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## Desirae Sarver and Rebeca Roberson Return from Kiwash Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Trip

Desirae Sarver of Sentinel and Rebeca Roberson of Corn Bible Academy recently returned home following an eventful, fun-packed week in Washington D.C. Desirae, the daughter of Richard and Pam Sarver of Sentinel and Rebeca, the daughter of Mark and Carol Roberson of Miami, Texas were the winners of the 2006 Kiwash Electric Cooperative "Youth Tour Contest."



The 43rd Annual Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour began June 9 with a "Get Acquainted Banquet" in Oklahoma City. The 61 young winners, representing twenty six of the state's rural electric systems, departed for the nation's capital the following morning.

"In my opinion, the most exciting part of the trip was the cruise on the Potomac River, the tour of Camden Yard, and the sunset parade. I also made some wonderful new friends. "Other highlights of the trip were the Smithsonian Museum, The Pentagon, and the Library of Congress," according to Desirae.

Rebeca states, "In my opinion, the most exciting part of the trip was touring the Smithsonian Museums as well as seeing the histories of flight and space travel, and American Indians. "Other highlights of the trip were visiting Old Alexandria, seeing the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and seeing the

Danish Ambassador and his wife according to Rebeca.

In addition to seeing all the historical monuments and taking photos of the White House, the young Oklahoma winners toured the Library of Congress, The U.S. Capitol, The U.S. Holocaust Museum, National Cathedral, Mount Vernon and enjoyed a riverboat cruise of the Potomac River. The group also hosted a Congressional Breakfast for the Oklahoma Delegation, aides and guests, assisted by Congressman Lucas and his staff. While traveling through Baltimore, the group toured Camden Yard, home of the Baltimore Orioles. On June 12th, the young Oklahomans met with more than 1,425 other Youth Tour winners from across the nation at a dinner-dance hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The tour is coordinated each year by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.



## Manager's Monologue



# Government Obsolescence

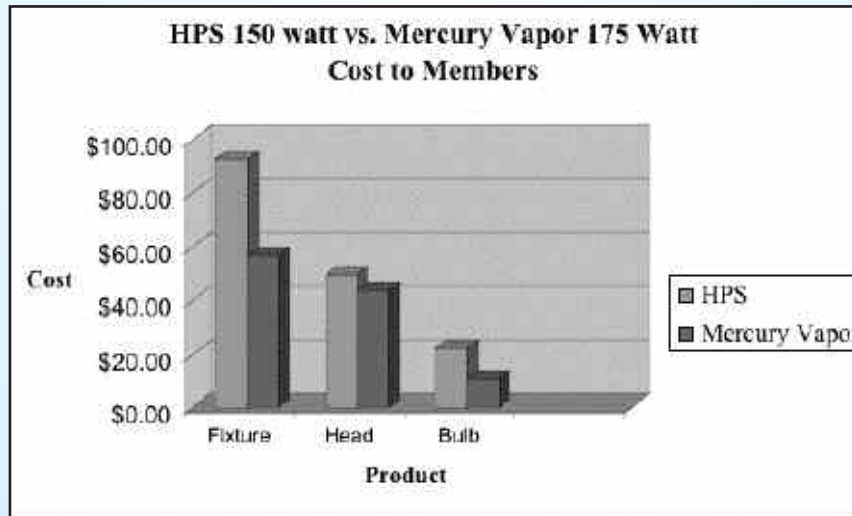
A good thing is coming to an end this fall at Kiwash. It appears that the Federal Government knows best and because of it the old standby mercury vapor security lights will no longer be available. Mercury vapor lights have fallen out of grace and we are being forced to other products for our security light program.

The Energy Policy Act (EPAAct 2005) signed into law August 8, 2005, by President Bush. Section 135 of the Act, "Energy conservation standards for additional products," has a detrimental impact on people utilizing mercury vapor lights. New standards for light ballast efficiency have been set in EPAAct 2005. Effective January 1, 2008, no mercury vapor (MV) lamp ballasts can be manufactured or imported. The government has made the decision to eliminate products containing mercury due to environmental effects of mercury.

What does this mean for users of MV lights? No more MV fixtures can be purchased or installed. Additionally, as existing MV lights fail, these fixtures must be replaced. Kiwash Electric has chosen to quit stocking the MV lights and begin using high pressure sodium (HPS) lights and its components.

There are other alternatives than HPS, such as metal halide and hallogen. The cost of metal halide is twice the cost of HPS, while hallogen lighting is extremely sensitive to touch and the light cannot be directed like that of HPS. HPS lighting was chosen because we feel it was the best economical choice that will serve the needs of Kiwash Electric Cooperative members.

The HPS lights are not compatible with the MV light fixture. This means that once your current mercury vapor light fails, the purchase of the HPS lighting fixture will be required. The price of the HPS lighting system is higher than that of the mercury vapor. The chart below compares the prices of the existing mercury vapor lighting to the new HPS lighting.



The entire conversion will cost about \$95.00 today, if the prices remain constant. Thereafter you will just need to purchase replacement parts just as you do now with the mercury vapor lights.

Kiwash Electric Cooperative has made a commitment to our members that we will provide the best service and make the most economical product decisions that will benefit our members. Kiwash Electric Cooperative will repair and/or replace any existing mercury vapor lights that are owned by Kiwash Electric Cooperative members until the current stock of mercury vapor lights is exhausted. Each member-owner must decide for themselves if and when to replace their mercury vapor light and we will still offer our \$25.00 rebate for first time installations, not for replacement.



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## Back to School Organization

**From a relaxing summer with no definite schedule to tight schedules - often the whole back to school experience becomes a juggling act for both kids and parents. Here are some preventative medicine and time saving tips that may help you avoid hearing "Mom, where is my homework?"**

### 1. Marked the Stuff!

Put your child's name on the back of everything...most of you probably figured this one out and already mark the backpack, books & jackets.

### 2. Notes from Home

Before the school year starts, pre-mark envelopes with your child's name and grade on it. You may want to get a rubber stamp made up or order personalized address labels. You can use them for lunch money envelopes, identifying books, returning fieldtrip permission slip's, etc.

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## Chicken and Asparagus Kabobs



### Dipping Sauce

2 cups mayonnaise  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
1/2 teaspoon white pepper

### KABOBS

1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot  
1-1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces  
  
1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a bowl, combine the sauce ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 2-4 hours. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the soy sauce, brown sugar, water, sesame oil, pepper flakes and ginger. Add the chicken; seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate for 2 hours, turning occasionally.

Drain and discard marinade. In a bowl, toss the asparagus with olive oil and salt. On six metal or soaked wooden skewers, alternately thread one chicken piece and two asparagus pieces. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 4-5 minutes on each side or until chicken juices run clear and asparagus is crisp-tender. Serve with dipping sauce. **Yield:** 6 servings.

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### 3. Magnetic Fridge Calendar

As the kids bring home a note about an event, transfer the information to a Fridge Calendar where everyone in the household can see planned activities and that is easy to write-on/wipe-off. Calendars should be made entirely of flexible magnetic material so it won't slide off when the kids slam the fridge door!

### 4. Pre-Pick Daily Clothes

90% of school morning battles take place regarding what to wear. Laying out clothes the night before helps, but if that hasn't solved your problem try this idea. Buy a 5 compartment sweater hanger for the closet and help your child choose the wardrobe for the whole week, even socks and underwear. This task could be accomplished on Sunday Afternoon. Ok Moms, that creates your deadline for getting the laundry all caught up!

### 5. File System for School Papers

In preparing for the multitude of papers your kids will be bringing home, keep a three tiered wire basket by their bedroom door, or your kitchen counter. Teach your kids basic organizational skills by having them sort through their own backpacks and put papers that need "To Be Signed" by mom in the top basket, Another basket is for "Important Stuff Mom Needs" (PTA info., fund-raisers, school policies, etc.) and a basket for "Art & Awards" to be used as scrapbooking ideas and keepers.

### 6. Get Your House Organized!

Get the house in order before school starts. A Sunday Night deadline for kid's rooms to be in order is a good way to start the week.

**Good Luck and Have a Safe and Fun School Year!**

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August 16 – 19 – Washita County Free Fair

August 18-19 – Weatherford No Tax Weekend

August 24 – SWOSU Organizational Fair

August 25-26 – Weatherford City Wide Garage Sale

September 7-10 - Kiowa County Free Fair – Fairgrounds in Hobart Contact: Kent Orrell or Amy at 580/726-5643

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