Along These LINES

2016 Washington Youth Tour delegates selected at annual banquet

The 2016 Youth Tour Essay finalists were recognized at a recent banquet. Shown left to right are Jamie Martin, William Hartmann, Jessica Litloff, Adam Howe, Sarah Johnson, John Wiese, WAFB Meteorologist Jeff Morrow (keynote and DEMCO Youth Tour Alum of 2002), DEMCO Manager of Member and Public Relations David Latona, Sawyer Welborn, Grace Bordelon, Hannah Cowart, Ashley Gouedy, Kennedy Wilcher and Abigail Wootan.
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ne of my favorite events to attend each spring is the annual DEMCO Youth Tour Banquet. This is a special occasion organized by your local cooperative to recognize the 12 finalists who have entered the Youth Tour Essay Contest with a chance to win a free trip to Washington, D.C.

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DEMCO hosts electric co-op underground training program

More than 40 electric cooperative linemen from across the state converged on DEMCO’s state-of-the-art training facility on Wax Road for an underground training program in March.

The program was part of the Louisiana Lineman Training Program that equips electric cooperative linemen across that state with the skills required to build, maintain and trouble-shoot the segments of their electric delivery systems that are buried beneath the ground.

DEMCO’s power delivery system stretches for more than 9,000 miles, according to DEMCO Training Coordinator Shane Pendarvis. Much of that system is underground and requires routine maintenance to keep power flowing to more than 106,000 meters across seven parishes.

“We work hard to make sure our members have the power they need when they need it, at all hours of the night and day,” Pendarvis said. “Providing our linemen with the knowledge and skill they need to excel at their jobs is paramount in our ability to deliver the quality of service our members expect and deserve.”

While DEMCO’s training facility is also equipped to provide practical field experience for working with overhead construction, becoming familiar with underground facilities is an important part of a lineman’s skill set and ability to work safely, Pendarvis said.

Studies indicate that roughly half of the new electric utility distribution constructed in the U.S. is underground.

Underground infrastructure has been shown to be more reliable than overhead poles and lines, but it is more expensive to build in the initial stages and outages take longer to detect and repair when they do occur, Pendarvis explained.

Mike Bergeaux and Aarron Graham of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives in Baton Rouge were also involved in the week-long training program.

“DEMCO is a real leader in the state in everything they do, and I just want to thank them for welcoming all of our co-ops to this top-of-the-line training facility,” Bergeaux said. “All of our cooperatives work together both in normal times and in emergencies because we know we’re stronger when we all pool our resources together and collaborate with one another, whether it’s safety, training, education, communications or in the political arena as well.”

Representatives from V-Tech, Inc., and Ellis Electric Company were also on hand to assist in the training.
Youth Tour Contest finalists honored at banquet

Local students Jessica Litloff of Holden High School, Kennedy Wilcher of Zachary High School, John Wiese of Runnels High School and Sawyer Welborn of Central High School each won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., this June as the 2016 winners of DEMCO’s Rural Electric Co-op Youth Tour Essay Contest.

Though Welborn was declared one of the four winners, he was unable to participate in the Youth Tour trip, so first-runner-up William Hartmann of St. Michael High School was selected to take the trip in his place.

The Youth Tour Essay Contest is an annual event that this year included essay entries from more than 300 students from both private and public schools throughout DEMCO’s seven-parish service area.

The winners were selected on March 1 during an evening banquet honoring the 12 finalists, their families, teachers, mentors and school principals. The banquet was held at White Oak Plantation in Baton Rouge while the Runnels High School Harp Ensemble provided musical entertainment for the evening.

The other finalists were: Jamie Martin (West Feliciana High School), Adam Howe (Runnels High School), Sarah Johnson (St. Joseph’s Academy), Grace Bordelon (St. Joseph’s Academy), Hannah Cowart (Central High School), Ashley Gouedy (Central High School) and Abigail Wootan (Central High School).

David Latona, Manager of Member and Public Relations at DEMCO, served as master of ceremonies at the banquet. He introduced DEMCO CEO John Vranic, directors Ann Samuel, Danny Berthelot and Leslie Falks, as well as other cooperative employees who attended and helped organize the event.

Keynote speaker for the evening was WAFB Channel 9 Meteorologist Jeff Morrow.

Morrow told the audience about his own personal experience as a Youth Tour delegate in 2002 and even displayed to the students the name tag, lanyard and trading pins he obtained from the students from other states he met during the trip.

“This really is a trip of a lifetime. I learned so much about how our federal government works and about the rural electric cooperative movement,” Morrow said. “I made a lot of friends that I still talk to today and I appreciate DEMCO providing this opportunity not only for me and you but also the scores of students who have participated through the years. It’s something you’ll always remember.”

Morrow told the students that any hardship they may face in their lives can be overcome with faith, character and hard work. He shared a difficult personal experience involving his son and explained how faith brought his family through the challenge.

“If you have faith, if you have character and you’re willing to work hard for the things you want to achieve in your life, you’ll definitely go far,” Morrow said.

Each finalist was judged on the oral presentation of his or her essay. The finalists also completed a short written test on their knowledge of DEMCO and rural electrification.

Youth Tour Director Joni Kitchen and chaperone Billy Gibson, both representing the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, were also on hand to meet the Youth Tour contestants.

DEMCO’s four Youth Tour delegates will join 24 other Louisiana students this June to embark on their weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. During their stay in Washington, the Louisiana Youth Tour participants will visit the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Supreme Court, National Archives, Arlington Cemetery, and many other historically significant buildings and landmarks in the nation’s capital.

They will also join about 1,500 other Youth Tour participants from 43 different states to learn more about the history and importance of electric cooperatives.

The winners also participated in a Summit held in Alexandria on March 18 to meet the state’s other delegates, participate in leadership training, conduct a mock legislative exercise and engage in other team-building activities. (Acct. No. 4953203-001)

This marks the 38th year DEMCO has sponsored students in the Youth Tour program. DEMCO pioneered Louisiana’s participation in the Rural Electric Youth Tour in 1978.

The purpose of the Youth Tour program, which was inspired by Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson in the 1960s, is to provide outstanding youth with an insight into how their national government operates.
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In 1997, DEMCO established the DEMCO Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to assisting DEMCO members in need. Since its inception the Foundation has provided assistance in many ways and has impacted the lives of families and individuals throughout DEMCO’s seven-parish service area.

As part of its continuing mission, the Foundation initiated a scholarship program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program is to provide assistance to DEMCO members who are seeking to better themselves through attending a university, trade school, vocational or technical schools, community college and/or other forms of educational programs in the state of Louisiana.

TERMS

The deadline for scholarship applications is the third Thursday in June for the Fall Semester and the third Thursday in December for the Spring Semester. The DEMCO Foundation will award several scholarships in the amount of $1,250.00. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined after all scholarship applications are received. Funds are to be used for payment of educational expenses such as tuition, books, and fees. Payment of scholarships will be made directly to the applicant’s school of attendance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be a DEMCO member, as defined by DEMCO Foundation Bylaws (see definition below).
- Applicant must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Applicant must plan to attend a trade school, vocational or technical school, community college or other such Louisiana institution.
- Applicant must submit a completed DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Application and all supporting documentation to the DEMCO Foundation office. The application package should include the following:
  - an official transcript including the most recently completed coursework
  - a 2.5 cumulative GPA on an overall 4.0 scale
  - a minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation of which none can be from a family member, DEMCO board member or DEMCO Foundation board member.
  - an acceptance letter from the school of choice for first time or transferring students
  - a cover letter by the applicant detailing reasons for consideration

SCHOLARSHIP LIMITATION

Recipients are eligible to apply for a maximum lifetime scholarship award of four (4) semesters per individual.

Excerpt from ARTICLE II, DEMCO Foundation Bylaws

Definition of DEMCO Member: “For the purposes of these Articles of Incorporation, DEMCO members are defined as those individuals who are members of Dixie Electric Member-Corporation and the members of their immediate family. Members of the immediate family shall mean those natural persons regularly residing in the member’s home which is served by DEMCO.”
DEMCO accepts bids from members for surplus vehicles as follows:

All bids must be returned no later than 12 noon, May 5, 2016. Vehicles to be sold are DEMCO’s headquarters facility, 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, LA.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided below or the bid form, which is available at auction. If there are no successful bidders from the DEMCO membership, the vehicles will be sold at public auction.

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All bids must be sealed and must fully comply with the “Instructions to Bidders.” To be considered, all bids must be returned no later than 12 noon, May 5, 2016. Vehicles to be sold are as follows:

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. All information requested on the vehicle bid form must be completed by the bidder.
2. Insert completed bid form in a sealed envelope. (Please do not include the bid form with your monthly bill payment.)
3. Mark outside of envelope with:
   - Vehicle Bid
   - Unit Number
   - Bid date
   - Attention: Purchasing Committee

Multiple bids should be in separate envelopes.

4. Bids will be accepted by DEMCO at the headquarters’ complex, 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, LA, or by mail, Purchasing Committee, DEMCO, P.O. Box 15659, Baton Rouge, LA 70895, only.

5. DEMCO reserves the right to reject any bid.
6. All vehicles sold “as is”, “where is”, with all bids final.
7. Bids must be received by DEMCO no later than 12 noon, May 5, 2016.
8. Viewing will be allowed April 21st – May 5th weekdays only, between 10:00 am and 11:30 am at the DEMCO Headquarters, 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, LA.
9. All bidders must be members of DEMCO in good standing.
10. A successful bidder can be awarded at most two (2) vehicles and will be notified after final approval at the following DEMCO Board meeting.

If you would like to register for the 2016 annual membership meeting, please sign this notice and return it to Hawthorn, Waymouth, and Carroll, Certified Public Accountant, P.O. Box 82559, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, so that it is received by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2016.

Signature

### Official Notice: Annual Meeting

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3.03 of the Bylaws of Dixie Electric Membership Corporation (DEMCO), notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the corporation will be held at DEMCO’s Headquarters Facility, 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, Louisiana, Saturday, May 14, 2016. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.05 of the corporation Bylaws, notice is hereby given that the following persons have been nominated by the official nominating committee to fill the five positions on the Board of Directors in which vacancies occur this year.

BY NOMINATION:

Mr. Danny Berthelot, Livingston Parish, District 9
Mr. Glenn DeLee, East Feliciana Parish, District 6
Mr. Randy Lorio, East Baton Rouge Parish, District 3
Mr. Freddy Metz, West Feliciana Parish, District 13
Mr. Eugene Traylor, Tangipahoa Parish, District 12

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### DEMCO Surplus Property Bid Form

Unit #: ____________________________

Bidder’s Name: _______________________

Bidder’s Mailing Address: ____________________________

_________________________ State ______ Zip: ____________

Bidder’s Telephone #: _______________________

Member/account #: _______________________

Bid Opening Date: ____________ Bid Price: ____________

Demco Surplus Property Bid Form

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Teen Travel Talk program could be the next reality TV hit show

by Billy Gibson
Director of Communications
Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives
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Co-opLife

Hollywood has come up with yet another use for the automobile: portable film studio.

The development of mini-cam technology has allowed Hollywood producers to venture out of the standard static studio set and stage shows right there in the cabin of an SUV.

Jerry Seinfeld came up with a big hit when he created The Seinfeld Show which was wildly popular in the 1990s. He found success again a few years ago when he developed a chat show called Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee.

Following his own winning formula of producing a “show about nothing,” Seinfeld’s webcast doesn’t follow a script and is driven by the personalities of his celebrity guests, which over the past seven seasons have included a lengthy list of comedians such as David Letterman, Jay Leno, Jon Stewart, Mel Brooks, Jim Carrey, Steve Martin, Will Farrell, Don Rickles and more.

As the title implies, the comedians hop into a car and go get some coffee. That’s it. That’s the show.

More recently, Late Late Show host James Corden has popularized a segment on his program called Carpool Karaoke where he drives around with a well-known musical guest riding in the passenger seat and together they belt out some of the guest’s biggest hits.

I don’t – actually, I can’t - stay up long enough to watch the Late Late Show because it airs way past my bedtime. But I’ve seen a few of these segments on YouTube and I have to say I’m not sure I understand the appeal.

Corden seems to be doing his best to direct the attention to himself and pay less attention to driving the car. I’ve noticed a hint of terror in the faces of Elton John, Carrie Underwood and Adele when Corden closes his eyes to hit a high note and takes his hands off the wheel. When Stevie Wonder was in the shotgun seat, he didn’t seem to mind, however. (Acct. No. 80121454-001)

The first show I recall watching that was filmed inside an automobile was Taxicab Confessions, a cutting edge program that began airing on HBO in the 1990s. The show, definitely not suitable for prime time, was set in cabs cruising through the entertainment districts of New York City and Las Vegas in the witching hours looking for fares.

The driver, who was actually a producer of the show, prompted conversations in which random passengers – most of them three sheets to the wind after an evening of partying - would end up revealing all kinds of dark secrets and lurid details of their lives.

These conversations would happen while hidden cameras recorded the scene from several angles. At the end of all this gushing forth about bad relationships, family secrets, abuse, felony arrests, immorality and other dysfunction, the passenger would have to sign a release for the encounter to be aired.

At that point in the show, often during the closing credits, I always wondered who in their right mind would agree to release all that personal, often shameful information after learning it had been extracted under false pretenses and all their personal business was about to be broadcast to the masses? I’ve since attributed this to a precursor of today’s society where people are so desperate for attention they’ll say or do anything.

Capitalizing on car talk is not such a bad idea because it’s an intriguing place to have a conversation - close, intimate quarters where you can’t just bail out anytime you want. It’s possible that interactions that take place in the cockpit can say a lot about a relationship.

I remember getting into a conflict with someone during a trip to Houston and there not being a single word exchanged all the way back to Baton Rouge. When you can be in the confines of a Toyota Corolla for five hours and not have one syllable to say to your traveling companion, that’s a relationship primed for a Dr. Phil intervention.

More recently, Carpool Karaoke is a great way to have fun, but accidentally driving around the suburbs, road trip repurposes can also be positive and nurturing for a relationship. A college buddy and I used to go tooling around Tuscaloosa and had all kinds of fun cutting up, cracking jokes and keeping it real, as we used to say back then. Even today, I can call him up, utter a few phrases from those experiences, and we’ll both bust out laughing.

The next meeting of the DEMCO Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 6 p.m. Board meetings are held at DEMCO’s headquarters facility located at 16262 Wax Road, Greenwell Springs, La.

Celebrate Earth Day by Saving $2

If you want to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, start by making your home more energy efficient. Below are three efficiency tips from energy expert Brian Sloboda of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

1. Look around your home for no-cost ways to be efficient. Close the curtains in the summer and open them in the winter. Turn off your computers overnight. Also turn off video game consoles when they’re not being used. Better yet, keep them off and send the kids outside to play baseball.

2. Look for small steps you can take and DIY. Caulk around drafty windows. Check the attic for the correct amount of insulation. Switch to LED light bulbs. Plant a deciduous tree on the sunny side of your house; in a few years the leaves will cool your home against the sun in summer, then fall off to warm it in the winter. Old cable TV boxes use a lot of energy.

If yours is not ENERGY STAR-rated, call your cable provider and ask for a new one. If you have a major appliance – like a refrigerator, washing machine or dryer – that’s more than 10 years old, don’t repair it. The energy efficiency of a newer model will likely pay for itself with energy savings in a few years.

3. Call DEMCO about energy-saving programs that can help lower your monthly bill. If you’re able to offer advice or a home energy checkpoint, you might be surprised to find out what’s really driving up your energy costs.

Don’t toy with your safety!

When playing outdoors, keep a safe distance from power lines, substations and other equipment your electric co-op uses to provide electricity to your home. Flying remote controlled toys are a great way to have fun, but accidentally making contact with a power line or other electrical equipment can be dangerous and in some cases, even deadly.

• Never fly kites, or remote controlled toys near power lines.

• Stay away from power lines, meters, transformers and electrical boxes.

• Never climb trees near power lines.

• If you get something stuck in a power line, don’t just touch it. Call for help.

• Never touch or go near a downed power line.

National Lineman Appreciation Day

America’s rural electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day.

On April 11, 2016, DEMCO and Louisiana’s electric cooperatives join more than 950 fellow co-ops around the country to honor the dedicated men and women who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. “We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public’s safety,” said Randy Pierce, CEO of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives based in Baton Rouge.

“Our lineworkers are the first responders of our electric distribution systems, and they work around the clock on high-voltage lines,” Pierce said. “Conditions can be dangerous, but they power through to ensure reliable service for our members.”

Hundreds of cooperative linemen maintain more than 30,000 miles of line across the state of Louisiana.

“I would invite cooperative members to take a moment and thank a lineman for the work they do,” Pierce said. “Use #thankalineman to show your support for the men and women who light our lives.”

Lucky Account Number Contest

The Lucky Account Number Contest continues this month with four winners in this edition of Along These Lines. Before you continue looking through this edition for your winning number, look for your account number printed above your mailing address. Locate this number anywhere in this issue and win the $25 prize. To claim your prize, please call 225-262-3072.
DEMCO offers scholarships to area students

One-year scholarships to students attending a Louisiana public college or university will be awarded in a random drawing highlighting DEMCO’s annual membership meeting on May 14, 2016.

According to David Latona, Manager of Member and Public Relations, several scholarships will be awarded. “We will determine the number of scholarships awarded after the random drawing. How many students receive assistance will depend on whether the winners receive assistance through Louisiana’s TOPS program,” he said.

The scholarships awarded by DEMCO provide full academic tuition to a Louisiana public college or university for both the fall and spring semesters of the academic year provided the student is not enrolled in the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) program. Students eligible for the TOPS award or other scholarship assistance receive a $1,000 cash award to be used by the student as needed.

DEMCO is allowed to use unclaimed deposits, refunds and other monies owed to former members to provide funding for the scholarship program. Complete eligibility requirements are listed below.

2016 Scholarship eligibility requirements

1. Applicant must be a DEMCO member, child or the legal ward of a DEMCO member who has been a member in good standing for at least 12 consecutive months as of the application deadline, May 6, 2016. Only one scholarship will be awarded per family per academic year.

2. A student can receive the DEMCO scholarship one time. It is not renewable.

3. The scholarship money can be used by an undergraduate student to attend, on a full-time basis, any Louisiana PUBLIC university. The scholarship will not be awarded to a student attending a private university or vocational/trade school of any kind.

4. A first-time college student applying for the DEMCO scholarship must: a) have graduated from high school with at least a B average (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale), or the equivalent; or, b) have graduated from high school and received a minimum ACT score of 21. High school applicants must be seniors.

5. An undergraduate college student seeking the scholarship must have achieved a minimum of 2.5 (on a 4.0 GPA scale) on all prior college work.

6. A scholarship application must be completed and returned to DEMCO.

7. Scholarship recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at the annual meeting of the DEMCO membership.

8. The scholarship recipients will be required to provide DEMCO with an official transcript verifying his/her eligibility within 10 days after the drawing.

9. The scholarship funds will be paid to the recipients at the beginning of each semester (or quarter) upon presentation of an official receipt for the payment of full-time undergraduate tuition (see No. 10 below). To receive the second semester (or quarter) payment, the student must provide evidence that he/she successfully completed at least 12 semester hours (or 9 quarter hours) and that he/she maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

10. The scholarship provides full tuition to students who DO NOT participate in Louisiana’s TOPS program or receive other scholarship assistance. Students who participate in Louisiana’s TOPS program, or receive other scholarship assistance, receive a limited scholarship award of $1,000 per semester.

11. Members of the DEMCO Board, employees of DEMCO (including part time employees, students, and temporary employees) and children of the Board of Directors and employees are not eligible for this scholarship.

Application for Scholarship Program

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Meeting of February 18, 2016
The board of directors of DEMCO held its regular meeting Thursday, February 18, 2016. Board President Richard Sitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board then approved the minutes of the previous meetings, new member list, Treasurer’s Report and Operations Committee report as written. The board then approved a resolution to authorize management to approve Amendment #12 to install an additional transformer at the Dyer Road Substation.

From the Purchasing Committee Randy Lorio, committee chairman, presented the report. Next the board resolved to approve the following: Chain Electric, Inc. for the Sela Gardens 1st and 3rd Filings Underground; purchase and install a 69-13.2kV, 20 MVA transformer (includes delivery) from Transformer Network, Inc. (pending satisfactory testing) presently scheduled for the Dyer Road substation; and to purchase radio equipment approved in the 2016 Capital Budget, Section D, Communication Equipment from Sepura/Power Trunk.

From the Finance Committee report Steve Irving, committee chairman, reviewed the Interest, Fuel Cost Adjustment and Financial Summary reports. The board approved a resolution reclassifying those accounts disconnected in October 2015 as uncollectible. The board then approved the 2016 Operations and Capital Budgets as submitted by management.

Danny Berthelot gave the ALEC report with no action taken.

Leslie Falks presented the Dixie Business Center and DEMCO Foundation reports with no action taken.

John Vranic presented the Manager’s report with no action taken.

Jim Ellis presented the Attorney’s report with no action taken.

Meeting of March 17, 2016
The board of directors of DEMCO held its regular meeting Thursday, March 17, 2016. Board President Richard Sitman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board then approved the minutes of the previous meetings, new member list, Treasurer’s Report and Operations Committee report as written. The board then resolved to reaffirm DEMCO Board Policy 308 Safety. The board then approved a resolution adopting policy per CFR 1730, subpart c – interconnection of distributed resources.

From the Purchasing Committee report Randy Lorio, committee chairman, presented bids received. Next the board approved the following purchases: Ellis Electric Company for the Twin Lakes Estates 3rd Filing Underground and Oak Hills 6th Filing Underground; and Deep South Communications for the Clinton Communication Tower.

From the Finance Committee report Steve Irving, committee chairman, reviewed the Interest, Fuel Cost Adjustment and Financial Summary reports. The board approved a resolution reclassifying those accounts disconnected in November 2015 as uncollectible.

The board then resolved to appoint Mr. Ricky Blackwell (Board District 3, East Baton Rouge Parish); Mr. Dennis Devall (Board District 6, East Feliciana Parish); Mr. Rocky Brown (Board District 9, Livingston Parish); Mr. Earl Cook (Board District 12, Tangipahoa Parish); and Mr. Dave Gallent (Board District 13, West Feliciana Parish) to serve as the Nominating Committee in the 2016 DEMCO Annual Membership Meeting and Election Process.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month:
Earth Day is April 22. Give back to the environment by planting a deciduous tree near your home. Deciduous trees lose their leaves during the fall, allowing sunlight to warm your home. The extra shade during summer months will keep your home cooler and give your AC a much needed break.
Saving Money with Coupons

Have you noticed that different companies make the same product? In other words, lots of companies make bread, ice cream, toy cars, pet food, etc.

This gives you a choice when you go shopping. But how do you decide which company’s products to choose?

Sometimes companies offer incentives or special deals to encourage you to choose their product over another company’s product.

A common incentive is to offer a lower price, or a coupon for a special price on a product.

How much can you save?

Look at the price of each item, then the savings each coupon offers. Write down what you would pay for each item with the savings from its coupon.

Ketchup regular price: $4.75
With coupon you pay: $______

Popcorn regular price: $5.75
With coupon you pay: $______

Toothpaste regular price: $4.25
With coupon you pay: $______

Dog food regular price: $2.50
With coupon you pay: $______

Ice cream regular price: $3.00
With coupon you pay: $______

It this was a real shopping trip and you used all of the coupons, how much would you have spent?

How much would you have saved?

Let’s Talk!

Why do coupons have expiration dates? Discuss this with a parent.

Extra! Extra!

Newspaper Search for the Best Deal

Your newspaper is a great place to start shopping for good deals. Read the ads and compare the prices before you go to the store.

Find a product that is advertised in the newspaper. List the different prices that you can pay.

Which do you think is the best price? Why?

Extra! Extra!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What’s the real deal?
Circle the coupon that offers the best buy on each product.

Kid Scoop Together:

Funny Filler

Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

Super Saver

Roger is a collector of

ADJECTIVE______

PLURAL NOUN______

As you can imagine, such a collection is

ADJECTIVE______

To save money, Roger always looks for the best

NOUN______

when shopping. He’ll often compare

PLURAL NOUN______

between products to see which one is a

PLURAL NOUN______

At the grocery store, he doesn’t just

just_____his basket with

verb______

Instead, he writes a

a_____

and brings it with him. He clips

PLURAL NOUN______

out of the newspaper to save

PLURAL NOUN______

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PLURAL NOUN______

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PLURAL NOUN______

in bulk. He will give them to his friends and family if he has extras. He saves a lot of

money by choosing

ADJECTIVE______

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“Thanks to the money I’ve saved

verb______

with the newspaper, I am about to start a new collection of

verb______

” says Roger.

The trip to the book store was an

incentive______

to get

John to complete his

assignment.

Try to use the word

incentive______
in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.
We average your yearly energy bill, and you pay approximately the same amount each month. Sign up at demco.org today.

Levelize your bill & balance your budget.

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