



## Annual Meeting held in Vernon

SWRE members from across the co-op's two-state service territory met in Vernon on August 9 for the organization's 2018 annual meeting. The event was held at the Wilbarger Auditorium.

Throughout that day many SWRE members enjoyed exhibits featuring the SWRE app, Operation Round Up and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.

Prior to the brief business meeting, The Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus dazzled the audience with their musical ensemble.

Youth Tour students, Deanna Duensing, a senior at Electra High School, and Timothy Jacobson, a senior at Snyder High School, were recognized as the 2018 Youth Tour winners.

SWRE CEO, Ken Simmons recognized several employee milestones and spoke about the early success of Operation Round Up. Simmons also recognized the couple in attendance who has been married the longest, which was Willie and Virginia Kieschnick, who have been married for 65 years.

Co-op attorney Loyd Benson led a brief business meeting. A quorum was present for conducting business. A total of 370 voting memberships were represented at the meeting.

High point of the annual event, as always, was a prize drawing. One hundred two prizes were given away, including +\$3,150 in energy certificates, smart home accessories and over \$2000 worth of donations from SWRE's vendor companies.

The reserve grand prize was a \$500 energy credit, won by member Carolyn Gibson and the grand prize, a 50-inch VIZIO 4K HD television, was won by Jane Ellis, an SWRE member.

## Democratic Member Control.

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members—those who buy the goods or use the services of the cooperative. Attendants of this year's annual meeting exercised their right to vote as members.



Manager/CEO, Ken Simmons

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# Annual meeting in Vernon was a huge success!

I would like to thank each of our members who participated in the 2018 Annual Meeting in Vernon last month. We had an excellent turnout and a good time was had by all. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to connect with your local co-op.

It was my pleasure to meet with many of our members from SWRE. I enjoyed conversing with many of you throughout the evening and I hope you all know that my door is always open for communicating thoughts and concerns.

The Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus did an outstanding job with their musical production before the meeting. We were proud to have them as this year's entertainment.

Many of you took the time to donate to Operation Round Up either by visiting the Round Up booth or by purchasing a hotdog. We appreciate your support in this way. Your donations will go towards bettering the lives of people right here in our service territory.

All of the positive changes at this year's event were a direct result of the input we received from you all one year ago, when we sent out a survey following the Frederick event. Your feedback and comments are what fuel the change and betterment of your annual meeting.

Your employees and staff at SWRE are continuously striving to make the annual meeting fun, relevant and enjoyable for all of you. If you attended this year's meeting, please be sure and fill out our brief survey, available now on both our website and Facebook page. The survey should only take about three minutes and can be completed on any phone, tablet or computer. We value your opinion in setting the precedence for our 2019 annual meeting.

*Fill out our short survey on our Facebook Page, website or by using the link below:*  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/5VV6R5K](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5VV6R5K)

Thank you again for those of you who took time out of your busy schedule to join us for our annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you all again next August in Altus, Oklahoma!

On behalf of the board and employees, thanks for allowing us to serve you!

--Ken Simmons

# Youth Tour students share their experience, encourage 11th graders to apply



Timothy Jacobson and Deanna Duensing, 2018 Youth Tour Winners. Left: at SWRE Annual Meeting. Right: In front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

2018 Youth Tour winners, Deanna Duensing of Electra and Timothy Jacobson of Snyder, spoke about their recent trip to Washington D.C. at the SWRE annual meeting last month.

Both students said the trip was life-changing and unforgettable.

Deanna said, “My favorite part of the trip was spending an entire afternoon on Capitol Hill, visiting with legislators and senators and learning about their jobs.”

Timothy enjoyed the trip as well, stating, “Youth Tour opened up my mind and helped me understand the government more.”

Both Timothy and Deanna encourage incoming 11th grade stu-

dents to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

High school juniors who live or attend school in the SWRE service area are encouraged to enter the Youth Tour Essay Contest.

Top prize for one Oklahoma student and one Texas student will be an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. Deadline for the 11th grade SWRE Youth Tour Contest essay is Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Complete contest information and entry materials have been sent to most 8th and 11th grade English teachers at schools throughout the SWRE service territory in Oklahoma and Texas. Entry forms and

guidelines can be found on the SWRE website: [www.swre.com/youthtour](http://www.swre.com/youthtour).

*If you'd like to learn more about Deanna and Timothy's experience or their roles at the annual meeting, check out our Facebook page for live video footage from the Youth Tour social media takeover!*



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Photographer Debbie Duggar kept members busy with a photo “bucket” opportunity. While there were dozens of goofy, silly, amazingly wonderful photos, these were a few of our favorites! Visit our Facebook page for more photos from the Annual Meeting.

# Johnita's Chocolate Chip Blonde Brownies



## Ingredients:

2/3 cup melted butter  
2 cups brown sugar  
2 beaten eggs  
2 tsp. vanilla  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)  
1 pkg chocolate chips

## Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix together butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla.
3. Beat in the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda.
4. Stir in chopped pecans.
5. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan and sprinkle chocolate chips over the top.
6. Bake for 25 minutes.

## SWRE Trading Post

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**For Sale:** 1997 New Vision by Sportsman Camper/RV, 31-ft fifth wheel with one slide out. Excellent condition, hasn't been used in sev-

eral years. \$7500 OBO. Located in Vernon, TX. Call 940-473-1200.

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