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URECC NEWSLETTER

We Love and Cherish You, Our Amazing Members!

As we enter the month of love, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible Members. At Upshur Rural Electric Co-Op, everything we do is centered around you. Every decision, every action we take, is driven by our commitment to serve you and enhance your experience with us. Thank you for placing your trust in us—we are truly honored. Stay connected with us through our social media pages throughout February for exciting giveaways and special surprises. From the bottom of our hearts, WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS!

-Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative



**URECC 2025
ANNUAL
MEETING SET
FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 3RD**

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have a home office, consider ways to reduce energy consumption in your workspace. Opt for ENERGY STAR®-rated devices, which use up to 50% less energy compared to standard models. Set equipment such as printers and scanners to automatically enter sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. This not only saves energy but also helps the devices stay cooler, extending their lifespan. Additionally, switch to energy-efficient LED bulbs for task lighting to further reduce energy use in your home office.



Sign up for East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar today!



Get ready for an amazing week with peers from across East Texas! Boost your leadership skills, make lasting connections, and have a blast. Plus, you'll have the chance to earn scholarship funds—don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Deadline to apply: March 28th urecc.coop/etreys for the application.



Utility Scams Tip of the Month

Scammers will go to great lengths to trick utility customers, including claiming that you've overpaid your bill. If you get a call, text, or email saying you've overpaid and need to provide your banking or credit card details to receive a credit, it's probably a scam. Typically, your utility company will apply any credit to your account for future charges or issue a refund via check. Stay alert!

YOUTH TOUR 2025

In 1957, Senator Lyndon B. Johnson inspired the Youth Tour with a speech to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), envisioning a program where young people would travel to Washington, D.C. to experience the true meaning of the flag. The first Youth Tour was held in 1958, with 34 students from Iowa. The program grew quickly, with more states participating each year, and by 1959, 130 students joined. In 1964, NRECA coordinated the tour, which included over 400 participants from 12 states.

Today, more than 1,600 students and 250 chaperones take part in the Youth Tour annually. Texas students have the opportunity to visit iconic landmarks such as the Smithsonian, Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the U.S. Capitol, and the White House. They also meet senators, representatives, and sometimes even the president.

Applications for the 2025 Youth Tour are now open. High School Juniors, don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime trip! Apply by February 17th at urecc.coop/youth-tour.

Chocolate Truffles

Ingredients:

- Two 4-ounce quality chocolate bars, very finely chopped
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- Optional: 1 Tablespoon unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- Optional: 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Toppings: unsweetened cocoa powder, sprinkles, crushed nuts, melted or tempered chocolate



Instructions:

- Place chocolate in a heat-proof bowl.
- Heat cream until simmering, then pour over chocolate.
- Add butter (if using) and let sit for 5 minutes.
- Stir in vanilla until smooth.
- Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours (use a shallow dish for quicker setting).
- Scoop mixture into 2-teaspoon mounds (1 tsp for larger truffles) and roll into balls.
- Coat with toppings if desired.
- Store truffles at room temperature for 3-4 days or in the fridge for up to 2 weeks.

GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR

June 15-22, 2025



Deadline to apply: February 17th visit urecc.coop/youth-tour