

# FEC POWER

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## 78th Annual Meeting Of Members!

Farmers' Electric Cooperative (FEC) held its 78th annual meeting of members Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the House High School Gym, House, New Mexico with 225 members and their guests present. Board President, Michael West, called the business meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Ernest Riley, (District 2 - Melrose) and Donnie Bidegain, (District 7 - San Jon/Logan) both ran unopposed and were re-elected by acclamation. Terms for FEC Trustee positions are three years.

Thanks go out to all those in attendance and all the employees who worked to help make the annual meeting a huge success. Employees who worked, (not eligible for annual meeting door prizes), did participate in a separate drawing. The winner, DeLinda Jones, Accounting Clerk, from Clovis, will receive a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant,



Thom Moore with Grand Prize Winner Jimmie Gayle Franklin



FEC General Manager, Lance Adkins, addresses members on the financial condition of the Co-op

courtesy of Farmers' Electric. Congratulations DeLinda!

Congratulations also go out to Jimmie Gayle Franklin of House for winning this year's grand prize of \$1,000 in free electricity! Ms. Franklin, after receiving her certificate, said, "my husband won't believe I won this!" "He is going to be so excited!" Two "first-time" attendee prizes, (\$50 energy certificates), were also awarded. Also, a child's grand prize of a 7.5" electronic tablet was awarded to a lucky attendee. There were a total of 115 prizes awarded to adults and children.

Special "thanks" go out to the entire staff of House High School and a very special thanks to to Teresa Hampton, the PTO, parent sponsors, teachers, and Oscar Lerma for all their help setting up and particularly for helping smoothly serve the meal to over 415 attendees! Also, thanks to Eric Austin and Badlands BBQ of Roswell for an outstanding plate of Texas style barbeque with all the fixins.

Manager's Message will return next month...

# 2016 ANNUAL MEETING



**Board of Trustees:**  
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## Plant A Tree!

By planting trees in and around your property, you could help save money on air conditioning in the very near future and at the same time add value to, while beautifying your home. Strategically placed trees can block your home from the hot summer sun well enough to reflect savings on your summer cooling bills.

Here's how:

- Plant ash, oak, Bradford Pear other trees on the west and south sides of a home to cast shade on walls or windows that would otherwise soak up the hot sun. When these trees lose their leaves in the winter, they'll let the sun's rays help warm your home through solar heating.
- Block strong winds from whipping around your home by planting rows of evergreens near your home.
- Locate trees near windows.
- Work with a landscaper or nursery to choose the right tree for your location and soil type.
- Choose trees that will grow tall and provide ample shade. Be sure to plant them far away from overhead power lines.

Before you dig, call New Mexico One-Call Center (811) to make sure no power lines are buried where you plan to plant.



## What Can A Penny Buy?

**A lot!!!**

**For the price of a single penny, you can:**

- Watch your favorite TV show
- Dry your hair for five minutes
- Bake a potato in the microwave oven
- Mix a cake
- Listen to the radio for two hours
- Vacuum for 10 minutes
- Brew a pot of coffee
- Make toast
- Puree for 20 minutes in a blender
- Iron for 10 Minutes
- Play your favorite CDs for one hour
- Read for ten hours by a 10 Watt LED bulb
- Stay snug under an electric blanket for two hours
- Ease pain for four hours with a heating pad
- Shave with an electric razor for one month
- Record 3 of your favorite TV shows on your DVR
- Fry food in an electric pan for 10 minutes
- Stay cool for one hour with a circulating fan
- Use an electric saw for one hour
- Tell time for three days with an electric clock
- Pump water for 15 minutes with a ½ HP pump



*\*Based on \$.10/kWh*

**I**f you connect an electric generator to the main electrical supply coming into the house, the electrical generator could feed back into Farmers' Electric's system and electrocute workers who are repairing the electrical lines.

To avoid this type of back-feeding onto the system, you must have a qualified, licensed electrician install a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch between the generator and utility power in compliance with all state and local electrical codes. (A minimum of 10-gauge wiring must be used.)

Your generator might not be large enough to handle the load of all the lights, appliances, TV, etc. at one time. To prevent dangerous overloading, calculate wattage requirements correctly.

## Summer Sizzler!

**Charbroil Patio Bistro Electric Infrared Grill**

**\$149**

**Save \$40!**

**\*While supplies last**



## Ask The Energy Guys! Re: Water Heater Blankets

Q. Dear Energy Guys: What do you know about water heater blankets? Should I install one?

A. Great Question! Let's see... We think we know a bit about them.

Most older water heaters have only an inch of fiberglass tank insulation, and most newer ones have just an inch of foam insulation. You can reduce your energy consumption by installing an additional blanket of fiberglass insulation. This is one of the most common and effective energy-conservation measures available.

- Water-heater blankets come in kits that contain a blanket, straps and tape. The straps hold the insulation to the water heater, and the tape seals the seams in the insulation.
- Turn the water heater off before installing the blanket. Read all the instructions that come with the blanket.
- Identify the areas where the blanket will be taped to the water heater. Wash these well so the tape will stick.
  - Cut the blanket to size with scissors or a sharp knife. Leave some extra until you know for sure how much you'll need.
  - Identify the pressure relief valve on either the top or side. Don't cover this important safety device.
  - For electric water heaters, you can insulate the top of the tank as well as the sides. Note where two rectangular covers provide access to the thermostats and elements. Cut small flaps in the insulation to provide access to these panels.
  - For gas water heaters, don't insulate the top. Note the gas valve and burner access door near the bottom of the tank. Cut the blanket so it is at least two inches away from these.
- Install the blanket so it is snug, and fasten it well so it will stay in place.



This long-lasting conservation measure will save energy day and night for the life of your water heater.

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