

# Co-op Comments

October 2016

## Annual Meeting set for October 1

Celebrating 77 annual meetings, Rural Electric Cooperative members will soon gather for this year's Annual Membership Meeting.

Annual Meeting will be held in REC's Multi Purpose Center in Lindsay on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until the beginning of the business meeting at 10 a.m.

The business session will update members on the Co-op's activities from 2015 and both the Board President, Gary Jones, and CEO, Dale Nye, will present financial and operational information.

In addition to the meeting, REC is offering a free health fair provided by the Lindsay Municipal Hospital, South Central Medical and Resource Center and the Lindsay Emergency Medical Service. They will begin performing these services from 8 a.m. until the beginning of the business session at 10 a.m. inside the old headquarters building across the highway from the Multi Purpose Center. For the convenience of our members, there are two consent forms for the health fair inside the envelope with the official notice of the meeting. Members can fill out the consent forms



Two 18" bikes will be given as the grand prizes for the youth registered.

and bring the forms with them for annual meeting. Members planning to have the blood test done should refrain from eating after midnight prior to the health fair.

The Lindsay Kiwanis Club will once again be serving their annual pancakes, bacon and coffee fundraiser breakfast to REC members. They will be set up outside the Multi Purpose Center by the tent.



Choctaw Line is scheduled to perform at annual meeting. Band members include Joe Kahlden, Adam Davis, Samuel Grounds and Rebecca Herrod.

Choctaw Line, a bluegrass band based in the OKC area, will be performing. 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.

Joe Kahlden was in a family bluegrass band starting at the age of 12, and has opened for Ricky Skaggs. Adam Davis has

loved bluegrass since his college days, and has placed third in the dobro contest at the Rockygrass Festival. Samuel Grounds has played guitar going on nine years, and recently learned banjo. He attends the Academy of Contemporary Music in OKC. Rebecca Herrod grew up singing in church, and listening to bluegrass from her grandpa and his band. She started out on the guitar and can play the mandolin and the stand-up bass.

A children's program, hosted by Erin Springs Baptist Church, will run in conjunction with the business session in the tent, outside the Multi Purpose Center. Children ages four to 12 are welcome to attend.

Each member registering will receive registration gifts. This year's gifts include; an REC baseball type cap, a double-sided spatula, a bendable duster, an adjustable measuring spoon, LED bulbs, a calendar, 2017 Farmers' Almanac and an ink pen.

Prize drawings will be held during and after the business session. Approximately 40 gifts, seventy-five \$75 gift certificates for electricity and two grand prize drawings for \$750 gift certificates for electricity will be given. In addition to the prize drawings, two youth will win a new 18" bike.

Bring the registration card you received in the mail for a quick and simple registration.



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# Why REC's celebrate other cooperatives



Every October, cooperatives from all sectors across the country celebrate National Cooperative Month. The purpose of this annual celebration is to recognize the cooperative difference and remind you, the members of the co-op, about REC's purpose.

I must admit occasionally, I too have been somewhat cynical of the many different "days" and "months" celebrated, but National Cooperative Month is truly an opportunity to celebrate.

Celebrating National Cooperative Month informs others about our unique business model, which is based on the Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training and Information;

Cooperation Among Cooperatives; and Concern for Community.

For co-op employees and members familiar with the principles, the month of October is a great opportunity to renew our connection to each other and the purpose of our co-op. REC is enhancing the quality of life through providing affordable, safe and reliable electric service.

In the U.S., there are more than 29,000 co-ops serving in every single industry. Many co-ops from different sectors join together during the month of October to educate members in the community about cooperatives. 1237301

There are more co-ops in our local community than most people realize. Credit unions, Ace Hardware, True Value and agricultural co-ops. Co-ops are even represented on the shelves at our local grocery stores, such as Land O'Lakes, Welch's, Organic Valley, Cabot Cheese, Sunkist, Ocean Spray and many more.

Co-ops are local and builds communities. According to the latest data, more than 130 million people belong to a co-op in the U.S. alone, and co-ops employ more than two million Americans.

This speaks to the heart of why we must take every opportunity to celebrate and teach others about the cooperative business model. So, plan your own co-op celebration by purchasing co-op products, look to do business with co-ops right here in our local community and be an active member of Rural Electric Cooperative.



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# Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives bring power to villages in Bolivia

Rural Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the completion of a volunteer electrification project which took place in August 2016 in the Amazonian area of Bolivia. The project, named “Energy Trails,” was a joint partnership between the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. REC’s lineman, Jason Brown, served as one of the project volunteers. Bringing electric service for the first time to two remote villages, the electrification project was possible through the coordination of NRECA International Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

On August 1, 2016, eight co-op volunteers left Oklahoma City and headed to Riberalta, Bolivia –their final destination. Volunteers worked for the next 15 days alongside Missouri co-op linemen and local linemen from Cooperativa Electrica Riberalta. The project was comprised of 280 poles in an area spanning 10 miles and brought electric service to the villages of Dos de Junio and El Torito in the outskirts of the city

of Riberalta. As a result, 361 families now enjoy electricity for the first time.

“Rural Electric is proud to be a part of this life-changing project. Rural electric cooperatives are known for bringing power to areas that would not otherwise enjoy electricity,” Dale Nye, REC’s CEO, said. “It’s rewarding to know we made a difference in the lives of families who are striving for a better quality of life.”

Other volunteers serving on the project were: Jeremy Baker (Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Stigler-Okla.), Stacy Bourne (East Central Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Okmulgee-Okla.), Larry Cisneros (Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Vinita-Okla.), Derec Janaway (Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Norman-Okla.), Damon Lester (Indian Electric Cooperative, Cleveland-Okla.), Heath Martin (Northfork Electric Cooperative, Sayre-Okla.) and team leader Wade Hurst (Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, Oklahoma City-Okla.).

The OAEC International Committee, comprised of trustees from the statewide



association board, received an overwhelming response from volunteer linemen interested in this project. The Committee is considering future international electrification projects.

To learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/energytrails>.



## Classified Advertisement

### REAL ESTATE –

**FOR SALE:** 30 acres in Maysville with two houses and two barns, \$100,000. PH: 405-473-3318.

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

### PETS & LIVESTOCK –

**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.

**FOR SALE:** Angus Bulls. 16-24 months old, guaranteed sound and fertile. \$2,500 each or lease for \$300 a year. Bred and open heifers available as well. PH: 405-207-1243 or 405-665-2502.

### MISCELLANEOUS –

**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.

### AUTOMOTIVE –

**FOR SALE:** 2003 silver Toyota Tacoma, 2

wheel drive off road, V6, 4 door, new tires, 175,000 miles with leer camper shell in good condition. PH: 405-640-7243.

### 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.

### MISCELLANEOUS –

**FOR SALE:** Will brush hog and mow

yards around Lindsay. PH: 405-756-6055.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT –

**Oklahoma Roundup Vintage Market,** October 28-29, 2016. Join the fun, hunt for your favorite treasures, enjoy yummy food trucks and shop all the vendor booths. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Vendors wanted, call 405-665-2299 or email leopardlasso@yahoo.com

## Setting collector location poles for REC's new radio frequency metering system



*Work continues on installing REC's new metering system. The new system requires seven collector sites. The poles needed for the equipment are being set.*

## 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

An average household dedicates about five percent of its energy budget to lighting. Switching to energy-efficient lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut your energy bills. By replacing your home's five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with models having earned the ENERGY STAR rating, you can save \$75 each year.

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.