

2016 SWRE Meeting Held in Altus

SWRE members from across the co-op's two-state service territory met in Altus on August 11 for the organization's 2016 annual meeting. The event was held at Western Oklahoma State College.

Throughout that day many SWRE members visited exhibits where they received information about SWRE's new community solar program, geothermal heating and cooling, the SWRE mobile app, whole house generators and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

The Choctaw Line Bluegrass Band from the Oklahoma City area provided great musical entertainment prior to the business meeting. The band's four members entertained with a variety of musical instruments and great vocals.

Prior to the brief business meeting, board President Dan White discussed the co-op qualities that make SWRE different from traditional profit-driven utility companies.

SWRE CEO Mike Hagy explained that the co-op wants to be the energy source for its members, with the ability to provide whatever kind of energy they seek. That is why the co-op has instituted programs such as community solar, geothermal, and generators. As technology and member needs evolve, the co-op will stand ready to serve those needs.

Emma McSpadden, a senior at Vernon High School, and Kendall Roberts, a senior at Tipton High School, shared their experiences as 2016 Youth Tour winners. Both spoke eloquently about their experiences and thanked SWRE members for providing them with the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C.

Co-op attorney Loyd Benson led a brief business meeting. A quorum was present for conducting business. A total of 340 voting memberships were represented at the meeting.

High point of the annual event, as always, was a prize drawing. One hundred three prizes were given away, including energy certificates, business gift cards, electric appliances, and numerous items that were donated by SWRE's vendor companies.

The grand prize was a 60-inch Samsung 4K ultra high definition television. It was won by Nelson Davis, an SWRE member who lives near Roosevelt.



TOP: Joel McCoy with sons Matt and Ely visit with Keith Bonham, SWRE's manager of member services, about the co-op's new community solar program.

MIDDLE LEFT: Emma McSpadden of Vernon and Kendall Roberts of Tipton, SWRE's 2016 Youth Tour Contest winners, spoke at the annual meeting to tell co-op members about their Youth Tour trips to Washington, D.C. in June.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Winner of the grand prize Samsung 60-inch 4K ultra high definition TV was SWRE member Nelson Davis of Roosevelt, OK.

BOTTOM: The Choctaw Line band wowed the SWRE crowd with a great selection of bluegrass music.

SWRE CEO Report



by Mike R. Hagy
Chief Executive Officer

Annual meeting was great success

I would like to thank each of our members who participated in the 2016 Annual Meeting in Altus.

Once again it was a joy to meet with many of our longtime members and to also meet many of our new members. There are many great people in southwest Oklahoma and north Texas, and SWRE members are the “cream of the crop”.

A special thanks to the folks in Altus who made our meeting successful. The staff and administration at Western Oklahoma State College were gracious in their hospitality. Our area is fortunate to have such beautiful facilities in the Altus community.

We had numerous special guests at this year’s annual meeting. I would like to thank Hillary Barrow, administrative services assistant at the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, for her attendance. Members of the Statewide’s staff are essential to the continued success of SWRE and our sister co-ops in Oklahoma. Our statewide associations in both Oklahoma and Texas play a major role in providing support to all of the member cooperatives.

Thanks also to Jane Lafferty, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer who attended on behalf of WFEC. Western Farmers supplies the wholesale power for our cooperative, and their collaborative effort enables SWRE to provide the best possible price to our members. The staff of WFEC provides essential support with marketing, economic development, and the Touchstone

Energy Program.

I would also like to thank the SWRE Board of Trustees. Their service to our cooperative requires many, many hours throughout the year. In addition to all of the board meetings and regional/national meetings, each of the directors has taken time from their personal schedules to attend training meetings designed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

I am proud to say that all of SWRE’s trustees will have earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director’s Certificate and many of the directors have gone on to complete the Board Leadership Training Programs as well. These are intense courses with written examinations designed to provide directors with essential knowledge to govern our cooperative.

Last... I would be amiss if I did not thank my staff and employees. The linemen and office staff are the people who make our organization run on a day-to-day basis. I am proud of them all. Their willingness to pitch in and get the job done, whether it is in a storm or just day-to-day operations, is a tremendous asset to this cooperative.

As you can see, Southwest Rural Electric is truly a cooperative when you put all of these pieces together. It takes all of these components for our vision of “Safety, Service, and Satisfaction – One member at a time!” to be a reality.

Thanks for another successful year!

Mike R. Hagy

Community Solar construction underway



Co-op members may have noticed that site preparations have begun at location of SWRE’s new community solar fields.

The construction will be done in

partnership with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, SWRE’s power provider, and will be built in stages over the next two or three months.

The fields are one mile south of Frederick at Highway 183 and Airport Road, and south of Vernon on Center Drive adjacent to Madison Crossing Apartments.

Interested SWRE members may buy shares of output from the solar fields to reap utility benefits over the coming 25 years. Each share costs \$350 and is roughly equal to output from one solar panel.

Visit www.swre.com or call SWRE for more information.

Annual Meeting Prize Winners Named

Prize winners at SWRE's 2016 Annual Meeting in Altus on August 11 were as follows:

Dortha Adler, Snyder, \$100 EC; Dave Baca, Puyallup, WA, electric deep fryer; Leon Bailey, Altus, \$50 EC; Edgar Barker, Tipton, \$50 EC; Jeff Bearden, Vernon, \$50 EC; Butch Bergt, Crowell, \$50 Walmart card; Gilbert Billy, Denton, TX, \$50 EC; Mark Blinn, Headrick, \$50 EC; James Boler, Altus, toaster oven; Ronnie Booker, Headrick, cordless drill; Tonya Brand, Altus, slow cooker; Randy Brock, Vernon, LED flexible work light.

Coy Butler, Elmer, 44-piece tool set; James Claiborne, Altus, random orbit sander; Paula Clarkson, Vernon, toaster oven; Don Chancellor, Indianola, coffee maker; Kevin Chapman, Blair, tree trimmer and extension cord; Tommy Chapman, Blair, \$25 Walmart card; Don Cheek, Headrick, toaster; John Cope, Frederick, weather alert radio; Joe Coufal, Crowell, \$50 EC; Nelson Davis, Roosevelt, Samsung TV (grand prize); Mike DeWeese, Blair, folding utility cart; Glen Dickerson, Vernon, \$100 EC; Jackie Diggs, Crowell, \$100 EC; L.L. Dismore, Wichita Falls, TX, wheeled ice chest; David Doss, Altus, 86-piece tool set; Maynerd Ferguson, Vernon, kitchen kettle multi-cooker/steamer; James Fitzanko, Snyder, \$100 EC.

Don Fletcher, Mangum, \$50 EC; James Foraker, Blair, popcorn popper; Walter Frank, Vernon, folding stool; Friendship Baptist Church, Altus, tower fan; Doyle Givens, Frederick, \$50 EC; Daniel Glass, Burkburnett, \$50 EC; Justin Green, Frederick, \$50 EC; Fred Halencak, Vernon, paper shredder; Donald Hall, Vernon, wet-dry vacuum; Larry Hanes, Tipton, \$50 EC; Roger Heap, Frederick, \$100 EC; Scott Henderson, Altus, ratchet tie-down set; Joe Hernandez, Vernon, \$50 EC; Harold Hodges, Altus, slow cooker.

Dorothy Holmes, Harrold, LED light stick bulbs and lantern; Debbie Holt, Blair, slow cooker; Kenneth Holt, Blair, Dirt Devil vac; Bob Howard, Headrick, pliers and extension cord; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Harrold, \$50 EC; Jackson County Water Co., Blair, \$100 EC; Bill Johns, Tipton, \$100 EC;

Wayne Johnston, Vernon, \$50 EC; Albert Jokel Estate, Harrold, \$50 EC; Alan Jones, Vernon,

\$100 EC; Mary Jones, Vernon, \$50 EC; Truman Jones, Mt. Park, \$25 Walmart card; Robyn Kidd, Altus, food chopper; Brad Laxson, Vernon, \$50 EC; Kenneth Lehman, Vernon, \$100 EC; Joey Lingle, Blair, atomic clock; Charles Lynn, Vernon, \$50 EC; Justin McElwee, Headrick, \$50 EC; Richard McMahon, Blair, electric iron; Joe Jack McPherson, Frederick, \$100 EC; Tim Mallard, Yukon, \$50 EC; Billie Menees, Blair, electric blender.

Wendell Mints, Vernon, \$100 EC; Ike Moore, Altus, \$100 EC; Phillip Muller, Altus, electric jigsaw; Craig Murr, Frederick, \$50 EC; Tommy Murr, Frederick, iced tea maker; Charles Nichols, Headrick, \$100 EC; Harold Obenhaus, Chillicothe, folding razor-tooth saw; Jerry Pennartz, Harrold, \$100 EC; Fred Schmedt, Altus, \$50 EC; Kelly Shaffer, Elmer, \$25 Walmart card; Jeremiah Smith, Altus, \$50 EC; Linda Smith, Blair, atomic clock; Bill Snodgrass, Altus, electric griddle; Walter Stolle, Vernon, charge station/Bluetooth speaker;

Steve Surrell, Elmer, 201-piece tool set; F.W. Taylor, Crowell, \$50 EC; Lane Thomas, Vernon, label maker; Foy Thomason, Altus, rechargeable LED spotlight; Robert Treadwell, Snyder, \$50 EC; Peter Vanderlaan, Frederick, \$50 Walmart card; Matt Waites, Blair, \$100 EC; Carolyn Walker, Odell, \$100 EC; Patricia Walker, Mt. Park, panini press; Tommy Walker, Vernon, cart and garden hose; Pat Wallace, Altus, electric skillet.

Jackie Walser, Electra, folding crates; Ronnie Wathen, Blair, 60-piece socket set; Franklin Weiser, Oklaunion, \$100 EC; Wayne Whitaker, Altus, wheelbarrow; Christie Wilkins, Altus, \$50 EC; Richard Willey, Altus, \$50 EC; Tom Winchester, Altus, trunk organizer and insulated cooler; Gary Winters, Altus, electric blender; Tera Winters, Blair, oscillating multi-tool; Garry Wofford, Vernon, rotating waffle maker; Verlyn Wright, Altus, \$100 EC; Scott Young, Altus, fire safe.

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Texas

Chillicothe – American National Bank

Crowell – State Bank

Electra – Waggoner National Bank

Vernon – Herring Bank, Waggoner Bank, Bank of the West

NOTE: When paying at a bank, allow 7-10 days prior to the bill's due date.

What's Cookin' in the SWRE Kitchen

Southern Slow Cooker Barbeque Pork



- 1 (5 lb) bone-in pork shoulder roast
- 1 Tbs. salt
- ground black pepper
- 1-1/2 cups apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbs. brown sugar
- 1-1/2 Tbs. hot pepper sauce
- 2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

Directions

1. Place the pork shoulder in a slow cooker and season with salt and pepper. Pour vinegar around the pork. Cover, and cook on LOW for 12 hours. Pork should easily pull apart into strands.
2. Remove the pork from the slow cooker and discard any bones. Strain out the liquid and save 2 cups. Discard any extra. Shred the pork using tongs or two forks, and return to slow cooker. Stir the brown sugar, hot pepper sauce, cayenne pepper, and red pepper flakes into the reserved sauce. Mix into the pork in the slow cooker. Cover and keep on LOW setting until serving.

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