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The 68th Annual Meeting will be held on September 24.

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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Is your room air conditioner working overtime? Reduce air leaks by installing rigid foam panels (instead of the commonly used accordion panels) in between the window frame and unit, and secure with duct tape.

Source: energy.gov

Congratulations!

Israel Matias is our online survey winner.

District Meetings in August

Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CHEC) will hold district meetings in August for the members who live in Districts 1 and 3.

Rocky Woods serves as the trustee representing District 1 and Joe Falleur, Vice-President of the Board, serves as the trustee representing District 3.

CHEC holds district meetings in order for you to elect your representatives to the Cookson Hills Board of Trustees. As a cooperative member, these local meetings give you the opportunity to choose who will represent you on your cooperative Board of Trustees.

The seven-member Board of Trustees governs CHEC, which divides its service area

into seven districts. One trustee represents each district for a three-year term. The Board establishes policies and monitors cooperative finances and procedures.

The Board has set the following dates and times for the 2016 district meetings: District 1 will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2016, at Liberty Schools cafeteria in Sequoyah County, and District 3 will be held at 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2016, at Central Schools cafeteria in Sequoyah County.

CHEC will send notices to cooperative members in each of these districts. *Please read your district meeting notification carefully.* If you have questions about the district meetings, please feel free to call 800-328-2368.



Rocky Woods
Trustee - District 1



Joe Falleur
Vice-President - District 3

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- District 3..... August 11, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at Central Schools cafeteria in Sequoyah County.

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Your Electric Bill**

Annual Meeting Around the Corner

Please mark your calendars for the Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative's 68th Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Sallisaw High School Gymnasium. Registration will open at 10:00 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 11:00 a.m.

Annual meetings are designed to be enjoyable, informative, and entertaining for the members. The Ritter's Family Band will return this year and will provide entertainment prior to the business meeting. Each CHEC member who registers at the meeting will receive

a gift bag and a \$20 energy credit per membership. As a member you can help make that process easier by bringing your annual meeting notice that you receive in the mail to the registration table at the meeting. Your registration will also enter you into drawings for additional prizes. Your name must be on the membership account and you must be present to vote and claim prizes. Also, you must have a photo ID to claim prizes.

Please join the employees and the board of CHEC for the 68th Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!



Kendall Beck
General Manager

— Registered members will receive a \$20 electric credit.



Round Up Update



The Cookson Hills Electric Foundation, Inc. board recently met on June 5, 2016, with one goal in mind: to provide charitable assistance for the betterment of the area. At the meeting, the board awarded grants to assist Sequoyah Historical Society, Partnering for the Park, and Brent Community Association. The Foundation also approved grants for Ki Bois CAF, Inc. – Haskell County Coalition for school supplies and Ki Bois Community Action – Sequoyah County for backpacks for their back-to-school giveaway.

The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2016, with applications due by August 15, 2016. For more information about Operation Round Up or to obtain an application, visit CHEC's website at www.cooksonhills.com or call 800-328-2368.

Tomorrow's Leaders Tour Washington, D.C.

Four area students just returned from an unforgettable chance-of-a-lifetime trip that has forever changed their lives.

The Oklahoma Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. was June 10 - 16, 2016. Representing CHEC this year were: Graylen Fletcher, Vian High School, son of Dennis and Tramera Fletcher; Kenzie Taylor, Muldrow High School, daughter of Tristan and Kimberly Taylor; Emmy Cloud, Muldrow High School, daughter of Michael and Scarlett Cloud; and Krystan Epperson, Central High School, daughter of Scott and LeAnden Epperson.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is an annual week-long event in June during which almost 1,700 high school juniors from across the United States convene in Washington, D.C. The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) and 25 rural electric cooperatives across the state 3087400 sponsor students from Oklahoma to this event each year.



The purpose of the tour is to provide a multitude of opportunities to outstanding young people, allowing them to:

- Better understand the values of rural electrification.
- Become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capital through visits to monuments, government offices, and cooperative organizations.
- Visit elected officials to better understand how the federal government operates.
- Learn leadership and cooperation skills while gaining new friends and acquaintances.

Points of interest this year included: the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, and World War II Memorials; Arlington Cemetery; Ford's Theatre; Library of Congress; U.S. Marine Sunset Parade; Mount Vernon; Congressional Summit; Holocaust Museum; the Washington Monument; a tour of the Capitol with Congressman Mullin; and numerous other sites as well.

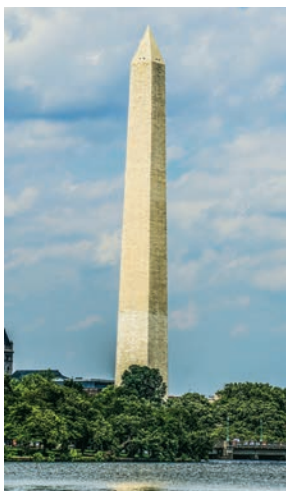
Each of the students came back with a newfound respect and understanding of our great nation and with a realization of how privileged we are to live in the United States of America.

For more information about this special trip, you may visit our website at www.cooksonhills.com or call Donna Rhodes, Youth Tour Coordinator, at 800-328-2368.



Left to Right: Emmy Cloud, Krystan Epperson, Graylen Fletcher, and Kenzie Taylor

Pictures courtesy of OAEC



Okie Brothers BBQ

If you were at Reunion Days in Stigler, then you know everyone is talking about Okie Brothers BBQ. Brother-in-laws Chris Parker and Matt McGuire started smoking meat for family gatherings around ten years ago. "We talked about this for a bunch of years," says Parker and before they knew it, they had a Facebook page and were signed up for their first event.

This was their first summer selling smoked meat at events. Okie Brothers BBQ recently attended the Strawberry Festival in Stillwell, Oklahoma, and Reunion Days in Stigler, Oklahoma. They sold out at both events. Their most popular dishes are the pulled pork sandwich and the pulled pork nachos. They also sell smoked bologna, smoked sausage, smoked brisket, a few sides, and drinks.

Chris Parker lives in Stigler with his wife, Jennifer,

and their three children.

Chris is an employee of Stigler Public Schools. Chris and Jennifer are members of CHEC. Matt McGuire currently lives in Bixby, Oklahoma, with his wife, Terah, and their three children. Matt is an employee of Bank of Oklahoma.



When asked what the future holds for Okie Brothers BBQ, Parker said, "Right now we are just having fun. We are no different than any other man who likes to cook on the weekend." Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OkieBrothersBBQ to see what events Okie Brothers BBQ will be at next.



Pictures courtesy of Okie Brothers BBQ



Watt's Cooking



Twice Baked Potatoes

Potatoes (6-8 makes about 10-14 halved potatoes)
2 cups cheddar cheese
2 cups of sour cream
4-6 slices of cooked bacon (chopped up/cut up)
Salt & Pepper to taste

- Begin by piercing your potatoes with a fork in several places. Bake potatoes for an hour at 400 degrees.
- Let cool 10-15 minutes.
- Cut potatoes in half and spoon out potatoes and place in a medium bowl. Mix in 1 cup or so of cheese, sour cream (you can use more of less to your liking), cut up bacon and salt & pepper. Mix well.
- Spoon mixture back into potato skins. You usually can fill fewer potatoes than you had if you have them filled a little higher than the skins sides. Throw away excess skins. Sprinkle potatoes with cheddar cheese.
- Bake at 400 degrees for 20 more minutes.



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