

# Co-op Comments

November 2016

## REC 77th Annual Meeting

### Members gathered to hear how the Cooperative operated in 2015

REC members gathered at REC's Multi Purpose Center for the 77th Annual Meeting. Beautiful fall weather brought 411 members together for a free health fair, entertainment and a review of the operation of the Cooperative.

Many members visited the free health fair conducted by the Lindsay Municipal Hospital, South Central Medical Resource Center, the Lindsay Emergency Medical Services and Physical Therapy Central. Others enjoyed breakfast provided by the local Kiwanis Club while many others made their way inside to listen to bluegrass band Choctaw Line from Oklahoma City, Okla. Choctaw Line's key members include Joe Kahlden, Adam Davis, Samuel Grounds and Rebecca Herrod. These four members met at different festivals and jams and eventually got their start at the

2015 Guthrie Bluegrass Festival. Since then they have played at places around Oklahoma including: The Rodeo Opry, the Rose Rock Festival, the Festival of Freedom, the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival, and Rose State College.

As the members made their way inside, many stopped at the different booths and learned more about what the Co-op is doing and what it offers.

The business portion of the meeting began as REC Board of Trustees President Gary Jones recapped some of the activities of 2015. 743602

Next, Chief Executive Officer Dale Nye covered the financials and reported the Cooperative was doing well. He reported on sales, revenues, equity and the costs associated with providing power to members for the year 2015. Lineman Jason Brown

then spoke about bringing electricity to two rural villages in Bolivia.

REC members approved the re-election of three Board of Trustees members during the registration process. Re-elected for a three-year term were: Gary Jones, District One, Office One; Terri Hays, District Two, Office One and Randy Griswold, District Three, Office One.

Throughout the meeting over 120 gifts were won by those in attendance. In addition to the regular prizes given away, seventy-five \$75 gift certificates were given away. The grand prize winners of the two \$750 gift certificates for electricity were Vernon Adams of Elmore City and Barbara Slay of Lindsay. The two children's grand prize winners were Kylee Kroutzo from Rush Springs and Noah Pharaoh from Duncan.



# Let your voice be heard this November



Low voter turnout has been a topic of conversation for the last several election cycles. Since the 1960s, voter turnout during presidential elections has seen a steady decline – with the occasional uptick here and there. In the 2016 primary election cycle, voter turnout in most states was only 21 to 30 percent, and this was a record year for primary voter turnout. In Oklahoma, we saw a voter turnout percentage of 19 percent during the primary election. Moreover, during the 2014 general election in Oklahoma only 41 percent voted which is the lowest since 1978.

Some speculate the reason for the decline is because the average American is not as engaged in politics as they have been in the past. And who can blame us

really? Often times, we may feel like candidates are not speaking to the issues we care about. Or perhaps we don't feel like we understand enough about the candidates' stances on the issues, or even the issues themselves. But we can change this.

Here at Rural Electric, we want to see civic engagement in our rural communities increase. We want to give you what you need to make informed decisions about candidates at all levels of government, not just the presidential race. We want you to know more about the issues impacting our local communities.

America's electric cooperatives are doing their part by informing co-op staff and members through Co-ops Vote, a non-partisan campaign with one simple goal: increase voter turnout at the polls this November. By visiting [vote.coop](http://vote.coop), you can learn about your candidates, access voter registration information and more.

The future of rural economies depends on their ability to keep up with today's global economy, which is why access to broadband internet is a key topic of discussion this election season. Just 55 percent of rural Americans have broadband at home. Quick access to information is crucial in finding a job, getting a better education and even gathering the information needed to make major health decisions. But there is a barrier: expensive costs.

With the right state and federal policies, broadband technology can become available to all rural Americans, allowing families and businesses to communicate in new and faster ways.

Electric cooperatives are already committed to providing affordable electricity to our communities, so helping provide affordable broadband access is a natural next step.

We encourage you to visit [vote.coop](http://vote.coop) and take the pledge to learn more about the issues that impact us locally. Let's work together to improve our communities by increasing voter turnout and changing our country, one vote at a time.

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# Annual Meeting



## Classified Advertisement

### REAL ESTATE –

**FOR RENT:** Small rental houses available. PH: 405-756-6055.

### PETS & LIVESTOCK –

**FOR SALE:** Registered Angus bull, top bloodlines, gentle disposition, ready to work. PH: 405-756-3377.

**FOR SALE:** Registered Brangus bulls. 18 months old, Al Sired, fertility tested and ready for cows. Complete EPD and performance data available. Priced individually, starting at \$3,000. PH: 405-867-1421 or 405-207-6921.

### FARM EQUIPMENT –

**FOR SALE:** 10-12' disk, used, in good shape. PH: 580-788-4650.

### RECREATIONAL –

**FOR SALE:** Fifth-wheel camper, 2011 Keystone Avalanche M-290RL. Well maintained, smoke-free, three slides, luxury interior with usual comfort features, \$32,900. PH: 405-331-9808.

**FOR SALE:** 2006 Forest River-Wildcat 28' fifth-wheel. Rear kitchen, LR slide-out, well kept, non-smoker, kept in shed, \$9,400. PH: 405-527-2397.

### MISCELLANEOUS –

**FREE:** Fallen pecan trees, free to anyone who will come cut them up for wood. PH: 405-207-8904.

**FOR SALE:** Will brush hog and mow yards around Lindsay. PH: 405-756-6055.

**FOR SALE:** Antique Singer sewing

machine in cabinet, eighty years old. PH: 580-320-0074.

**FOR SALE:** Farm fresh eggs. PH: 405-756-2892.

**FOR SALE:** Reliable maid service. PH: 405-779-8440.

## Router installation for REC's new Radio Frequency metering system is underway



*Jason Brown installs routers for REC's new Gridstream Radio Frequency metering system. REC employees will install 232 routers by the end of the year. Routers are being installed at the Farwell and Rush Springs substations first. The routers gather data from individual meters and send the information to collector points where it is sent back to REC's office.*

## Co-op Connections

Use your Co-op Connections Card to save you money on lodging, photographs, oil changes and other items. You can also save on prescriptions, dental, vision, hearing, lab work and imaging and chiropractor services at participating locations. Your card is a discount card. If you have misplaced your card, contact REC for a replacement card and use it to save yourself some money.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heating your living space uses more energy than any other system in your home – typically making up about 42 percent of your utility bill. By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings, you can save about 30 percent on your energy bill. Learn more at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).

## 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 (\$25 Minimum)

### The Leopard Lasso, Wynnewood -

10% Off Purchase

### 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.