

Co-op Comments

September 2016

REC's 77th Annual Meeting set

Registration for the 77th Annual Meeting of Rural Electric Cooperative will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 1. The meeting will be held in REC's Multi Purpose Center on Highway 76 N in Lindsay.

Official notice, along with prize drawing information, will be arriving in the mail about 10 days prior to the meeting. Please bring this information with you to the meeting for ease in registration and to sign up for the prize drawings.

Determining site locations for new RF metering underway



REC employees have begun working on site locations for the new radio frequency advanced metering infrastructure.

The Lindsay Municipal Hospital, South Central Medical and Resource Center, along with the Lindsay Emergency Medical Service, will be providing a health fair free to members. They will be performing this service from 8 a.m. until the beginning of the business session at 10 a.m. Members planning to have the blood test done should refrain from eating after midnight prior to the health fair. For the convenience of our members, there are two consent forms for the health fair on the official notice.

In addition to the health fair, the Lindsay Kiwanis Club will also be hosting their annual fundraiser breakfast serving pancakes, bacon and coffee for all of REC's members attending the Annual Meeting.

Sam Grounds and Rebecca Herrod will provide the entertainment beginning at 8:45 a.m. Sam has been playing guitar for approximately eight years, while Rebecca grew up singing in church with her mother and sister. Sam and Rebecca met in February of 2015 at a Thursday night jam in Edmond, and eventually formed their own bluegrass band called Choctaw Line with Adam Davis and Joe Kahlden. They both currently attend UCO. Sam is majoring in music performance and Rebecca is majoring in speech and language pathology. Sam is a gifted musician, able to play guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle. Rebecca started out on the guitar and can play the mandolin, but now plays the stand up bass in Choctaw Line. Rebecca is a regular at the Pauls Valley Opry in Pauls Valley and together Sam and Rebecca have played shows at the Rose Rock Festival in Noble, the OIBF in Guthrie and the Rodeo Opry in Oklahoma City. 1342601

Members will hear reports from Board President Gary Jones and CEO Dale Nye,



Sam Grounds and Rebecca Herrod are set to perform during REC's 77th Annual Meeting.

updating members of activities from 2015.

REC will give out seventy-five, \$75 gift certificates for electricity during the business session. Following the business session, drawings for the additional prizes including approximately 40 gifts and two grand prizes of \$750 gift certificates for electricity will be given away. In addition to the prizes, two bicycles will be given away for the children who register.

Registration 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.

Members must be present to win prizes.

Every member gets a voting say in co-ops



It has often been said those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. It is easy to take our right to vote for granted, maybe because there are so many opportunities to exercise our right today. There are national, state and local elections for political offices. Then there are elections for social or other civic organizations. If you own stock, you are asked to vote in those elections. So it is understandable to see how "election fatigue" can take hold.

As we head into the final stage of what has been a divisive national election, it is a good time to remember elections don't have to be about name calling and bitterness. Co-ops can and do, play a role in cultivating a civil society where people can practice democracy at the hyper local level. As a member of Rural Electric, you have the right to run for the Board of Directors. Even if you choose not to have that level of participation, you should feel empowered to reach out to current Board Members and candidates.

The beauty of belonging to a co-op is every member has a voice, but you must use

that voice if you want to be heard on the issues concerning you. In their document, "A Blueprint for a Cooperative Decade," the International Cooperative Alliance, a global organization made up of co-ops from over 100 countries, identified member participation as one of the five key ingredients for a co-op to be successful.

Voting and being actively involved in the affairs of the co-op are key ways in which members can participate. Take the time to get to know candidates running for Rural Electric's Board. Seek out ways so you can help spread the word about the good work your co-op is doing.

This year at our Annual Meeting, you will be able to vote on three Board Members running for re-election—one from each district; Gary Jones is running in District 1, Terri Hays is running in District 2 and Randy Griswold is running in District 3. Gary is currently serving as Board of Trustees' President and has been a Board Member since 1980. He is a farmer/rancher living in the Bradley area. Terri has served as a Board Member since February 2013 and is the Business Manager/Financial Officer and Treasurer for the Mid America Technology Center in Wayne. She lives in the Foster area. Randy has been a Board Member since October 2013 and is a retired contract oilfield operator. He lives in the Ninnekah area.

The cooperative business model is a great one; it fosters engagement and creates strong communities. Over 100 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt recognized this value when he said, "The Cooperative is the best plan of organization. Under this plan, every business is [governed by a Board], every person has one vote and only one vote. Everyone gets profits based on their use of the co-op. It develops individual responsibility and has a moral, as well as a financial value."

Those words are truer today than ever before. Let your voice be heard, and take the time to participate in all the elections.

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REC hires two new employees

REC recently hired two new employees, Jon Jones as a Planning Engineer and Levi Reese as a Member Services Representative.

Jones is from Ratliff City, Okla. and graduated from Fox High School. He has his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and his Master of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering from University of Oklahoma. After graduating from college, he began working at Tinker Air Force Base for the Department of Defense.

Always having an interest in the energy sector, Jones was looking for an opportunity to use his education and learn more about energy.

"I was looking for a career related to

education where I would be able to help the community," Jones says. "REC has a great reputation and I know I will be able to make a difference and help my fellow neighbors."

Jones and his five-year-old son Jackson are looking forward to being back in the area.

While Jones is from south central Oklahoma, Reese is from Nardin, Okla. near the Kansas border. He grew up on a family farm with his sister and two brothers raising wheat, soybeans and milo. Reese graduated from Deer Creek-Lamont High School and then went to Oklahoma State University. Graduating from OSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing, Reese



Jon Jones

Commissioning the collectors for the new radio frequency metering system begins

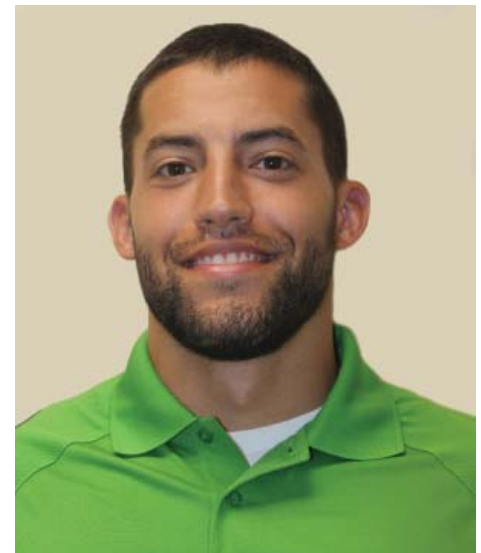


Manager of Information Technology Services, Mitch Gilreath (left) and IT Systems Engineer, Eric Neill (right) work with Landis +Gyr to commission the collectors for REC's new metering system.

started working for Herc Rentals, formally known as Hertz Equipment Rental.

Following in his grandma and mom's footsteps, Reese is now a third generation co-op employee. While his family connection runs deep with cooperatives, Reese interned with Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives in Oklahoma City before he started with Herc Rentals.

"I am looking forward to gathering as much information as possible, working with good people in a tight knit community and leaning on each other," Reese says.



Levi Reese

Classified Advertisement

REAL ESTATE –

FOR SALE: 40 acres, located off Hwy 74 north of Purcell, \$220,000. PH: 405-527-5106.

AUTOMOTIVE –

FOR SALE: White bed cover for a Ford F-150 short bed pickup. PH: 405-447-8500.

FARM EQUIPMENT –

FOR SALE: 7' box blade w/ripper, \$500; 6.5' rotating box blade, \$700; 12' New Idea hay rake, \$500; 3-pt round bale lift, \$150; 990 David Brown tractor, needs repair, \$1,200. PH: 405-527-5106.

FOR SALE: John Deere 567 round baler, 2005 model with less than 3500 bales baled. PH: 405-640-7243.

FOR SALE: 32', 5th-wheel, dove-tail float trailer, new tires, new axles, electric hoist. \$5,900. PH: 405-665-5051.

RECREATIONAL –

FOR SALE: 1987 Winnebago, 31' motorhome with new refrigerator and tires, 50,000 miles, has current tag. PH: 405-428-1691.

FOR SALE: Fifth-wheel camper, 2011 Keystone Avalanche M-290RL. Well maintained, smoke-free, three slides, luxury in-

terior with usual comfort features, \$34,500. PH: 405-331-9808.

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: Electric lift and scooter, in good condition, \$1,500. PH: 405-224-2263 or 405-448-8977.

FOR SALE: 2001 & 2006, W & W cargo trailers, one has side shelf used for craft

shows, one used for tools; twenty 2 X 6 steel grids. PH: 405-224-2275 or 405-222-8391.

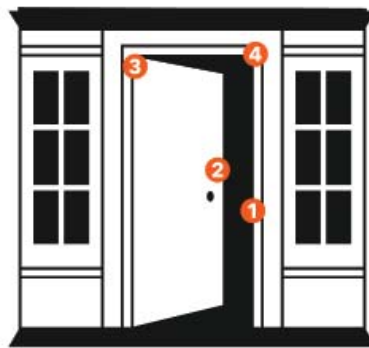
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT –

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

WEATHER STRIPPING DOORS

Capturing Energy Savings by Sealing Air Leaks

Save energy and seal air leaks by weather stripping exterior doors. How do you know if you need to weather strip? If you can see any amount of light between the door frame and the floor, weather stripping should be applied to eliminate energy waste. This DIY energy-saving project is relatively easy and inexpensive depending on the type of materials selected. The most common weather stripping material is self-adhesive foam strips, although rubber, vinyl, metal, or a combination of materials may also be used.



1 CLEANING SURFACES - Clean the door and door jamb to be weather stripped. For best results, weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces above 20°F.



2 MEASURING DOOR & DOOR JAMBS - To ensure greater accuracy, measure your space twice before cutting the material. It is best to plan for one continuous strip for each side of the door and door jamb.



3 CUTTING FOAM - Cut long pieces of self-adhesive weather stripping material (foam, vinyl, etc.) for each side of the door jamb and door.



4 APPLYING WEATHER STRIPPING - Peel back the self-adhesive foam. Apply one continuous strip of material snugly along each side. Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners and is pressed firmly onto the door and door jamb. The material should compress tightly between the door and door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

SOURCE: Department of Energy

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

Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about four to nine percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.

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.