



Co-op Comments

Annual Meeting set for October 6

Soon Rural Electric Cooperative members will gather for the 79th Annual Membership Meeting.

Annual Meeting will be held in REC's Multi Purpose Center in Lindsay on Saturday, October 6, 2018. 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 2017, have a report from 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, the Lindsay Emergency Medical Service, South Central Medical Center and Physical Therapy Central. They will begin performing these services from 8 a.m. until the beginning of the business session at 10 a.m. inside the tents in front of 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 and bring the forms with them to 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 tents.



Registration gifts for REC's 79th Annual Meeting include a collapsible strainer, a five piece kitchen set, and REC cap, along with LED light bulbs, a calendar, a 2019 Farmers' Almanac and an ink pen.

Baptist Church, will run in conjunction with the business session in the back room of the Multi Purpose Center. Look for signs during registration for the children's program. Children ages four to 12 are welcome to attend.

Each member registering will receive registration gifts. This year's gifts include; an REC cap, a five piece kitchen set, a collapsible strainer, LED bulbs, a calendar, 2019 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 three grand prize drawings for \$500 gift certificates for electricity will be given. In addition to the prize drawings, two children will win a new 18" bike.

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



Genetic Connection will perform at REC's 79th Annual Meeting.

Genetic Connection is comprised of a brother and sister duo who performs anything from traditional bluegrass to classic rock. The band was formed after Jetty Gordon and Sam Henderson's family band decided to not perform together. Genetic Connection is from the Doyle, Oklahoma area and the band members include Jetty Gordon, Sam Henderson, Danny Watters, and Nathan Sanders.

A children's program, hosted by Calvary



Two children ages four to 12 will win these bikes during REC's 79th Annual Meeting.

Youth Tour offers self discovery for youth



For many teens, the Rural Electric Youth Tour is full of “firsts.” It may be the first time they left the state, flew on a plane, visited the nation’s capital or have been away from their family for an extended period of time. Even more are seeing and experiencing the larger world through their own eyes, rather than through their parents’ perspective. That’s the most important first, as it’s truly a “leap” to their next phase and where their journey to adulthood begins.

In preparation for Youth Tour, teens learn about cooperatives, our history and grassroots advocacy. Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion, in 1957, of then Senator Lyndon Johnson to a national gathering of co-ops. Johnson felt youth from rural areas would benefit by visiting Washington to see first-hand how government works and gain a wider perspective through the experience. From this idea, Youth Tour evolved. High school juniors selected by their electric co-ops participate in a weeklong trip to the nation’s capital. 782705

The week is interspersed with visits to many D.C. monuments and sites, including Capitol Hill. Activities with Youth Tour delegations from across the country enable teens to meet a broad spectrum of co-op kids. Our program creates a safe space for

teens to discover the adults they are striving to be. Teens leave behind their hometown identity and venture forward with a fresh slate. Students are encouraged to stretch themselves by talking to those they wouldn’t ordinarily interact with.

A highlight of Youth Tour includes a meeting with our congressional delegation. Teens learn first-hand that their elected officials work for their hometown community. Students often have the opportunity to discuss issues with legislators and our chaperons are always impressed with the interactions and questions asked by our students. Youth Tour culminates in a farewell evening featuring national co-op partner organizations from the financial and insurance sectors and NRECA International, an organization bringing electricity to rural areas in developing countries. The evening centers on challenging and inspiring teens to make an impact in their communities. As conversations evolve, so too do the teens’ world view – their definition of community often changes from their home town to a broader meaning.

I can say that nearly all teens who have participated in our Youth Tour program look back with fond memories of an educational, interesting and eventful week. Many make lifelong friends. For a few, Youth Tour is a transformational experience. Parents remark how their child returned noticeably different – more mature, more confident with bigger goals and aspirations; they have a sense of purpose.

Youth Tour is one of the most important programs Rural Electric undertakes. I am constantly impressed by the caliber of students our co-op sponsors. Our teens are our future, and it’s looking brighter every day. I hope you will consider urging your teen to “take the leap” and join our next Youth Tour delegation.

For more information about the Youth Tour program, contact our office.



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Priorities for the Farm Bill final version

The House and Senate each passed versions of the Farm Bill earlier this summer and are seeking to reach a compromise on the legislation in the fall.

NRECA is urging lawmakers on the Farm Bill conference committee, tasked with coming up with the final version of the bill, to consider electric co-ops' priorities.

"We are encouraging Congress to pass a final Farm Bill that supports several key policy issues for electric co-ops and their member-consumers in rural America," said NRECA CEO Jim Matheson.

Here are the top priorities for co-ops:

Remove Senate changes to Rural Electrification Act loan program

The House Farm Bill retains existing escrow accounts for co-op loan repayments and treatment of deposits into those accounts. The Senate-passed version eliminates the escrow or "cushion of credit" program allowing greater financial flexibility to co-ops and benefiting government by having funds pre-deposited.

"Cooperatives depend on the USDA's

electric loan program and its escrow treatment to serve the most rural, hardest-to-serve areas of the country," said Matheson.

Promote true high-speed broadband for rural areas

The House version provides for significant financial investment in broadband development by electric co-ops and other providers in rural areas that have either no internet service or substandard service.

The Senate Farm Bill increases funds for rural broadband but provides only limited support for projects in areas with existing but inadequate service.

Include funds for rural economic development and innovation

Co-ops use the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) to finance economic development projects, such as refurbishing a library or buying emergency response vehicles. Both bills reauthorize and improve the program through 2021. NRECA supports the Senate provision, which also provides \$5 million for the program each year.

Frequently Asked Questions of REC

Q: *I lost my registration form, can I still come to the annual meeting?*

A: *You can still come to the annual meeting even if you don't have your registration form. When you arrive go to the registration table and they will be able to look up your information so you can be registered, vote and be entered for the prize drawings.*

Q: *Can I bring another person's registration form with me to annual meeting, so I can pick up their registration gifts?*

A: *Yes you can bring another person's registration forms with you to receive their registration gift. Please show their registration form when you pick up their gift from the registration gift table.*

Q: *I once was a member of REC but moved and I am no longer a member. Can I still come to the annual meeting?*

A: *REC's Annual Meeting is an opportunity for REC members to hear about the cooperative and vote for the Board of Trustees. You can come as a non-member but will not be able to vote or be eligible for prize drawings.*



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MISCELLANEOUS-

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PH: 405-351-0878.

Classified 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.

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.

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

Cooler temps are just around the corner. Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency. Learn more at www.energy.gov

FOR SALE: Honda, easy start, HR-214 push mower with bagger, needs work.
PH: 405-351-0878.

FOR SALE: Ultra Pro 16-gallon shop vac.
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PETS & LIVESTOCK-

FOR SALE: Boston Terrier puppies, AKC certified. Males and females, had shots and wormed. \$500-700. PH: 405-702-3917 or 240-274-4547

Highlights for REC's Annual Meeting

- Free Health Fair in the tents in front of the MPC
- Lindsay Kiwanis Club is serving their annual fundraiser breakfast in front of the tents
- Cast your ballot and vote for your Board of Trustees
- Pick-up registration gifts
- Entertainment provided by Genetic Connection
- Childrens' entertainment provided by Calvary Baptist Church youth group
- Learn more about Western Farmers Electric Cooperative and what it offers to REC
- Stop and make sure REC has the most up-to-date account information to better serve you
- Join Operation Round-Up
- Join ACRE and learn more about what ACRE is doing to better serve you

Local Co-op Connection Card Deals

A-U-Store It, Purcell -

\$5 off first month rent

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

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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.

