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## AREA NEWS BRIEFS

**Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Move clocks back an hour for that extra hour of sleep.**

**November 11 Veterans Day Pay tribute to American veterans, both living and dead, who served their country honorably.**

**November 26 Thanksgiving Express gratitude through prayer for life's blessings.**

**November 26-27 AEC Offices will be closed so employees may spend time with their families.**

**COLDER WEATHER IS IN THE FORECAST. TIME TO GET YOUR HEATING SYSTEM CHECKED. CALL AEC SERVICES, INC. (580) 596-3333 or 1-800-853-4969**



Students from Cimarron, Waynoka, and Pond Creek-Hunter schools enjoy learning how to be safe around electricity through AEC's Safety Smart Program.

## Safety smart students

By Robyn Turney

Alfalfa Electric Cooperative's Safety Smart Program is educating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in its service area on the dangers of electricity. Kevin Lingemann, Assistant Director of Operations; Clint Ream, Staking Technician; and Robyn Turney, Communications Specialist, traveled to 16 schools with the program during the month of September.

The students began the instruction time by sharing the many ways to use electricity. Then in a video, Louie the Lightning Bug taught the students several ways to avoid the dangers of electricity. After a discussion about what the students had learned from Louie, Kevin demonstrated some of these hazards with a live presentation of electricity. Students saw firsthand the

results when electricity and water mix. They learned when and how to exit a vehicle that has come in contact with electricity. The students were reminded that climbing trees and flying kites are only safe far away from power lines. The smell and the sight of a burnt hot dog reminded the students how important it is to be safe around electricity.

Each student received an AEC Safety Smart bracelet, which glowed in the dark. "Play it safe" Louie the Lightning Bug stickers and an activity book were also given to the classes to help remind them to stay safe.

AEC's goal is not to make students afraid of electricity, but to insure they respect electricity. AEC wants all students to grow up smart – and safe.

## ALTERNATING CURRENTS...

**Douglas Conrady**  
Engineering Technician



The title of Engineering Technician is a bit deceiving when it comes to the daily tasks that Douglas has been responsible for at Alfalfa Electric for 18 years. While mapping and metering consumes most of his day, Douglas can be seen helping fellow employees with tech problems. Being a computer geek, he enjoys working with the latest technology that becomes available. His responsibilities require him to work with almost every employee at AEC. He finds this one of the favorite aspects of his job.

Douglas was born in Wakita, Oklahoma, where he currently lives with his wife Wendi and son Thomas.

Douglas enjoys collecting John Deer antiques-mostly toy tractors. Few people know that Douglas is a professional model builder. He has sent model cruisers to Japan, the Pentagon, and the Ballistic Missile Defense School. He is also the State Director of Oklahoma and New Mexico for Bugles across America, an organization of volunteers that play "Taps" at the funerals of American veterans.

Douglas was honored to take his Grandpa Webster to Washington, D.C., on an Honor Flight with 150 other veterans. He honored the veterans by playing "Taps" at the Marine's Memorial and the World War II Memorial.

Douglas would like to travel to Europe to tour the battlefields and other historical sites. Until then, Douglas will stay busy at AEC and at home with his family and hobbies.

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