

You're in Good Hands With CECA



MESSAGE FROM
GENERAL MANAGER
ALAN LESLEY

LIFE IS A BALANCING ACT. Everyone needs to act in their own self-interest sometimes to keep their homes and lives secure. A stable home and family can help keep the surrounding community healthy and growing. Co-ops share that strategy: By doing well for ourselves, we do good for the entire community we serve.

When the market refuses to offer a good or service, or does so

at too high a price, co-ops step in to fill the void.

Cooperatives identify members of the community who have the same self-interests and bring them together to make a cooperative decision.

Seventy-eight years ago, when Comanche Electric Cooperative got started, the folks in our community shared at least one area of self-interest: They needed electricity, which is why electric cooperatives were formed. Individuals acted in their own self-interest, but that led to the community and economic development of the rural areas where they lived. Today, rural electric co-ops serve more than 42 million people in 47 states.

It is good to know that your friends and neighbors are also co-owners of your co-op. People coming together to meet a particular need is the phenomenon at the heart of every kind of co-op. That is exactly what happened October 8, when 336 Comanche EC members came together and attended the 2016 annual meeting to cast their votes for the members who would serve them on the board.

Each year, at least two districts meet in August to elect a fellow member to serve them for the next three years. This year, members from three districts—districts 3, 5 and 6—each met and nominated a delegate as their representative. At the annual meeting in October, all Comanche EC members were given the opportunity to cast their votes on all three districts. Your current directors are:

District 1: Randy Denning, Comanche County, Highway 16 north of Comanche, thence east to Highway 36

District 2: James "Pete" McDougal, Comanche County, Highway 36 east from Comanche, thence south and west to Highway 36

District 3: Ruby Solomon, Comanche County, Highway 36 northwest from Comanche, thence east to Highway 16

District 4: Monty Carlisle, Mills County plus that portion of Brown County south of Highway 67 and including that portion of Brown County west or south of Pecan Bayou

District 5: Troy Stewart, Brown County north of Highway 67 and east or north of Pecan Bayou

District 6: Loren Stroebel, Eastland and Callahan counties less that portion of Eastland County east or north of Highway 6

District 7: Phil Taylor, Stephens and Shackelford counties plus that portion of Eastland County east or north of Highway 6

You, our members, are the backbone of the cooperative and



More than 650 members and guests attended the 2016 annual meeting of the membership and cast their votes for the individuals they felt would best represent them in the business of the cooperative.

the reason we exist today. It is estimated that more than 40 percent of all residents in the U.S. are members of at least one co-op. Worldwide, well over a billion people are counted as co-op members.

So every time you turn on (or off) the lights, it can serve as a reminder that as a co-op member, you are in good company with your neighbors—and with people all around the world.

If you have questions concerning the cooperative, including which is your district and who represents you, contact our Member Services Department at 1-800-915-2533.

Nancy Isham Retires

FOR YEARS, COMANCHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS knew her as the sweet and smiling lady who worked at the front desk. Later, she served as the executive secretary to former General Manager Ronnie Robinson and current General Manager Alan Lesley.

After 33 years at CECA, Nancy Isham has chosen to join an elite group: those in retirement. To show appreciation for her many years of service, the cooperative hosted her retirement party. If attendance is any indication, there is no doubt that she was well-known and much loved.

To the fellow employees who have worked with her, Nancy is:

- ▶ A true co-op woman.
- ▶ Thoughtful and caring with a heart of gold.
- ▶ Beautiful inside and out.
- ▶ The best friend a girl could ever have.
- ▶ Fun and outgoing.
- ▶ A dedicated, caring person, always wanting to help others and often putting their needs ahead of her own.



Nancy is also loved by many friends. Her dear friend Laurie Creswell said, “Nancy is one of those very rare people who you can count on in any and all situations. If she says she will do something, she will, every time. She also does good works behind the scenes, never asking for credit or praise. She does things because she truly walks the Christian walk—not just talks the Christian talk.”

As you can see, Nancy is cherished at CECA and will be greatly missed. Her retirement plans for the future are to spend more time with her children and grandchildren, and to travel.



P.O. Box 729, Comanche, TX 76442

Operating in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Mills, Shackelford and Stephens counties

HEADQUARTERS

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Comanche, TX 76442

EARLY OFFICE

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Early, TX 76801

EASTLAND OFFICE

1311 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448

OFFICE HOURS

Comanche Office: Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Early Office: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., closed 1–2 p.m.

Eastland Office: Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

General Manager

Alan Lesley

Board of Directors

Randy Denning, District 1
Pete McDougal, District 2
Ruby Solomon, District 3
Monty Carlisle, District 4
Troy Stewart, District 5
Loren Stroebel, District 6
Phil Taylor, District 7

Report an Outage

CECA crews are available 24/7 in the event of a power quality issue by calling 1-800-915-2533.

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1-800-915-2533 toll-free

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Tanya Lusty Awarded Scholarship

Congratulations to Tanya Lusty of Sidney on being awarded the CECA Operation Round-Up Adult and Nontraditional Student Scholarship. Lusty is currently enrolled at Ranger College in the LVN program and is scheduled to graduate in August 2017.





CECA employees are on hand to provide members an alternative to walking to the big tent.



The Air Evac Lifeteam crew allows CECA members and guests to tour the air ambulance.



More than 650 members and guests sit beneath the big tent as the meeting draws to a close. There's always room for more, so make plans to attend the 2017 meeting!



Comanche Boy Scout Troop No. 67 presents the colors and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.



Ashley's Twist and Paint provides balloon creations for younger attendees.



Members visit the health fair.

Annual Meeting Draws A Crowd

THEY BEGAN TRICKLING IN shortly after the sun came up. They came from as near as down the street and from as far away as Houston. They came for the camaraderie, the gifts, the entertainment and the food. But they also came because it is their right and privilege as members of Comanche Electric Cooperative to participate in the election of the board of directors, made up of fellow members who will represent them and protect their holdings in their company.

Although the weather that Friday had been frightful, Saturday dawned clear and cool with no hint of rain. More than 650 members and guests of CECA took advantage of the beautiful day and attended the 78th annual meeting of the membership under the big-top tent at Comanche City Park.

Registration began at 9 a.m., and members had the option

of grabbing a steamy box of popcorn and a drink, and heading straight to the big top to enjoy the morning's entertainment, provided by Class of '57. Or they could mosey on over to the health fair to visit with representatives of De Leon Nursing and Rehab, Accel Health (formerly Cross Timbers), Doctors Medical Center, Juice Plus, City and Rural Rides, Air Evac Lifeteam, The ARK Shelter, The Starry Agency, CCS Medical Equipment, Oaks Assisted Living and CCS Hospice.

At 10 a.m., Director Phil Taylor from District 7 opened the meeting by introducing Comanche Boy Scout Troop No. 67 to present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Comanche High School student Carissa Cole led the assembly in singing the national anthem. General Manager Alan Lesley led the group in prayer and presided over the bulk of the meeting,



Dawn Buckingham, candidate for Texas Senate District 24, addresses the membership.



William Works is presented with a Danny Marlin custom knife for 35 years of service.

Nancy Isham waves goodbye as she walks away from her final annual meeting as an employee.



In addition to receiving his service pin, Doug Erwin was presented with a meter lamp for 30 years of service.

Nancy Isham, with the assistance of Aryn and Aubrey, draws names for door prizes.



Nancy Isham accepts a beautifully engraved silver platter commemorating 33 years of service to CECA.

Members enjoy a delicious fish and chicken lunch catered by Cook's Fish Barn.



which included a short visit from Dawn Buckingham, candidate for Texas Senate District 24.

The main order of business for the 2016 meeting was to elect officers for District 3, District 5 and District 6. Each district had previously held district meetings and elected a representative to be voted on by the general membership. They were: District 3, Ruby Solomon; District 5, Troy Stewart; and District 6, Loren Stroebel.

After all director nominees had been introduced, CECA attorney Don Richards called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion and second were made, and the members approved dispensing with the vote and electing all three nominees by acclamation.

With the business of the cooperative completed, Lesley got down to the fun part of awarding service pins to employees reaching five-year milestones. Employees honored at the

2016 annual meeting were: Chad Foreman, 10 years; Chad Newman, 15 years; and Kendall Keith and Jim Lester, 20 years. Doug Erwin celebrated 30 years of service, and in addition to a service pin, he received a meter lamp.

William Works celebrated 35 years, and in addition to his service pin, he was presented with a custom-made Danny Marlin Damascus-blade skinning knife with an antler handle, presented on a wooden base display. Nancy Isham, who retired the Monday after the annual meeting, was surprised with an engraved silver tray to commemorate her 33 years of service to the cooperative and the membership.

Erwin, assisted by Isham, drew for door prizes. Thirty-eight members received gifts through the drawing, with the big prize being a 50-inch Sanyo LED TV.

The day concluded with a fish and chicken lunch catered by Cook's Fish Barn.

Annual Meeting Prize Donors

Anixter	Schneider Engineering
Brazos Electric Power Cooperative	Texas Electric Cooperatives
Cain Electrical Supply	Comanche County Medical Clinic
Elliott Electrical Supply	Chatfield Assisted Living
Horton Tree Service	Michelle Miller
Insurance Network of America	Accel Health

Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Jimmie Wayne Smith	\$50 Electric Service Credit
Candice Williams	\$50 Mary Kay Gift Bag
Lyder Quade Jr.	5-Amp Hyper-Tough Electric Drill
Thomas McClanahan	Impact Drill and Drive Set
Erik Freeman	Utilitech 1500 Utility Heater
Delton Woolsey	20-Ounce Tumbler and Cliplight
Elton Cogburn	Mr. Coffee Tea/Coffee Maker
Mark Wayne Sides	\$50 Visa Gift Card
Willie Ray Price	Ceiling Fan
Tommy Greer	6-Piece Heavy-Duty Nut Driver
Kenneth Duayne McNeil	500-Watt Work Light
E. Nelson Thomas	Corded Leaf Blower
Gary Cox	20-Ounce Tumbler and Cliplight
Cleve Simpson	\$50 Electric Service Credit
John George Cockrell Jr.	2 Tool Combo Drivers
Rodney Carlisle	6-in-1 Nut Driver (Klein)
Bruce Allen Spruill	\$50 Visa Gift Card
Viann Melot	10-Watt Portable Work Light
James Fogal	Lasko Ceramic Heater
Raymond Wheeler	15-in-1 Screwdriver (Klein)
Peggy Baker	Shop Vac
Eddie Ray Holden	12-Amp Blower
Laura Lee Ribble	\$50 Electric Service Credit
Nelda Helmcamp	\$50 Visa Gift Card
Lt. Col. John M. Weaver	20-Ounce Tumbler and Cliplight
Michael Andrew Scheriger	Skillsaw
Harold Reich	Sony Blu-Ray DVD Player
Donald Welch	\$50 Visa Gift Card
Tommy Edward Lee	Holmes Infrared Heater
George Froneberger	\$100 Cabela's Gift Card
Gayland Daugherty	\$100 Walmart Gift Card
Gerald Reynolds	Set of Two Yeti Ramblers
Billy Bradshaw	Real Tree 40-Ounce Tumbler
Gary Lee Morrison	Meter Lamp
William Kirkland	Sanyo 32-Inch Television
Jason Anderson	\$100 Electric Service Credit
Durward Fussell	Roku 32-Inch Television
Rex and Tammi Reed	Sanyo 50-Inch LED Television

CECA Vehicles To Be Auctioned

CECA WILL AUCTION OFF two retired vehicles through a closed-bid process. These vehicles have a few battle scars and are well broken-in, as you would expect from work vehicles.

You may come by the office at 201 W. Wrights Ave. in Comanche to inspect the vehicles in person.

Sealed bids can be mailed to: CECA, Attn: Sealed Vehicle Bid, P.O. Box 729, Comanche, TX 76442, or dropped off in person at the office in Comanche.

In all correspondence, please include a phone number where you can be reached. Questions can be directed to Monty Cunningham at 1-800-915-2533. The deadline for bids is noon, December 19. Bid winners will be notified December 20.

CECA reserves the right to reject any or all bids at the discretion of the board.

**Mileage current as of September 13, 2016, but is subject to change, as vehicle could still be used.*



Truck 1699: 2006 Silverado 1500 4WD single cab; 4.8-liter V8 gas engine; 4-speed automatic transmission; HD trailering equipment package; heavy-duty suspension; mileage 146,914. Minimum bid: \$3,500



Truck 2999: 2009 Silverado 1500 4WD extended cab; 5.3-liter V8 engine; 4-speed automatic transmission; HD trailering equipment package; mileage 138,557. Minimum bid: \$4,500

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Area Schools Awarded Operation Round-Up Grants

WHEN THE OPERATION ROUND-UP BOARD MET earlier this year, the five-member board enthusiastically voted to introduce a new program: five \$1,000 classroom grants to be awarded for

teachers wanting to make a difference in their classrooms. Winners of the 2016 Operation Round-Up Classroom Grants are as follows:



Breckenridge

Board member Marza Adams, Moran, presents a check to students and teacher Brian Valenzuela for their PALS (Peer Assistance in Leadership) program. Their project will provide much-needed renovation to their ninth- through 12th-grade library. This award will be used to purchase computers, iPads, etc., to be housed in the library for use by students who do not have home systems.



Comanche

Board member Regina Johnson, Comanche, presents a check to Philip Beard and his agriculture students to be used to purchase a dialarc welder. This new acquisition will enable the students to become certified welders straight out of high school, an opportunity few students in secondary education receive.



Goldthwaite

Board member Bud West, Mullin, presents a check to LeAnn Duus and her students. Their grant will be used to purchase lab kits for physics, chemistry, anatomy and physiology. The main goal for physics students will be to obtain a better understanding of electricity and circuits while creating their own inventions.



Ranger

Board member Kirk Knight presents an award to the Ranger Junior High School science class. The money will be used to purchase “Power House” kits to teach the students the principles of solar energy, wind power and greenhouses to create a self-sustained system.



Cross Plains

The Cross Plains Theatre Arts Class accepts a check from the Operation Round-Up program to purchase a sound system. The system will be used in their “Giving Back” series, in which students use their talents to serve the community by educating, entertaining and bringing joy to people who are less likely to attend shows in the school auditorium.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Comanche Electric Cooperative wishes you and yours
a blessed and joyful Christmas season.**

Our offices will be closed Friday, December 23,
and Monday, December 26, for Christmas;
and Monday, January 2, for New Year's.