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Veteran's Day ~ November 11, 2017

Veteran's Day is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of their country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good of all. It is celebrated every November 11th and gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past and realize just how blessed we are.

To each and every veteran, we would like to say "thank you" for all you have done for this country so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today!



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Members Helping Members

You can help your neighbors who may get behind on their electric bills due to extreme temperatures during the summer or winter months. State and private agencies that provide utility assistance are low on funds to help these individuals. Capital credit checks will be mailed out in December, and you may opt to have your money donated to the agencies that help Upshur Rural members in the county in which you live. You can make this a one time donation or you may choose to have all future years' capital credit retirements donated. For more information, contact one of our member service representatives.

Upshur Rural Electric will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. As always, we will have employees on call should the need arise.

On behalf of all our employees and Board of Directors, we would like to wish you and your family a very

Happy Thanksgiving!





From L-R: Derly Carrizales, Serapio Guzman and Tyler Graff from Medina Electric Cooperative in Hondo, Texas teaching electrical safety to the fifth grade classes at Gilmer Intermediate school. Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative employees not pictured were Lynn Gray and James Venters.

Electrical Safety Training

One of the seven cooperative principles that we abide by is “cooperation among cooperatives”. We were on the receiving end of that as Medina Electric Cooperative joined forces with Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative to provide two sessions of First Responder Training as well as doing an electrical safety presentation at Gilmer Intermediate school. We invited members from 46 volunteer fire departments in our service area to the first session and invited all professional first responders which included sheriff’s departments, police departments, Texas Department of Public Safety officers, Texas Department of Transportation employees, fire departments and paramedics in our service area to the second. Training began indoors with a power point presentation then guests moved outside to see a live demonstration on the Arcing Demo Trailer that Medina Electric Cooperative uses for training purposes. Electricity is something we depend on and use all the time; however, as the arcing demo showed, it can be very dangerous. Fifth grade students at Gilmer Intermediate were also taught that you can’t see, hear or smell electricity and that it needs to be respected. Never play around electrical equipment or go near downed power lines...there is no way to tell by looking if it is live or not. It is not worth the risk. It was a very busy but informative two days and Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative is planning on making this an annual event.



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