

February 2026

# URECC NEWSLETTER

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## We Love and Cherish You, Our Amazing Members!



As we celebrate the month of love, we want to take a moment to thank our amazing Members. At Upshur Rural Electric Co-Op, you are at the heart of everything we do. Each decision and action is guided by our dedication to serving you and providing the best possible experience. We truly appreciate your trust and support; it means more to us than we can say. Be sure to follow us on social media throughout February for fun giveaways and special surprises. From all of us at Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative, our Members mean everything to us.

-Upshur Rural Electric Co-Op

**URECC 2026 Annual Meeting set for Thursday, April 2nd, at 1:00 PM, in the URECC auditorium!**

To request vegetation management near or endangering a power line, select "Contact Us" in the SmartHub app or web version, and choose System/Line Problems. You can also call Member Services at 903-843-2536.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Mid-winter is a great time to tune up your heating system. Clean or replace filters, check for unusual noises or uneven heating, and keep vents clear. Regular maintenance helps prevent repairs and keeps your home warm and efficient.

## UTILITY SCAM AWARENESS TIP OF THE MONTH

Autodraft payments can help protect you from utility bill scams. Because your bill is paid automatically through a secure, pre-arranged channel, fake disconnection threats are easier to ignore, and you avoid the risk of exposing checks or banking information through the mail.

# Calling All Youth: Two Programs, Two Opportunities – Apply Now!

Exciting news! Applications for the 2026 East Texas Youth Seminar (ETREYS) and Youth Tour are officially open!

## ETREYS



Ten sophomores and juniors from our service area are selected to attend an all-expenses-paid summer seminar filled with workshops, peer activities, and motivational speakers. Students develop leadership, teamwork, and public speaking skills—and may even earn college scholarships.

**Deadline to apply: March 27th [urecc.coop/etreys](http://urecc.coop/etreys) for the application.**

## Youth Tour

One junior each year is chosen to represent URECC on a weeklong guided trip to Austin and Washington, D.C. This experience introduces students to our democratic process, includes meetings with legislators, and connects them with peers from across the country.

**Deadline to apply: February 27th [urecc.coop/youthtour](http://urecc.coop/youthtour) for the application.**



## Burn Awareness Week

February 1-7

- Always avoid overloading your electrical outlets.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 ft. away from anything that can burn.
- Use outlet covers to protect little hands from hazards.
- Disconnect devices when they're not in use.

**At Upshur Rural Electric Co-Op, your safety comes first every day.**

## Pizza Roses

- 1 8-oz. tube crescent dough
- 1/4 cup pizza sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- 4 oz. large pepperoni slices, cut in half
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning



- Preheat oven to 375° and spray a muffin tin.
- Unroll crescent dough, seal perforations, and cut into rectangles.
- Cut each rectangle into three strips; add sauce, cheese, and pepperoni.
- Fold dough over filling, roll tightly, and place in muffin tin.
- Bake 10–15 minutes until golden; serve warm.