

Co-op Comments

November 2017

REC's 78th Annual Meeting

Members gathered to hear how the Cooperative operated in 2016

REC members gathered at REC's Multi Purpose Center for its 78th Annual Meeting. Beautiful sunny weather brought 435 members together for a free health fair, entertainment and a review of the operations 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. Several people enjoyed breakfast provided by the local Kiwanis Club while many others made their way inside to listen to the bluegrass band, Choctaw Line from Oklahoma City, Okla. The members of Choctaw Line met at different festivals and jams and eventually got their start at the

2015 Guthrie Bluegrass Festival.

Once 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 has to offer.

The business portion of the meeting began as REC Board of Trustees President Gary Jones discussed the future of electrical needs and electric vehicles.

Next, Chief Executive Officer Dale Nye covered the financials and reported the Cooperative was doing well. He reported on the recently conducted a cost of service study, sales, revenues, equity and the costs associated with providing power to members for the year 2016.

REC members approved the re-election of three Board of Trustees' members dur-

ing the registration process. Re-elected for a three-year term were: Brent Bacon, District One, Office Two; Larry Anderson, District Two, Office Two and Charles Crawford, District Three, Office Two.

Throughout the meeting approximately 120 gifts were won by those in attendance. In addition to the regular prizes given away, seventy-five \$75 gift certificates for electricity were given away. The grand prize winners of the three \$500 gift certificates for electricity were Eron Wilkins of Lindsay, Gerald Hayes of Purcell and Brenda Broussard of Lindsay. The two children's grand prize winners were Hilda Lopez from Lindsay and Levi Dean from Maysville.



Energy Efficiency for the modern family and its many devices



If you are struck by the amount of screens, remotes, gaming controls, charging stations and cords becoming fixtures in your home, you are not alone. The typical American family is well connected and owns a variety of electronic devices. According to the PEW Research Institute, 95 percent of U.S. families have a cell phone and 77 percent of Americans own a smart phone. Nearly 80 percent of adults own a laptop or desktop computer, while approximately half own tablets.

Consumer electronics coupled with the growing array of smart home appliances and technology have slowly but steadily changed our homes and lifestyles. The increased reliance on our many devices has new implications for home energy use and efficiency. 706400

So how can we save energy when we are using more electronic devices than ever

before? The answer may lie with some of those same electronic devices that have become indispensable to modern living. In many cases, energy savings is a touch-screen away as more apps enable you to monitor energy use.

You can also ensure efficiency by purchasing ENERGY STAR-certified appliances. Many new appliances include smart-technology features such as refrigerators telling you when maintenance is required or when a door has been left open. New washers, dryers and dishwashers allow you to program when you want the load to start. This means you can program your task for off-peak energy hours—a smart choice if your electric rate is based on time of use.

Of course there are the time-tested “old school” methods of energy efficiency that can be applied to the myriad of household electronic devices and screens. Computers, printers, phones and gaming consoles are notorious “vampire power” users, meaning they drain energy (and money) when not in use. If items can be turned off without disrupting your lifestyle, consider plugging them into a power strip that can be turned on and off or placed on a timer.

While modern life involves greater dependence on technology, your best resource for saving energy and money remains your local electric co-op.

Regardless of your level of technical expertise with electronic devices, Rural Electric can provide guidance on energy savings based on your account information, energy use, local weather patterns and additional factors unique to your community.

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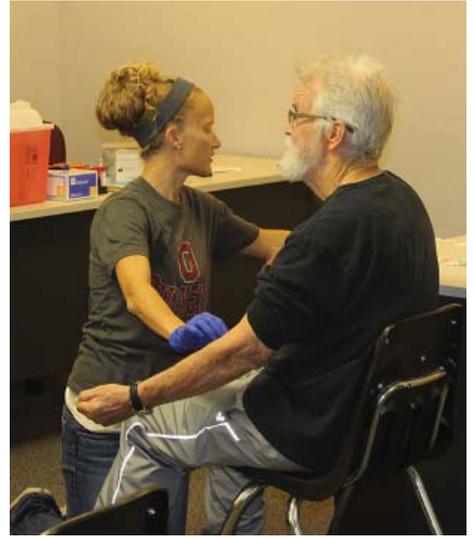
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Classified Advertisement

FARM EQUIPMENT –

FOR SALE: Ghel skid-steer loader and trailer, 5640 turbo, very low hours. Package deal for \$18,500. PH: 405-919-3946.

FOR SALE: 16' Savage hydraulic rake. PH: 405-620-7765.

MISCELLANEOUS –

FOR SALE: Queen size, 4-poster bed and night stand, all wood, rustic style. Memory foam Temperpedic mattress with topper, protective cover, like new, \$800. PH: 405-397-7597.

FOR SALE: Lift chair, excellent condition,

\$325 firm; Invacare Tracer LT wheel chair, excellent condition, \$325 firm; Honda easy start HR -214 push mower with bagger, needs work, \$50; Ultra Pro, 16-gal shop vac, \$65. PH: 405-351-0878

REAL ESTATE –

FOR SALE: 120 acre farm, seven miles

east of Lindsay. PH: 405-756-6572.

Want Ads

are **FREE** to REC members to post noncommercial items. Deadline for ads is the 8th of every month. Call the Member Services Dept. at 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Veterans Parade schedule for November 11 in Lindsay, Okla. to honor local veterans

The Elks Lodge is hosting the first Veterans Parade in Lindsay on November 11 starting at 11 a.m. on Main Street. All area communities are invited to join the celebration of honoring our local veterans.

“This year the Elks Lodge wanted to include a parade in addition to our annual dinner to honor and recognize our veterans,” says Lee Martin, committee chair. “We want to celebrate all of our veterans – all of those who fought and volunteered to serve our country from all of our military branches.”

Anyone interested in having a float in the parade should contact Lee Martin at 405-428-1375 to sign up. The Elks Lodge will have floats for all the veterans and they will be grouped based on when they served.

“We are hoping to have area high school

bands and choirs included in the parade and KBLP will be broadcasting in the middle of Main Street,” Martin adds.

Free stickers will be given to all kids who attend. Come and celebrate our local veterans at the first Veterans Parade in Lindsay on November 11 at 11 a.m. The Elks Lodge will be open after the parade and the veterans’ dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Contact Lee Martin for additional information.



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.

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

Spending more time in the kitchen during the holiday season? Here's one way to be more energy efficient: Unplug small kitchen appliances, like toaster ovens and microwaves, when not in use. You could save \$10 to \$20 per year. Learn more at 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.