

# Co-op Comments

## The Old West brought back to life

The days of the Old West, where outlaws' rode into town on horseback with their guns drawn and shooting in the air are long gone. However, for Orvel Robinson, the Old West continues to live on outside of Bray, Oklahoma.

On his family's property outside of Bray, Robinson built an Old West town. The town helps showcase what it was like in the 1870s.

Robinson a former mayor of Marlow, Okla. became interested in the history of the Old West and Oklahoma during his tenure. As his interest grew, he formed the Snake River Gang and they started performing in old west shows and reenactments throughout the state. The popularity of his old west shows grew to include additional musical entertainment.

Robinson grew up singing and performing, allowing him to work with up and coming country music artists teaching them about performing and stage presence including Katrina Elam. As Elam's popularity and talent blossomed so did their

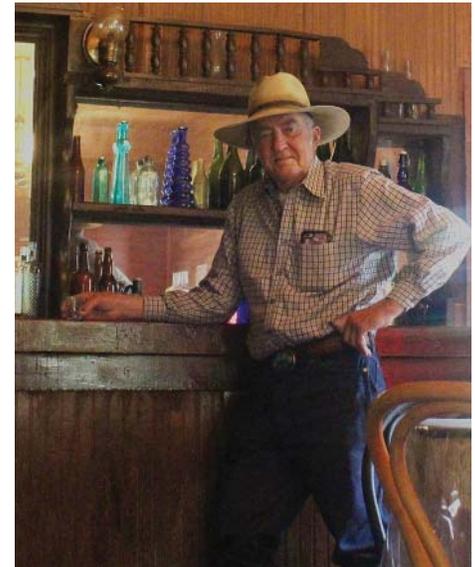
friendship. Once Elam reached the point of singing in larger settings and performing in the movie Pure Country 2, she needed a place for her fan club to meet.

Robinson whose love of the Old West hadn't changed, decided to build an Old West town so Elam's fan club would have a place to meet.

"It took me about ten years with the help of another guy to build the town," Robinson said. "It started with the café but we needed more room, so we added the general store."

During the ten years, the town was built to include a hotel, jail, church, blacksmith's shop, telegram office, bank and a saloon. There is a musical theater built behind the front elevation of the bank and telegram office. The saloon on the property is the original Blue Goose Saloon from the Chisholm Trail in 1869 and was then moved to the Oklahoma Indian territory line in 1902.

"I knew about the Blue Goose Saloon from my days as mayor," Robinson adds. "Many people thought it was lost because



*Orvel Robinson standing inside the Blue Goose Saloon.*

after it had moved west of Rush Springs, no one knew what happened to it. I received a phone call one day from a man asking if I wanted it. I was thrilled to go see it and the possibility of having it."

The saloon was all intact inside a warehouse. Robinson took pictures of the structure and moved it to his property and had it rebuilt.

Today the property is used as a meeting spot for group events, a place for school field trips for students to learn about the Old West and the early days of Oklahoma's history, a movie set and a place for family gatherings.

While the Old West is a distant memory, it will always live on at Snake River Junction.



# Look out for scams



Unfortunately, in today's world, scams are inevitable. Scammers can threaten you with everything from legal action involving the IRS to turning off electricity to your home.

Utility scams often involve an individual or group posing as an employee of your electric cooperative. The scammer may use threatening language in order to frighten you into offering your credit card or bank account information. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

Understand the threats posed and your best course of action:



- If someone calls your home or cell phone demanding you pay your electric bill immediately, gather as much information as you can from the individual, hang-up the phone and contact the local authorities. Scammers often use threats and urgency to pressure you into giving them your bank account number or loading a pre-paid credit or debit card (such as a Green Dot card). Rural Electric will never ask you to offer up personal finance information over the phone. If you have any doubts about your utility bill, contact our office either in person, or over the phone at 405-756-3104 or 1-800-259-3504.

- If someone comes to your home claiming to be an employee of REC needing to collect money or inspect parts of your property, ask for their employee ID and call the office to verify they are, in fact, an employee. If they are not, call local authorities for assistance and do not let the individual into your home.

There are other types of scams consumers should watch out for:

- Government agencies like the IRS will never call to inform you of unpaid taxes or other liens against you. You will always receive this type of information in the mail. If someone calls claiming to be the IRS, hang-up immediately.

- If you receive an email from an unknown sender; an email riddled with spelling errors and typos; or an email threatening action unless a sum of money is paid, do not click any links provided within the email, and do not respond to the email. Simply delete the email, or send it to your spam folder.

- If someone calls your home claiming to have discovered a virus on your computer, hang-up. This caller's intent is to access personal information you may be keeping on your computer.

Rural Electric wants to make sure you avoid any and all types of scams that could put you or your financial information in jeopardy. If you have a question about Rural Electric please call us first.



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## REC's Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet in June

The 2018 Nominating Committee will meet in June to select candidates for Rural Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees. As defined in the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee selects at least three members—one from each district—as candidates for the Board of Trustees. 1677300

The Nominating Committee consists of nine members - three members from each of REC's three board districts. A minimum of one representative from each district must be in attendance at the meeting to constitute a quorum and conduct business.

Guidelines for nominations and election of Trustees are contained in Article Three (3), Section Seven (7) of REC's Bylaws. Copies of Bylaws are available upon request at REC's headquarters.

Candidates for the Board of Trustees are voted on at REC's 79th Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. The meeting will be held in REC's Multi Purpose Center located north of Lindsay on State Highway 76.

Additional nominations may be submitted by petition with any 50 or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, in writing over their signatures. Any such nomination shall list the candidate's name with necessary signatures and be filed with the Cooperative at least 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

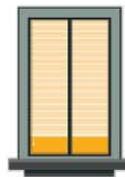
A list of candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee and by petition shall be filed in the office of the Cooperative and posted at the main entrance of the Cooperative's headquarters in Lindsay, Oklahoma at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

## Frequently Asked Questions of REC

- Q:** *Why is it important for me to have my map number or meter number during an outage, instead of my physical address?*
- A:** *REC uses a specific mapping system designed to pinpoint the location of our services. REC is not responsible for assigning addresses and many of our addresses on file may not be up to date, also many times in rural communities there are more than one meter located at one address.*
- Q:** *Are there any programs to help me with my delinquent statement?*
- A:** *REC billing offices does not offer any programs to alleviate delinquency, however local DHS numbers are listed on the back of our statements for reference. Local churches, Native American tribes, Salvation Army and community alliances also have programs dedicated to helping delinquent members.*

## Summer Energy-Saving Tips

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer electric bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy efficiency tips!



### NO-COST TIPS

Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home. Set it to a higher temperature when you're away.



Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room.



### LOW-COST TIPS

Plant trees and shrubs to shade the exterior of your home.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lighting to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, low maintenance and provide free electricity.

## Classified Advertisement

### MISCELLANEOUS –

**FOR SALE:** Two beautiful formal Prom dresses. One is turquoise with sequins, Precious Formal brand, size 3-4; one is royal blue with ruffles, Jump Apparel brand, size 3-4. PH: 405-756-4277.

**FOR SALE:** Murray riding mower, 46" twin cut, automatic – cheap; Honda 4-wheeler w/mud tires. PH: 405-351-0878.  
**FOR SALE:** Invacare Tracer LT wheel chair, excellent condition; lift chair, good condition; Honda, easy start, HR-214 push mower w/bagger, needs work; Ultra Pro, 16-gallon shop vac. PH: 405-351-0878.

### PETS & LIVESTOCK –

**FOR SALE:** A dozen Nigerian mixed goats, bucks and does. Bucks can be banded if needed. Will be available on June 19th. PH: 405-224-4962.

**FOR SALE:** Two Dexter bulls, 8 months old; one young Dexter cow, all for \$1,000 or will separate. Can send pictures. Call or text: PH: 405-320-0028.

### REAL ESTATE –

**FOR SALE:** 160 acres northeast of Lindsay. PH: 405 756 5757.

## Account number worth \$10 bill credit

Locate your account number in an article of this issue; it will be good for a \$10 credit on your electric bill. To claim the prize, you must locate the account number - if the number is yours, contact REC by the 10th of the month and we will credit your account. Only the member assigned that number is eligible for the prize. If you don't know your account number, it can be located on your electric bill.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Learn more at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)

### RECREATIONAL –

**FOR SALE:** 2015 Jayco Jay Flight 19RD travel trailer, excellent condition, \$9,000. PH: 580-788-2329 or 405-640-5686.

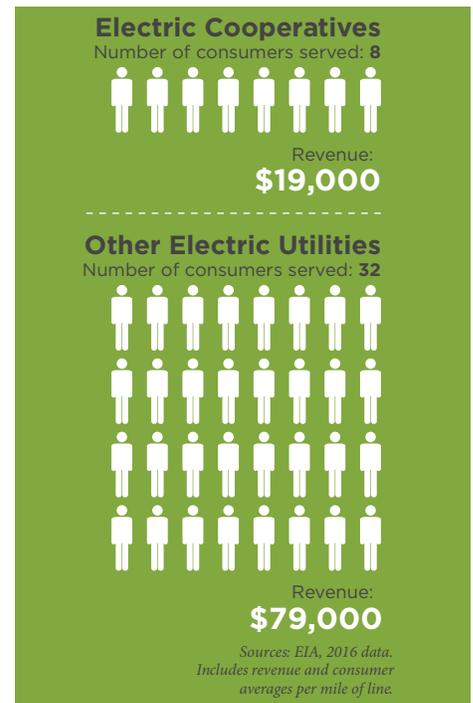
### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT – Annual Hughes School Alumni Associa-

## Going the Extra Mile

Did you know electric cooperatives maintain more miles of power lines per consumer and acquire less revenue than other types of utilities?

Even though they serve fewer consumers and acquire less revenue (per mile of line), electric co-ops always go the extra mile, maintaining a tried-and-true record of delivering safe, reliable electric service to the members they serve.

**tion Reunion** is set for June 23, 2018 at REC's Multi-Purpose Center, Highway 76 North in Lindsay. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Judy Holden at 405-756-4524 by June 10th.



## Local Co-op Connection Card Deals

**Backroads Boutique, Lindsay** - 5% off everything excluding special order and sale items  
**Best Western, Chickasha** - 15% Off Regular Room Rate  
**Blue Moose Outdoor**  
**Portable Rentals, Elmore City** - 5% Off Septic Tank Pumping, Tent Rental and Special Event Toilet Rentals  
**Chickasha Diesel Services, Chickasha** - \$50 off any big diesel oil change  
**Edwards Canvas, Pauls Valley** - 5% Off



**Jenny's Pics Photography, Lindsay** - 10% Off \$50 or More Purchase of Pictures  
**Lindsay Tire and Lube, Lindsay** - \$5 Off Any Full Service Oil Change  
**M & M Furniture, Chickasha** - 10% Off Any Purchase  
**Mazzio's Italian Eatery, Purcell** - 10% Off Purchase  
**Photos by Ginger, Pauls Valley** - 1 Free 8x10 Print With First Order of \$25  
**4 Seat Saddles, Boots and Hats** - 10% Off \$100 or More, or 5% Off Repairs  
**Western Fuel Co., Maysville** - 2 Cents Off Per Gallon of Propane on a Minimum of 125 Gallons. Cash Sales Only. (No Other Discounts Allowed)

**Pharmacy Discounts** - Check out the discounts available using your Co-op Connections Card at participating pharmacies throughout our area. For a complete list of pharmacies, visit REC's website to see if your pharmacy is offering discounts to Co-op Connections Card holders.