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## 79th Annual Meeting of Members!

Despite the cold, wind, and snow, Farmers' Electric Cooperative (FEC) held its 79th annual meeting of members Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Logan High School PAC Gym, Logan, New Mexico. 132 members braved the inclement weather to get an update on their cooperative. Board President, Michael West, called the business meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mike West, (District 3 - Ft. Sumner) and Paul Quintana, (District 5 - Tucumcari) 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 meet-



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



*FEC Trustee, Pat Woods, addresses the crowd before giving the invocation*

ing a huge success. Employees who worked, (not eligible for annual meet-

ing door prizes), did participate in a separate drawing. The winner, Mickey Stephenson, Warehouseman from Clovis, will receive a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant, courtesy of Farmers' Electric. Congratulations Mickey!

Congratulations also go out to Mary Whelchel of Ft. Sumner for winning this year's grand prize of \$1,000 in free electricity! Two "first-time" attendee prizes, (\$50

energy certificates), were also awarded. Also, a child's grand prize of a Sanyo 32" LED high definition TV was awarded to a lucky young lady from Logan. There were a total of 115 prizes awarded to adults and children.

Special "thanks" go out to Tommy Thompson, the staff at Logan High School, the Logan Longhorn Softball team, coaches, and family members for all their help serving the meal to approximately 300 guests. Also, thanks to the Annex of Logan for catering the event!

Manager's Message will return next month

### More Pictures From FEC's 79th Annual Meeting



**Board of Trustees:**  
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## Please Make Room for Road-side Crews

When the power goes out, so do Farmers' Electric (FEC) line crews. FEC lineworkers are the first to respond after an outage occurs, and they work tirelessly to restore power to the communities we serve.

If you're traveling and see one of our crews on the side of the road, we kindly ask that you move over, if possible, and give them a little extra space to work. We deeply care about the safety of all, and this extra precaution ensures just that.

If you approach a crew while traveling on a two-lane road, moving over to the next lane might not be an option. In this case, we simply ask that you slow down when approaching roadside crews. If you approach a crew while traveling on a four-lane road, and safety and traffic conditions allow, we ask that you move over into the far lane.

There is plenty of room for all. Let's work together to keep everyone safe on our local roadways.

## PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews, or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when safely possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



## Summer Sizzler!

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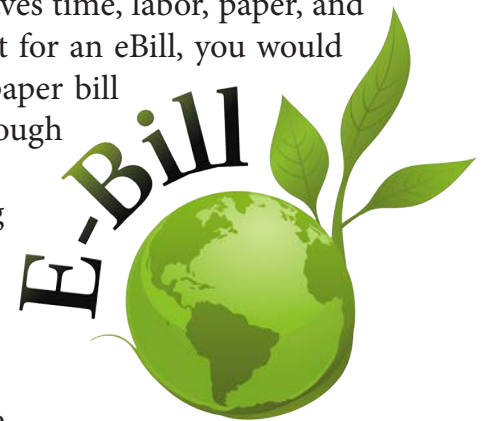
What's an eBill? An eBill is an electronic version of a paper bill that you can view and pay online! An eBill saves time, labor, paper, and postage! If you opt for an eBill, you would not receive your paper bill normally sent through the mail.

After signing up for eBill billing, you can streamline your Farmers' Electric (FEC) bill paying routine.

Additionally, eBills can be printed or filed online for record-keeping purposes.

When you are ready to pay, all you need to do is go online and enter your payment amount and click to pay. It's that easy! Even if you opt for eBill and aren't quite ready to start paying online, you can still print your bill and send it in mail as you have in the past.

If you would like more information or you are ready to sign up for FEC eBills, contact our office today at 1-800-445-8541 and ask to speak to someone in the Billing Department about eBills.



## Don't Let Metallic Balloons Ruin the Party

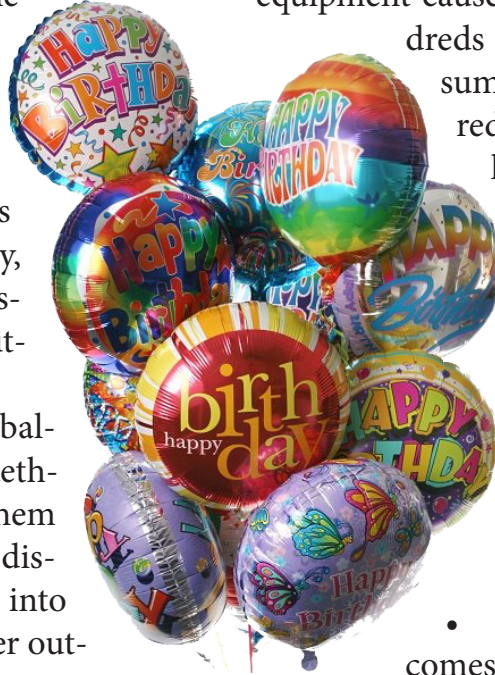
Very recently, it was determined that a rogue Mylar (metallic) balloon floated into one of our overhead powerlines causing a direct fault and power outage. It was in the middle of the day, sunny, dry, calm, not a cloud in the sky. Unfortunately, school, work, cooking, washing, drying, bathing, a whole gamut of things was interrupted by this very nuisance outage. Fortunately, the balloon on the wires was discovered fairly quickly, and the outage was short-lived.

If you celebrate with metallic balloons, remember to keep them tethered at all times and dispose of them properly. Proper handling and disposal keeps them from drifting into our power lines and causing power outages as in this case.

When a metallic balloon touches a power line or floats into substation equipment, it can cause these faults which will lead to power outages, fires, and possible injury or even death.

FEC is not alone when it comes to utilities being negatively affected by drifting metallic

balloons. Our research showed that in a course of a year, metallic balloons that come into contact with overhead power lines and/or substation equipment cause power outages that affect hundreds of thousands of electric consumers across the country. To help reduce these nuisance outages and keep the lights on, keep the following tips in mind.:

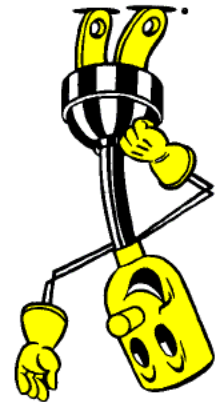


- Keep balloons tethered at all times and attached to a weight.
- When no longer in use, puncture and deflate the balloons before disposing of them properly.

- If a balloon or another toy becomes entangled in an overhead power line, do not attempt to retrieve it. Call FEC for assistance.

Additionally, always assume power lines are energized and keep yourself and all other items away from them.

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