



# ELEC-O-NEWS

Your monthly information source from URECC.

August 2018



## Back to School in East Texas

### *Keeping Our Children Safe*

August in East Texas is bittersweet as summer vacations come to an end, and parents prepare their children for the beginning of another school year. As students practice hard for Friday night football, the books open for another year of learning, and we all anticipate our East Texas Fall festivals, we want everyone to keep in mind the safety of our children.

At URECC, we are committed to the safety of our children. With the beginning of every year, our linemen and employees are keeping an eye out for students on their way to school. Sometimes, that means helping a disabled school bus, or using our mobile communications to report a suspicious occurrence in a neighborhood. It may sometimes mean reporting someone suspicious or who is driving dangerously in school zones. It always means being there to lend a hand, no matter what the problem may be.

URECC is a cooperative for the people of East Texas, run strictly by East Texans. Our kids go to school together, play together, and grow up together in a wonderful location. Help us put safety first and keep our children safe as the school year begins.



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## AREA STUDENTS ATTEND ETREYS 2018

*Upshur Rural Electric sent 14 students and one Youth Director to the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (ETREYS) that was held the last week of June on the campus of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall. Students spent the week listening to some great speakers, learning a lot about leadership and how cooperatives work as well as making many new friends! While there, our students were also able to compete for scholarship monies. Congratulations to Matthew Phillips and Elizabeth Posada for each winning a scholarship!*

*ETREYS applications for next years' seminar will be accepted in the spring! Sophomore and Junior students are eligible to apply. For more information on ETREYS, visit our website at [urecc.coop](http://urecc.coop).*

*Students that have attended ETREYS have the opportunity to apply for a chance to attend NRECA's annual Youth Tour in Washington DC. For more information on Youth Tour, visit [www.texas-ec.org/youthprograms/tour](http://www.texas-ec.org/youthprograms/tour).*

*Students pictured are front row L-R: Kenya Narvaez, Ore City HS and Avione Davenport, Longview HS; second row: Taylor Swaim, Union Hill HS and Riley Weaver, Harleton HS; third row: Kyle Jones, Harmony HS, Elizabeth Posada, Gilmer HS and Dioseny Mejia, Union Hill HS; fourth row: Isaac McAvoy, Gladewater HS and BreAnna Jackson, Union Hill HS; fifth row: Bryce Beene, Union Hill HS, Dawson Jones, Gilmer HS and Matthew Phillips, Homeschool and sixth row: Aaron Hinds, Harleton HS.( Kayden Poe, Union Hill HS and Jasmine Bryson, Youth Director, Jefferson HS are not pictured).*



**Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day.**

## ENERGY SAVING TIP OF THE MONTH:

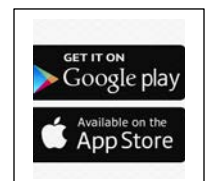
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