

Co-op Comments

September 2017

REC's 78th Annual Meeting set

Registration for the 78th Annual Meeting of Rural Electric Cooperative will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 7. 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.

The Lindsay Municipal Hospital, South Central Medical Center, Lindsay Emergency Medical Service and Physical Therapy Central will be providing a health fair free to members. The health fair will begin at 8 a.m. until the start 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.

Choctaw Line will provide the entertainment beginning at 8:45 a.m. Choctaw Line is a bluegrass band based in the Oklahoma City area. 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 ten years and recently learned banjo. 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.

Members will hear reports from Board President Gary Jones and CEO Dale Nye updating members of activities from 2016.

REC will give out seventy-five, \$75 gift certificates for electricity during the business session and approximately 40 gifts plus three grand prizes of \$500 gift certificates for electricity will be given away following the business session. Two children's bicycles will also be given away.

Registration gifts include: an REC baseball cap, a carving set, a magnetic koozie, LED bulbs, a calendar, 2018 Farmers' Almanac and an ink pen.

Members must be present to win prizes.



Choctaw Line is scheduled to perform at this year's Annual Meeting.

Member engagement saved the cooperative



Rural Electric is a member-owned, member-governed cooperative. When the co-op was founded back in 1938, members of the community knew we were a locally-owned business—likely because they or someone they knew played a part in helping with the formation of the cooperative. Over time as the novelty of receiving electricity diminished, the founders passed on and new people moved into the community, viewing the electric co-op like any other energy provider.

However, we are different and the key to our difference is you, the member-owner of this cooperative. Without your support and commitment, we would not exist. For many years, people had no choice in the company providing them with the electricity they so greatly depended upon, but today, the electric utility industry is changing.

Research proves when people own something they treat it differently, which is why we encourage Rural Electric members to act as an owner rather than a customer. As an owner, you play a critical role in our success. Each year, if our revenue exceeds our expenses, which is always our goal, a certain percentage is allocated back to

you, as capital credits – because you are a member of the co-op.

With ownership comes certain rights like the opportunity to seek election to serve on the Board of Trustees. If serving on the Board seems like too big a commitment, we still want and need you to participate in the annual elections and committees.

We welcome your advice and counsel as we continually look for innovative ways to help our members use energy efficiently and in a more cost-effective manner. Through SmartHub, our members can not only pay their bill online and report an outage online, they can also see information about their energy use and manage all aspects of their account. Rural Electric also offers bank drafts, budget billing and paperless billing.

As a local business, we have a real stake in the community, just as you do. Which is why REC's Board of Trustees continues to support youth programs. The Board understands the younger generations are the Co-op's future and providing opportunities for them to learn about electric cooperatives and enhance their leadership skills will ultimately make our Cooperative and communities stronger. The Board also encourages all of the members to sign-up and participate in Operation Round-Up. Operation Round-Up helps people and organizations within REC's service territory with special projects and during someone's time of need.

While electric power is the commodity your co-op sells, the real power is together we empower our local communities. When people feel empowered, they accomplish great things.

True, the world is different today than it was in 1938 when Rural Electric was founded, but our mission of serving you and our local communities within our service territory is constant. Working together with your active, inspired engagement, we can continue to accomplish great things.

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Not all air filters are created equal

Forced air heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) systems require effective air filtration for optimum energy efficiency, maintaining clean(ish) ductwork and good indoor air quality. Air filters should be changed regularly. How often they need changing depends upon a number of factors including, but not limited to:

- Presence of shedding pets
- Amount of carpeted versus hardwood floors
- Where you live – amounts of dust, pollen, etc.
- Use of wood-burning supplemental heat sources
- Presence of cigarette smoke

The air inside our homes is full of particles originating from inside and outside sources. As the name “forced air” implies, conditioned air is blown into the house through ductwork. In order to operate efficiently, the air supplied is returned to the system for reconditioning, taking with it all the particles in the air and the occasional “tumbleweed” of pet hair that many of us are familiar with.

This junk-laden air flows through a filter before encountering the HVAC equipment. For cooling, there is usually an A-frame arrangement of what look like car radiators. For heating, it is generally a combustion chamber. Without a filter, the cooling coils would get clogged and the heating side would burn off whatever was in the air.

Air filters trap a lot of debris that otherwise would end up back in the house, stuck in ductwork, clogging HVAC equipment – or in our lungs.

There are many air filter choices for one to choose. Fortunately, they can be broken down into two nicely defined categories, making the selection process manageable. The two are:

- Permanent or disposable
- Flat or pleated media (with a handy MERV rating)

Disposable are the most prevalent. They have flimsy cardboard frames and a thin,

flat mesh you can easily see through.

Pleated filters perform better using media you cannot see through. While they look impervious, air can move through under pressure leaving its airborne cargo trapped.

The Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV), is a measure of efficiency, the rating system tells how effective a filter is at trapping particles. The scale runs from one to 16 (higher is better) and is based on trapping particles three-10 microns in diameter. Research shows residential filters with a MERV rating between seven and 13 are likely to be as effective as true HEPA (high-efficiency particulate arrestance) filters. This class of filter is used in clean room manufacturing and at the extreme end can trap particles much smaller than the diameter of a human hair, as small as

one micron. 1176100

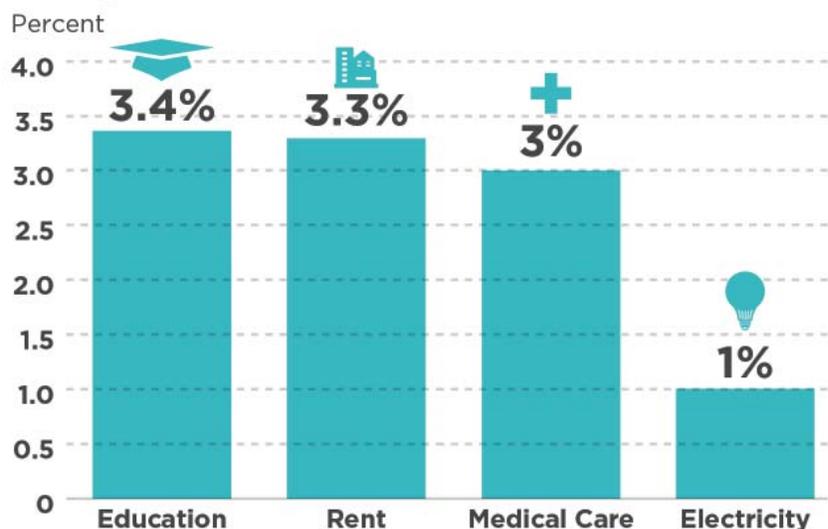
All filters increase resistance to air flow. HVAC systems are designed to operate at a particular pressure and should support MERV ratings of one to four. A higher MERV value increases resistance, making the system work harder. It loses efficiency and increases wear on operating components. Always check the recommendations of the system's operating manual before purchasing a new air filter. Based on the recommendation of the operating manual, consider a MERV pleated filter with a three to five rating and check it once a month to see how it is performing. Also check to see if the dust inside lessens over time.

Spending more time on changing and monitoring the HVAC filters regularly can improve the air quality in your home.

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises at a slower pace than many of your typical expenses. Compare the average price increase of these expenses each year over the last five years, and the value of electricity shines.

Average Annual Price Increase 2011-2016



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index



Classified Advertisement

FARM EQUIPMENT –

FOR SALE: 850 Ford gas tractor with Davis loader, 5' brush hog cutter, all in good shape. \$5,250. PH: 405-268-1510.

MISCELLANEOUS –

FOR SALE: GE XL44 propane range with Sharp multi-speed vent microwave for wall mount above. Black over beige color. \$150. PH: 405-331-9808.

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.

PETS & LIVESTOCK –

FOR SALE: Rhode Island Red laying hens, 11 months old. PH: 405-344-8192 or 405-361-8413.

REAL ESTATE –

FOR SALE: 2016 Champion mobile home, 16x60, two bedrooms, two full baths, energy efficient windows, fireplace, all appliances, skirting, 2 porches, \$29,500. PH: 580-467-0775.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 40 acres, two houses, two barns with pond in Maysville. PH: 405-473-3318.

FOR RENT: Country living on 1-3 acres, two bedroom, one bath, just remodeled. Three miles east of Elmore City, no inside pets. \$600 deposit, \$600 rent. PH: 405-331-9024 or 405-496-7215.

RECREATIONAL –

FOR SALE: 1991 Dutchmen Classic 29' fifth-wheel travel trailer, sleeps six, nice floor plan, well built, \$5,600. PH: 405-207-0228.

FOR SALE: 2011 Keystone Avalanche, 5th-wheel, M-290RL, 34' w/three slides, smoke free, well maintained, luxury interior with all expected features. \$29,800.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps will be here soon. No matter what kind of heating system you have in your home, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your system before the winter chill arrives. Learn more at www.energy.gov

PH: 405-331-9808.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –
Outdoor vintage and junk sale with multiple vendors in Wayne on October 27 &

28 from 9:00 – 4:00. \$3 entry fee, one mile south of Dollar Store. Visit us on Facebook at: Owl Creek Vintage Market. PH: 405-314-7854.

Bikes to be given away at Annual Meeting



REC is giving away two children's bikes during Annual Meeting on October 7. All children who register are eligible to win.

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.