pressing issues.

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students and we're proud to send our best and brightest to Washington, D.C. this year to participate," said Chris Massman, vice president of Member Services for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives in Jefferson City.

Highlights included the young people visiting with representatives from their congressional districts and touring famous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution's museums and Arlington National Cemetery. After a 30 year hiatus, the group also went on a tour of the White House. The youth group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with delegates from other states.

Other events of the week included participation in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together with nearly 2,000 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States. The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

Since 1964, the nation's cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 50,000 high school juniors and seniors for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations, energy and grassroots government education sessions and sightseeing in Washington. For more information about the AMEC Youth Tour program, please go to [www.amec.org/content/youth-programs](http://www.amec.org/content/youth-programs)



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