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FREE ELECTRICITY!

You could be the lucky winner of our **GRAND PRIZE, (\$1,000 in free electricity), at Farmers' Electric Cooperative's 75th Annual Membership Meeting**

Registration:	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Business Meeting:	10:30 a.m.
Lunch:	Following Business Meeting

Santa Rosa High School
717 S. 3rd Street
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Saturday, April 27, 2013

To take action upon the following matters:

- The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
- The election of Trustees from:
District 2 (Melrose)
District 7 (San Jon/Logan)
- All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof
- Door prizes for adults and children
- Grand Prize Drawing (\$1,000 IN FREE ELECTRICITY!)
- Two special drawings (\$50 Energy Certificates) for "First-Time" attendance
- Lunch, (provided by Farmers' Electric), will be served following the meeting by the Santa Rosa FFA.



Early Bird Gets the Worm

For those of you planning on attending our 75th Annual Meeting of Members, here's an extra little incentive to get you there early. We will give the first 50 registered members a special, "early bird" gift. We really don't want you to know what it is yet, so we are keeping it a secret.



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Manager's Message...



Lance Adkins, GM

A Balancing Act

It has been a couple of months since we took a look at legislation and regulation of energy issues at the national level. Most industry insiders expected renewed efforts to make major changes following the November elections. Congressional action remains tough as politicians appear to be fairly solid in their positions and most votes fall along “party lines.” As expected, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is moving forward with new regulations across a wide range of issues including new emission regulations for existing

power plants and more stringent requirements for new plant additions. EPA recently released information that emissions from power plants is down almost five percent from 2010 levels, determining that early retirement of aging coal plants to be replaced by natural gas and continued development of renewable energy resources as the major reasons for the decline.

“As elected officials, I expect that Congress would be better than the EPA at achieving that balance.”

Polling of consumers conducted across the nation indicates that a majority of Americans, almost 65 percent, favor increasing regulations to reduce emissions from power plants, automobiles and other sources. However, less than 30 percent support paying a “carbon tax” to pay for improvements necessary to achieve greater emission reductions. In short, while a majority of Americans desire a cleaner environment, most are not ready to pay for the changes necessary to reach that goal. It is critical that new legislation and regulation work to balance the benefit of new regulations against the cost of those new regulations to consumers. As elected officials, I expect that Congress would be better than the EPA at achieving that balance.

Closer to home, I have always been amazed by the announced results of polling or survey data. Over the years, I have received a few calls from pollsters, generally political polls around election time and generally ending with a request for donations. While I am not a big fan of polls or surveys, I understand the information can be very useful in understanding what folks are really thinking. In early May our new wholesale power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), will be mailing a survey-form to a random sampling of residential consumers across the 22 electric distribution coops they serve, including Farmers’ Electric. If you are one of the lucky recipients, I ask that you take some time to complete the survey and return it WFEC. WFEC conducts this survey periodically and utilizes the results in planning how to best meet the needs of the membership in the future. All of the responses will be confidential, neither WFEC nor Farmers’ Electric will be able to identify those responding to the survey.

In closing, Farmers’ Electric is celebrating our 75th birthday this year! While there have been a number of changes through the years and there are a number of new faces, the Cooperative’s mission remains the same. We are here to provide the membership with quality electric service at a reasonable and affordable cost. I hope you will plan on attending the 75th Annual Meeting of the members in Santa Rosa on April 27.

Until next month,

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Ask Wille!

Q. Willie, I am thinking about doing some spring tree planting around the house, any suggestions? I have heard that trees can help save on energy consumption in your home. Anything to that?

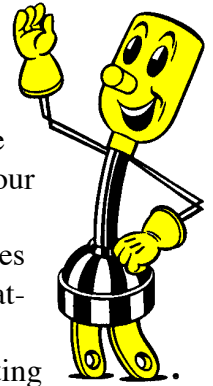


A. Great question! Well, you heard right! **The trick:** Plant leafy trees on the south and west sides of your house to keep the summer sun from pouring heat through those windows. After they drop their leaves in the fall, they will allow warm winter sunlight to enter the house and give your heating system a break.

Likewise, plant a few evergreens along the north, west, and east sides of the house to break the winter wind and keep the cold air from infiltrating your home.

Carefully positioned trees can cut up to 25 percent from your heating and cooling bills, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Because we live in a particularly windy area, a windbreak can ease your fuel (electric, gas, or propane) by up to 40 percent!

Here's a bonus free of charge! Trees near the house can cut down on noise that tries to make it's way into your house.



Members registering at the Annual Meeting of Members on behalf of a partnership, organization, church, trust, corporation, partnership, governmental agency, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship should present documentation at registration denoting such. For convenience, a blank form below has been provided to accomplish this. This form or *affidavit* should be signed and notarized. The form can be delivered by the appointed individual at the time of registration at the Annual Meeting. No person may vote more than one time or receive more than one ballot. For more information, call: 800-445-8541 or 575-762-4466.

FARMERS' ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF NEW MEXICO

Affidavit for use by a Non-Individual Member to Authorize a Voting Representative

I, _____ do hereby certify that _____ is the voting representative of _____ (name of entity) and is the duly authorized legal representative for such entity for the purpose of voting on any and all matters that may arise at the annual meeting of members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. of New Mexico (hereinafter referred to as "Farmers' Electric") as held on April 27, 2013 in Santa Rosa, New Mexico to vote on behalf of _____ (name of entity) on any and all matters that may arise at the annual meeting of members of Farmers' Electric. This affidavit shall remain in effect through said meeting date unless earlier cancelled by written notice received by Farmers' Electric.

Type of Entity: (please specify)

- Organization
- Church
- Trust
- Corporation
- Partnership
- Governmental Agency
- Limited Liability Company
- Sole Proprietorship

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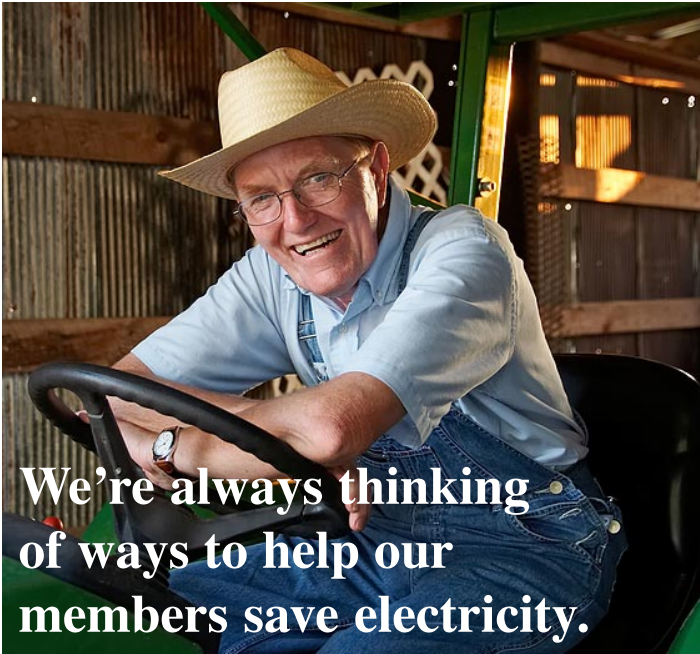
Cooperative Member's Qualifying Telephone Number

On this _____ day of _____, 2013, personally appeared before me _____, being known to be the person and acknowledging the foregoing instrument.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public



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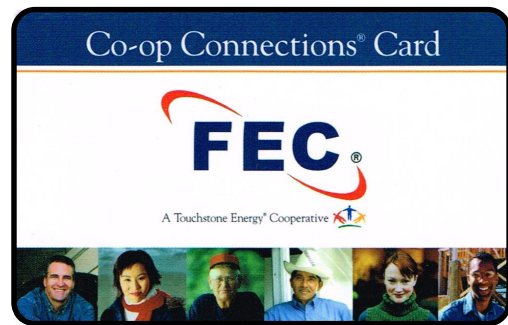
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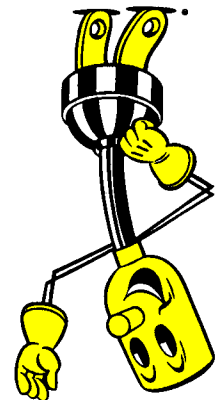


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