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2009 Youth Tour winners

Lottie Hageman and Briana Schultz are the winners of Pioneer's annual Washington, D.C. Youth Tour competition. They will be joined by other students from cooperatives across Ohio to tour our nation's capital for a week in June. The annual trip is coordinated by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Lottie and Briana were selected in a process that included submission of an application, letters of recommendation and completion of a brief worksheet on cooperative philosophy and history.

Lottie is the daughter of Ernie and Mary Lou Hageman. She is a junior at Miami East High School. Lottie expressed interest in the Youth Tour program since she wanted an opportunity to see the country's capital. She also considered it to be a trip she'd never forget and during the application process was pleased to learn more about Pioneer Electric. Lottie is an active student participating on the basketball and track teams. A member of the National Honor Society, she's also been named to the Principal's List for her academic performance. Some of her other activities include Milton Union Footprints 4-H club, Miami County Junior Board, Girl Scouts, AAU basketball and the Fletcher United Methodist Church youth group.

Briana is a junior at Tippecanoe High School and is the daughter of Dan and Lori Schultz. She is involved in several school activities such as Student Senate, National Honor Society, Muse Machine and the Ohio Energy Project. She also is a member of the Tippecanoe volleyball and softball teams. Briana viewed this opportunity as a once-in-a-lifetime experience which will help her grow into a stronger leader.

Pioneer is proud to sponsor both girls to participate in the Youth Tour Program. If you would like to learn more, visit our Web site at www.pioneerec.com. Congratulations to this year's winners!



Home Fitness Seminar

6:30 - 9 p.m.

April 8 — Piqua Office

OR

April 22 — Urbana Office



Getting your home into shape for energy savings!

Pioneer invites you to attend an evening workshop. Some of the area's experts will present various important topics, such as:

- Energy Efficiency with Pioneer's Energy Advisor
- Proper Insulation Practices
- HVAC Information
- Touchstone Energy HomeSM Program
- Financing options.

**Seating is limited
\$5 charge per person**

**(Please pay prior to event to reserve your seat.)
Refreshments and literature provided**

*To reserve your seat, call the Pioneer office
at 1-800-762-0997
and ask for Ted or Meghan.*

6:30 - 6:35 **Introduction**

6:35 - 7:00 **Finance** *Preparing for a mortgage or home equity line of credit*

7:00 - 7:25 **Energy Advisor** *What an Energy Advisor can do for you!*

7:25 - 7:50 **Insulation** *Learn how to keep the heat where it belongs!*

7:50 - 8:00 **Break**

8:00 - 8:25 **Heating/Cooling** *Choosing a quality HVAC contractor*

8:25 - 8:50 **Efficient Home** *Learn about the Touchstone Energy HomeSM Program*

8:50 - 9:00 **Conclusion**

Just a reminder...April 4

9 to 11:45 a.m.

Pioneer Electric Piqua Office

- \$10 bill credit per membership to those attending
- Hear first-hand updates from your cooperative's leaders and get election results
- Free refreshments and door prizes

Door prizes

1st \$500 Energy Star appliance/electronics credit and energy efficiency kit

2nd Air purifier and energy efficiency kit (\$200 value)

3rd Lowe's \$100 gift card and energy efficiency kit



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Co-ops and Congress: Working together for our energy future

America has an energy crisis too big to ignore. Experts warn that unless we make more electricity available soon, some regions of the country may face power shortages within the next *two years*.

And because of a number of economic and political factors, electric costs have climbed 40 percent since 2002 and are projected to go even higher.

We need an answer right now to keep electric bills affordable.

During the past year, consumers like you have joined the "Our Energy, Our Future"™ grassroots awareness campaign to educate elected officials on the need to craft energy policies that will support a diverse mix of power generation while keeping energy affordable. More than 1.56 million messages have been sent to Congress through the campaign, asking three simple questions:

- How will Congress help us meet the rising future demand for electricity?
- How will Congress support the development of technology needed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions?
- How will Congress make sure electricity remains affordable?

Today we're continuing our efforts with one key question: Is Congress willing to work with electric cooperatives like *Pioneer Electric* to ensure we have reliable power at a price our consumers can afford?

It's a simple question, one that can be answered with a resounding

"Yes!" or "No." The answer is critical to our future.

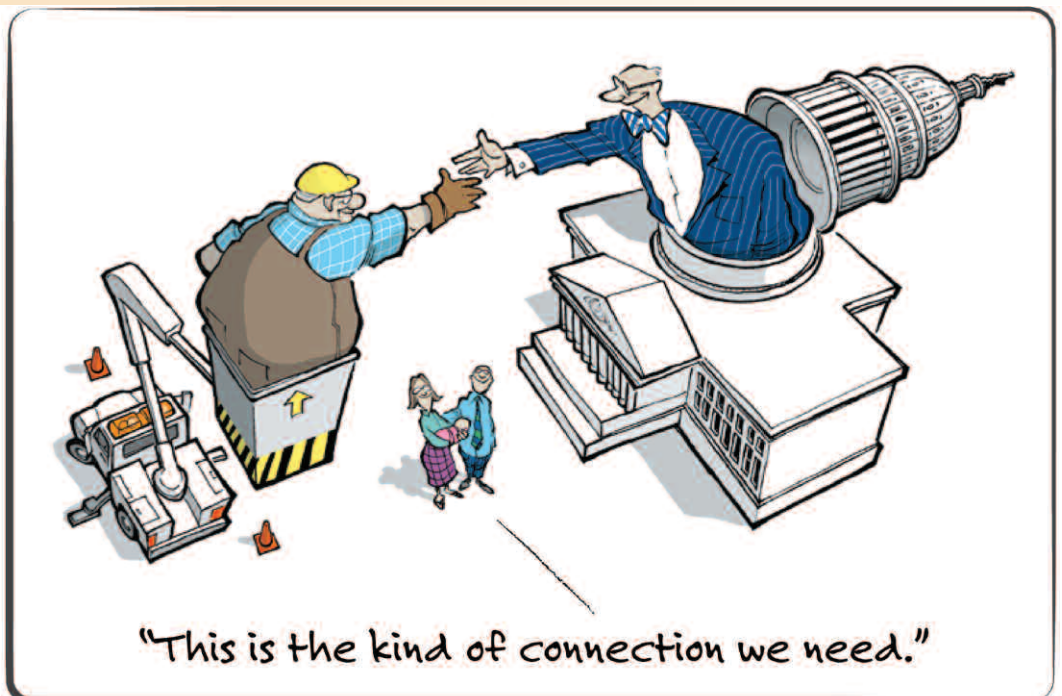
Ask your U.S. representative and senators if they will work with electric cooperatives to develop policies that will keep electricity affordable. Co-ops were created to make safe, reliable and affordable electricity available for all Americans. We take our role seriously, and have resources in place to help lawmakers find ways to address our nation's energy

crisis without causing costs to rise beyond your means. We can find the right solution together.

Let Congress know where you stand in this critical debate. We thank those of you who already have started a dialogue with your elected officials through the campaign, and ask that you keep that conversation going. Visit www.ourenergy.coop today, and tell your family and friends to do the same. We'll all be impacted by future energy policy changes; now is the time to work together and take a stand for affordability. We simply can't afford not to.



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"This is the kind of connection we need."