

## Don't Give Up on Energy-Efficient Appliances



**MESSAGE  
FROM  
MANAGER  
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A few months ago, as you might have seen in the pages of this magazine, the federal government provided about \$23 million in rebate incentives for Texans who purchased Energy Star-rated appliances to replace older, inefficient ones.

The response to the rebate program was overwhelming, and the available money was quickly snapped up. The heavy response meant that a good number of you who tried to reserve a rebate on the phone or online had no luck. Reservations for the rebates were finally opened up at 7 a.m. on April 7, 2010. I started calling around 8 a.m., and after about 20 attempts through the morning, gave up on the telephone. The Internet application program, which was being done by an out-of-state company, broke down and was down much of the day. By 4 p.m. all the rebate money was reserved and they started a waiting list.

I know this process was frustrating, but we are told the Texas Com-

troller of Public Accounts, Susan Combs (head of the department that administered the program), is working to make any future programs run more smoothly. So please, don't let it stop you the next time such an offer comes around.

If you reserved a rebate this year, hopefully you have received your refund check by now. In addition to the lower net price, you also made a smart investment that will lead to savings in the long run. Energy-efficient appliances simply use less energy, and that translates to lower electricity bills.

For those who didn't receive a rebate, I urge you to not give up on energy-efficiency improvements. The payoff might not be as quick as it would have been with a rebate, but in the long run, you will still be ahead of the game.

A modern, efficient dishwasher, through improvements in motor efficiency and insulation, uses about 10 percent less electricity for the same number of loads than an older, less efficient model, according to Energy Star studies. And these models also use less water, another source of savings. So every time you run a load of dishes, you are saving money with a new, efficient dishwasher.

Once you're past the break-even point (about six years for a dishwasher), where the amount of savings

offsets the price you paid for the dishwasher, you are "making" money on that investment because you are buying less electricity. And that's just one example of the savings available.

Some other appliances worth upgrading to Energy Star models include clothes washers, water heaters, refrigerators and freezers.

One of the biggest energy users in a typical home is the heating and cooling system. Replacing it, of course, can be a major expense. But, if you have the money to invest, the payoff after the new system pays for itself can be substantial. In addition, the federal government offers tax credits for such improvements that will bring an even quicker payoff. You can further expedite the payoff by doing your homework and choosing the type of system—as well as energy-efficiency ratings—that is best suited to your home.

I hope you look at energy efficiency as a sound investment. Crunch the numbers, and you might see that the rate of return, as a percentage of your initial outlay, will beat that of some other options.

Increased efficiency makes sense for Lamar Electric Cooperative members like you because it gives you the same service for less money.

Don't let the lack of a rebate stop you from an investment in your home that makes a lot of cents.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Given by: Carter BloodCare • Hosted by: Lamar Electric Co-op (in our parking lot)**

*Tuesday, July 13 • Noon to 4 p.m.*

**Our goal is 18 units. We would like to get more if we can!**

You will get a free T-shirt, cookies & juice. Make sure you eat a good breakfast that morning.

**At the end of the day we will give away a Lamar Electric cookbook, "60 Years of Home Cooking" to one lucky blood donor.**

If you give blood on a regular basis and have an appointment coming up soon, please wait and give at the blood drive.

*If you have any questions or want to schedule your appointment for that day, please contact: Marci Thompson, Lamar Electric Co-op, (903) 783-4911.*



**Lamar EC will be closed  
Monday, July 5, in observance  
of Independence Day.**

# COUNTRY CORNER EVENTS

## JULY

**1** **Movie in the Park** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy “Jurassic Park.”

**Paris Community Theatre presents “Always Patsy Cline”**

July 1 at 7:30 p.m.                      July 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
July 3 at 7:30 p.m.                      July 4 at 2:30 p.m.

**2** **Cruisin on the Plaza** – 6 to 8 p.m. in downtown Paris. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy classic cars, fellowship and music.

**3** **Paris Fireworks** at Noyes Stadium at dark.

**Avery Tomato Festival** – Downtown Avery. For more information call (903) 684-3825 or visit [www.cityofavery.com](http://www.cityofavery.com).

**4** **Klondike Volunteer Fire Department Celebration** – All-day event with fire-works at dark.

**5** **Lamar Electric Cooperative will be closed in observance of July 4 Holiday.**

**8** **Movie in the Park** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy “Field of Dreams.”

**9** **Municipal Band Concert** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket.

**13** **Carter BloodCare & Lamar Electric Co-op Blood Drive** at Lamar Electric Co-op parking lot. Noon to 4 p.m. (Donors can register to win a “60 Years of Home Cooking” cookbook to be given away.)

**15** **Movie in the Park** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy “Doctor Dolittle.”

**16** **Municipal Band Concert & Crape Myrtle Festival** at Bywaters Park – 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair.

**17** **26th Annual “Tour De Paris” Bicycle Rally** – For more information, call (903) 784-2501 or 1-800-727-4789 or visit [www.tourdeparis.com](http://www.tourdeparis.com).

**“Patriots in The Park”** – All-day event at Cooper City Harmon Park. For more information, call Jerry Derr at (903) 886-3315.

**22** **Movie in the Park** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy “Robin Hood: Men in Tights.”

**29** **Movie in the Park** at Bywaters Park in Paris – 8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the Voters’ Choice movie. (Attend prior movies and vote for your choice of movie.)

*If you have any events that you would like listed for Delta, Lamar or Red River counties, please contact Marci Thompson. Information must be submitted two months in advance for the magazine. E-mail [marci@lamarelectric.coop](mailto:marci@lamarelectric.coop) or call (903) 783-4911.*



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### YOUR “LOCAL PAGES”

This section of Texas Co-op Power magazine is produced by LEC each month to provide you with information about current events, safety, special programs and other activities of the cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the local office.

### MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Level billing
- Automated meter reading
- Free bank draft service
- Visa and MasterCard accepted



◀ **Billy R. Hines, Charles N. Dooley and Mark Jones** were all re-elected to their positions on the LEC board.



▲ **LEC Board members Lyle Yoder, George Wood and Charles Dooley**

**LEC employees Ryan Dean, Jay Henry, Wade Niblett, Larry Bills and Drew Conder** ▶



**LEC General Manager Jerry Williams** ▶



▲ **LEC employees Gretta Ashford, Tessi McFadden and James Smith**

**LEC members sign in at the meeting.** ▶



# Annual Meeting Highlights

**T**he Lamar Electric Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at Paris High School Auditorium.

Three directors were re-elected. In District 2, Mark Jones ran uncontested and garnered 91 votes. In District 3, I.B. "Barney" Chapman II ran against incumbent Billy R. Hines. Chapman received 65 votes to Hines' 90. In District 4, Billy F. Bratton ran against incumbent Charles N. Dooley. Bratton received 72 votes to Dooley's 73.

The names of four high school seniors

were drawn out of a hopper to receive a \$1,000 scholarship each. There were 86 entries. The scholarship can be used toward an academic degree or certification from an accredited university, college or junior college of their choice.

The winners were Dylan Armstrong of North Lamar High School, Wesley Murdock of Prairiland High School, Colton Price of Chisum High School and Alex Stephenson of Roxton High School.

Armstrong is the son of John and Bonnie Armstrong of the Hopewell community.

Murdock is the son of Kerry and Sandra Murdock of Pattonville. Price is the son of Rodney Price of the Lake Creek community and Dondi Woods of Paris. Stephenson is the son of Matt and Lori Stephenson of the Howland community.

Money for these scholarships comes from unclaimed deposits and unclaimed refunds from our members. Each member can still file a claim with the state of Texas for unclaimed checks, but the law allows Lamar Electric to use a portion of these funds for scholarships.

# LAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Members listened closely to the featured speakers. ▶



▼ These lucky folks won door prizes.



▼ LEC employees Marci Thompson and Laura Williams



▶ LEC employees Michael Sorenson, Ronnie Bridges and Will Armstrong



▲ LEC employees Scott Sansom, Dana McFadden and Rachael Whipkey



▲ LEC employees Rayford Dodd and Drew Conder



▼ LEC employees Marti Chumbley and Barry Murchison



The names of all members present at the meeting were placed in the hopper for prize drawings. Prizes were given to 32 members. The grand prizewinner of a 32" LCD HDTV was Bobbie F. Thompson of Clarksville. Other winners were:

Microwave	Garland Chapel Church, Annona	Deep Fryer	Chapman Family Ranch, Clarksville	Sander	Marti L. Chumbley, Paris
DVD Player	Rickey J. Henry Jr., Paris	Surge Protector	Tessi McFadden, Brookston	Jig Saw	Dorothy T. Fletcher, Bagwell
Weather Radio	Ryan Dean, Blossom	Hair Dryer	Derrell F. London, Cooper	3/8" Drill	Betty Wood, Paris
Hand Vacuum	Charles M. Kennedy, Pattonville	Slow Cooker	Bobby R. Tingle, Sumner	Blender	Rachael L. McGhee, Paris
Lighted Mirror	Eugene Adams, Paris	Electric Skillet	J.D. Rook, Powderly	Mini Chopper	Ricky G. Williams, Sumner
18" Pedestal Fan	Joseph A. Gillean, Cooper	Food Processor	Willie N. Pace, Clarksville	Cordless Phone	Ronnie Bridges, Blossom
Fan	Will Armstrong Jr., Sumner	Manicure/Pedicure Tools	Bill E. Cunningham, Paris	Toaster Oven	Drew S. Conder, Powderly
Humidifier	Donald J. Grizzle, Paris	Dremel Rotary Tool	Haskell R. Stonaker, Paris	Screwdriver	D.D. Leonard, Blossom
Iron	Joe Goforth, Sumner	Clock Radio	Neal Conder, Powderly	4-Slice Toaster	W.P. Mitchell, Blossom
Shredder	Mrs. Moss Scroggins, Paris	Veggie Steamer	Jerry C. Carrington, Dallas		
Coffee Maker	Paul M. Bayer, Arthur City	Pivot Driver	Wade Niblett, Powderly		