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Cooperative's 21st Annual Member Meeting a Success

United Electric Cooperative held its 21st Annual Member Meeting on May 18, 2017 at the Mary Linn Auditorium in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. Approximately 350 people attended the event.

Prior to the business meeting, the Marks Family from Jefferson City, MO entertained the crowd with a mix of Southern Gospel and Bluegrass music.

A display area featured the cooperative's electrical safety demonstration, SmartHub, Switch Team Energy Management Program, Take Control and Save, Co-op Connections Card, Exede internet, and Fiber-to-the-Home.

Registered members received a \$10 credit on their electric bill for attending the meeting. They also took home more than \$4,000 in additional door prizes which included electric energy credits and an electric smoker.

Esther and Clayton DeMelt of Albany won the grand prize of one-year of free electricity; Donald and Donna Burns of Savannah won the second grand prize of six-months worth of free electricity; Kristine and Steve Sticken of Bolckow won the Electric Smoker; Jeff and Joan Farnan of Stanberry won the \$100 Switch Team Energy Credit.

The Kids Corner featured arts and crafts for the kids in attendance, along with some popular kids movies. Zoey Schuman of Amity won the girls bicycle and Dalton Conley of Maryville won the boys bicycle.

The business portion of the meeting featured reports by Board President Gary Hull and CEO James Bagley. Their reports focused on the increased service availability charge, the financial condition of the

cooperative and its subsidiary as well as United's Fiber-to-the-Home Project.

Members elected the following individuals to represent them for a three-year term on United Electric's board of directors: District 2: John B. Killogre, Stewartsville; District 3: Karl J. Noellsch, Oregon; District 4: Jon Runde, Gentry; and District 5: Francis J. Schieber, Stanberry.

At the re-organizational meeting, the following officers were elected: Gary Hull,

President; John Redman, Vice-President; Jerry Fine, Secretary; John Killgore, Treasurer; Karl Noellsch, Assistant Secretary; and Phillip Jensen, Assistant Treasurer. Other board members include Pat Hardy, Debbie Knadler, Jon Runde, Frank Schieber and Allan Schneider.

United Electric Cooperative thanks all of our members that participated in our annual meeting.

Congratulations

Esther and Clayton DeMelt win Grand Prize



CEO James Bagley congratulates cooperative members Esther and Clayton DeMelt of Albany for winning the Annual Meeting Grand Prize - One Year's Free Electricity.

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United Electric Cooperative's 2017 / 2018 Board of Directors

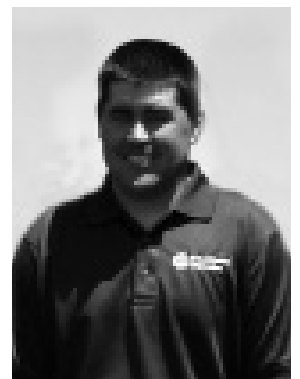


Representing members on the cooperative's board of directors are: (front left to right) Frank Schieber (Stanberry), Pat Hardy (Grant City), John Killgore (Stewartsville), Allan Schneider (Cosby), Gary Hull (Elmo), Debbie Knadler (Easton), Phil Jensen (Stanberry), John Redman (Amity), Jerry Fine (Bedford), Jon Runde (Gentry), and Karl Noellsch (Oregon).

Jon Runde joins co-op board

Jon Runde was elected to United Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors at the cooperative's 2017 Annual Member Meeting.

Mr. Runde represents District 4 in Gentry County, Missouri.



Jon Runde

Mr. Runde and his wife Alex live near Gentry. They have three young children; Parker, Daisy and Lexi.

Mr. Runde has lived in the community his entire life.

Mr. Runde is a self-employed heavy equipment operator where he runs his own bulldozer and excavator. He graduated from Stanberry R-II High School and is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Mr. Runde enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time with his family and chasing around his three toddlers.

Congratulations to the 2017 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

1 Year Electricity

Clayton & Esther DeMelt, Albany

6 Months Electricity

Donald & Donna Burns, Savannah

\$100 Energy Certificate

James & Judy Steeby, Amazonia

Philip Auffert, Parnell

Norbert & Joan Schmitz, Parnell

Bryan & Diane Armstrong, Helena

\$50 Energy Certificate

Sue Pedersen, Conception Jct

Margaret Grace, Bolckow

Verlin Trimble, Maryville

Charles & Tina Frueh, Conception Jct

Scott & Kimberly Wiederholt, Bolckow

Alan & Susie Praiswater, Fillmore

Gerald & Jaquita Wheeler, Maysville

Donald & Melanie McClurg, Maryville

\$25 Energy Certificate

Terry Owens, Hopkins

Kirby & Denell Hanson, Graham

Thomas Newby, Guilford

\$25 Energy Certificate

Rusty Roach, Barnard

John & Sandra Schulte, Maryville

Linda Younger, Boone IA

Georgia VanPelt, Burlington Jct

H Eugene & Linda Carroll, Maryville

Karen Beaver, New Market IA

Max & Lula Drydale, Barnard

Bethany Church, Barnard

Joe & Charlene Huber, Easton

Holly Holmes, Fillmore

Janice Johnson, Graham

Doyle & Marilyn Shafer, Grant City

Raymond & Rose Frueh, Maryville

Roy & Clarita Schimming, Pickering

Steve & Phyllis Carmichael, Pickering

Richard Wertz, Stewartsville

Max & Janet Medsker, Graham

David & Tricia Jones, Stewartsville

Keith & Becky Walburn, Maryville

David & Shirley John Faucett

Larry & Jacqueline Lightle, Bolckow

Kirk & Sandra Francis, Maryville

Robert & Emma Lousie Fine, Excelsior Springs

John & Jean Warren, Rea

Larry & Martha Schmitz, Conception Jct

\$100 Energy Credit (Switch Team)

Jeff & Joan Farnan, Stanberry

\$100 Certificate (United Fiber)

David & Tricia Jones, Stewartsville

\$50 Certificate (United Fiber)

Earl Wilmes, Maryville

\$50 Certificate (United Fiber)

Charlie Bliley, Conception Jct

Ipad (United Fiber)

Michael & Cynthia Wells, Guilford

Apple Watch (United Fiber)

Stanley & Sharon Jackson, Helena

\$100 VISA Gift Card (CFC)

Jason & Rebecca Mink, Gower

\$50 Cabela's Gift Card (CFC)

J & Cathie Eggleston, Osborn

\$25 Bass Pro Gift Card (CFC)

Tammy Thompson, Maryville

\$25 Cabella's Gift Card (CFC)

Tim & Glenda Conover, Maryville

Electric Smoker (Kriz Davis)

Steven & Kristine Sticken, Bolckow

Kids Bicycles

Zoey Schuman, Amity

Dalton Conley, Maryville

Linemen assist fellow co-op in storm restoration



United Electric Cooperative linemen who assisted Pioneer Electric Cooperative with storm restoration; Ethan Chesnut, Ryan Meek, Nathan Guthrie, Nathan Hill, Kyle Metcalf, Derek Hailey, Tyler Wilmes and Scott Cole.

Cooperatives around the world have one goal in mind and that is to take care of the membership they serve. Recently United Electric linemen Ethan Chesnut, Scott Cole, Nathan Guthrie, Derek Hailey, Nathan Hill, Kyle Metcalf, Ryan Meek, and Tyler Wilmes traveled to Pioneer Electric, a fellow cooperative in Ulysses Kansas, to help with storm restoration.

Pioneer suffered a late winter storm that brought twelve inches of snow to the area. With the rain that followed the snow, Pioneer's system took a hard hit due to all of the weight on the lines and poles. They had approximately 2000 poles down and 2500 members without power.

After hearing about the extensive damage, our linemen left Missouri at the early hour of 4 am to make the eight hour drive to Ulysses. For the next week our guys worked alongside hundreds of other linemen to restore power to the membership. Just seven days after the storm initially hit, all of Pioneer's residential services were restored.

The working conditions were not ideal but that didn't stop the crews from getting the job done. With crews helping from the state of Kansas and Missouri it was estimated that the linemen were setting 100 poles per day. Some days the linemen trucks were pulled from location to location by a bulldozer because of the amount of mud. The crews went from working in temperatures where they needed a heavy coat, to working in short sleeve shirts. The members of Pioneer Electric were more than appreciative. The linemen received everything from goodies and treats to just a simple thank you.

"After a 500 mile drive we arrived in Ulysses, Kansas. Gone were the familiar rolling hills and multitude of trees of Missouri. Replaced instead by irrigation pivots, natural gas and oil wells, and endless expanse of flat ground. We joined a tired group of men from Kansas and Missouri already days into the recovery effort. After being graciously welcomed by their manager and cooperative family, we spent the next seven days restoring power. It was bittersweet to leave that final day. Pioneer has a manager that demands safety and production, a membership with patience and appreciation. We felt a sense of pride and relief as we steered our trucks towards Missouri knowing our "cooperative family" might someday help us in our time of need," shared Nathan Hill, Journeyman Lineman at United Electric.

"I am proud of our linemen for stepping up and helping those in need. This is a great example of the how cooperatives support each other," commented Jim Bagley, CEO of United Electric.

New employees join fiber team



Marc Pournazari

Marc Pournazari is a new Network Administrator for United Services, the cooperative's subsidiary. As Network Administrator Marc will provision, configure and maintain client-server hardware and software.

Marc received his Associates degree in Computer Technology and Network Management from Vatterott College in St. Joseph. Marc was previously employed at Cerner in Kansas City.

Marc and his wife Skye reside in St. Joseph. They are the proud owners of Kepler, their cat that they enjoy. Kepler was named after Johannes Kepler, the German Mathematician and Astronomer.

Marc is a Master Mason at the St. Joseph Lodge No. 7. In his spare time, he enjoys dabbling in technology, fishing, watching movies and spending time with his friends and family.



Derrik Bever

Derrik Bever is the new Mapping Technician for United Services, the cooperative's subsidiary. As Mapping Technician Derrik will create, maintain and utilize GIS based electronic mapping system for broadband networks.

Derrik attended Northwest Technical School in Maryville for two years studying Collision Repair. He also attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville for two years.

Derrik resides in Maryville. He enjoys playing several instruments such as the guitar, banjo, ukulele and piano. Derrik is a car enthusiast and he builds and fixes computers.

Derrik is a part-time jailer at the Andrew County Sheriff's Department.

Co-ops attend Legislative Conference



CEO James Bagley was among Missouri's rural electric cooperative leaders who attended the NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

Making sure that electric bills are affordable to members across the nation was the focus of the nearly 3,000 electric cooperative leaders who descended on Washington, D.C. for a legislative conference sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Representatives from the 900-plus electric cooperatives visited Capitol Hill offices during the conference to discuss a wide range of issues, including climate change, energy efficiency, and other topics of importance to rural communities.

James Bagley, CEO of United Electric, was part of a 62-strong group of rural electric leaders from Missouri who took part in the annual legislative rally.

Unclaimed Money

From time to time, United Electric Cooperative may refund monies to you in the way of retirement of capital credits, refunds of deposits, overpayments or other similar types of payments. These payments will be sent to the most current address the cooperative has in its records for you. Please be sure that you keep the cooperative updated with your current address.

Any such checks which are not returned or lost and not presented for payment to the cooperative's bank will be handled according to Article VII, Section 4, "Unclaimed Money", of the cooperative's bylaws.

If you do not wish to have any payments or unclaimed funds owed to you handled pursuant to this bylaw, and would prefer to have them handled under the Missouri Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, Sections 407.500 to 407.594 RSMo. 1994, as administered by the Missouri Unclaimed Property Division, please contact the cooperative office at 1-800-748-1488. The bylaw procedure or state statute will only apply to payments due you from the cooperative that you do not cash.

Be Aware of Peak Demand Hours

Your electric cooperative has peak hours. These are the busiest times for your electric cooperative since many people are using electricity at the same time and it costs utilities more to generate electricity when the demand soars. That means the cost of your electricity may also rise.

Using less electricity during peak periods can save you and your electric cooperative money. Here's how you can help during the peak hours, which generally are on the coldest winter days between 6 and 11 a.m. and between 5 and 8 p.m. and the hottest summer days between 3 and 8 p.m. \$ Shift household chores and activities away from the peak periods. Wait to run your dishwasher when you go to bed, for instance. \$ Use the most energy efficient appliances you have and if you're buying a new appliance, make sure you get highly efficient ones. \$ Be aware of your energy consumption and try to get in the habit of using energy efficiently year-round.

Remember, a Peak Alert doesn't mean we're running out of electricity. It simply means we're striving to save you money. Use all the energy that you need, but please use it wisely!

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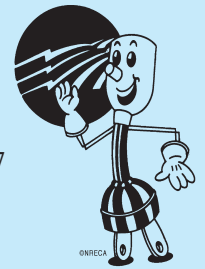
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Call 1-800-748-1488**



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Offices will

be Closed on

Tuesday, July 4 for

Independence Day

