

JULY 2025

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FOR MEMBERS OF EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Built by Hand, Backed by Heart

2025 Annual Meeting of Members

WHEN

THURSDAY, JULY 24th
Drive-Thru: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
In-Person: 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
1801 E. 4th St., Okmulgee

WHY

\$8,000 IN PRIZES

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Notes from the Chair

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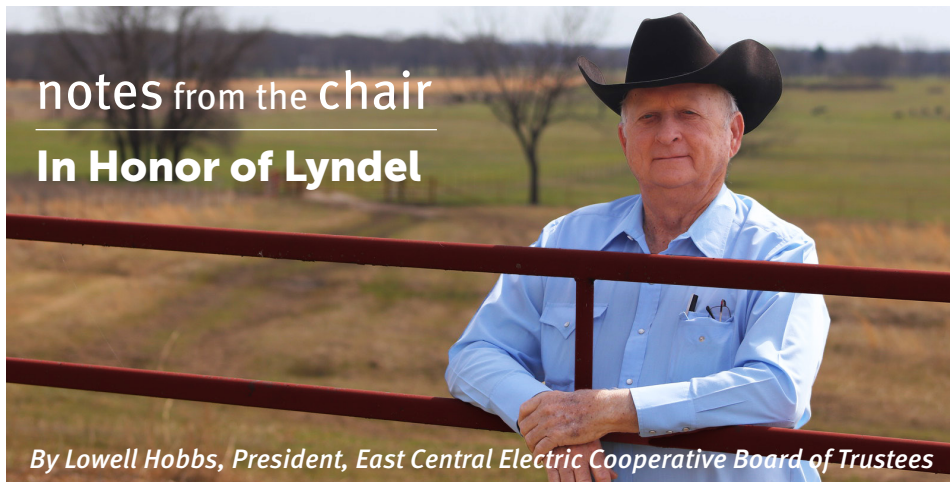
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Capital Credits

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Scholarships



Lowell Hobbs, District 2
President

Larry Harvey, District 1
Vice President

Dwight Luther, District 7
Secretary / Treasurer

Jim Hall, District 6
Assistant Sec. / Treasurer

Max Shoemake, District 3

Michael Vernnon, District 4

Jay Emerson, District 5

To learn more about your elected trustees, or to view a district map, please visit ecoec.com. To contact your trustee, please call 918-756-0833.

Thursday, July 24, 2025, is our annual ECE meeting. It will again be drive thru at OSUIT and night time for inside attendance. We hope you will attend.

This year, our two incumbent board members are Dwight Luther from District 7 and Mike Vernnon from District 4. Dwight is our representative to the KAMO Board and represented ECE at NRECA affairs numerous times. Mike Vernnon is a retired military man with several deployments overseas and works for GRDA.

At our Annual Meeting each member is entitled to vote for a candidate in each district on the ballot.

As usual Donna and I attended our church on Mother's Day. My mother's maiden name was Jarvis. Anna Jarvis is credited with being the founder of Mother's Day. My mother checked her ancestry and learned

she was indeed a distant cousin to Anna Jarvis. How neat is that?

During the month of May we attended our oldest son Lyndel's 40th anniversary at Oak Cliff Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Oak Cliff hired him before he finished seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas, and he has remained there as Minister of Music and Education and more recently as Assistant Pastor. It was quite a celebration to honor his 40 years of continuous service to the youth and adults of his church. Along with his youth camps and adult programs, he also produces Key Boards at Christmas. This is an amazing worship in music.

His church consists of a few less than about 180 members. Of those, about 68 participate in this music program. 21 piano players (3 each on 4 different pianos, 2 on organ, and 2 on keyboard) all playing the same

music at the same time, all arranged by Lyndel. Overflow attendance by people from far and near. You might like to attend this year in December.

Lyndel was my first born. A quiet, studious kid who decided early in life he wanted to serve God as a missionary. His mission work has settled him in Ft. Smith Arkansas, not far from where my Dad's family originated. One of the younger members of his church during the 40th celebration reported: I was just a youngster when Lyndel first came to Oak Cliff. I, for some reason, was on the roof of the church when Lyndel spotted me. Rather than scolding me, he just said, "If you fall off there and break both legs, don't come running to me for help!"

Lowell Hobbs represents ECE District 2. To reach him, please call his cellphone at 918-695-5289.

Generations of Service

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Registration Gifts & Prize Drawings

\$20 BILL CREDIT

Every co-op member who registers at Annual Meeting, whether through the drive-thru or by attending our in-person event, will receive \$20 off their next electric bill.

GIFT BAGS

Every co-op member who attends Annual Meeting will receive a gift bag containing your 2024 Annual Report, information about co-op goods and services, and an ecoLINK cap. Be sure to grab your goodies.

ALL REGISTREE DRAWING FOR:

Grand Prize - \$1,000

2 - \$500

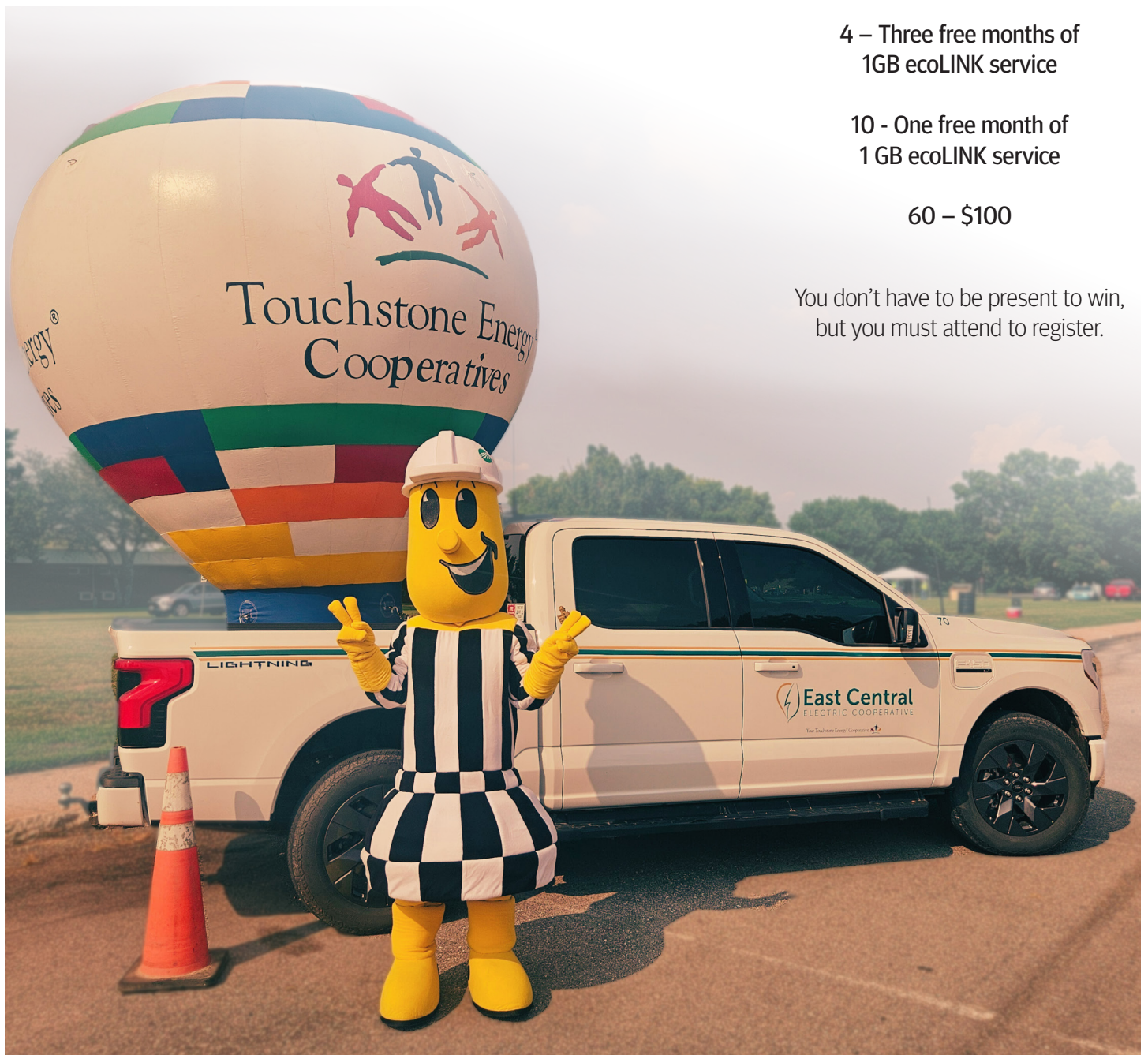
3 - One free year of
1GB ecoLINK service

4 - Three free months of
1GB ecoLINK service

10 - One free month of
1 GB ecoLINK service

60 - \$100

You don't have to be present to win,
but you must attend to register.



Participate How You Choose

DRIVE-THRU ANNUAL MEETING



All the highlights of Annual Meeting in 15 minutes or less.

Drive up, collect your goodies, register, vote, and be on your way.

Do it on your schedule, any time
between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

South Entrance to OSUIT Campus,
by Pistol Pete.

IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING



Our activities inside Covelle Hall offer co-op members the opportunity to converse with board members and employees, experience virtual reality and fun kids games, and have the chance to win additional prizes.

Registration & Voting: 5 - 7 p.m.

Scholarship Presentation: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7 p.m.



Enter OSUIT campus here off of 4th street!

Facility Rules: **Service Animals Only**, please leave pets at home.

Even More Chances to Win

IN-PERSON GIVEAWAY

Sitting through our annual business meeting deserves a special prize!

We will have a special prize drawing of two \$100 bill credits, exclusively for those co-op members who attend our in-person business meeting at 7 p.m.



IN-PERSON GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Inside Covelle Hall, we will have children's games, virtual reality demonstrations, information booths, and a hot meal served in exchange for donations to Morris Archery.



COOL CAR CONTEST



2024 Winner

Turn the Drive-Thru into a car show!

Drive your cool vehicle through our drive-thru Annual Meeting.

A co-op employee will take a picture of your car, grab your contact information, and at the end of the day all of the coolest rides will be compiled into a Facebook post. Anyone can go on Facebook to vote for the favorite.

The car with the most likes by 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, will win \$50 off their next electric bill.



2024 Runner-up

RECIPE CONTEST

See Page 8 for Details

Check-in to Cash-out:

Capital Credit Countdown Week: July 7-11

Are You Leaving Money on the Table?

Last year the ECE Board returned \$1 Million. And yet, over \$268,000 is sitting in an account, because there is not a valid address on file for the recipient.

Your capital credit retirement is your return-on-investment for being a

member-owner of this cooperative.

If you believe you may have unclaimed capital credits, please call the co-op at 918-756-0833 and a member service representative will help you locate any unclaimed balance and reissue a check.

Your opportunity to win \$20 off your electric bill

July 7-11, update your contact information to be entered into a prize drawing for a \$20 bill credit.

Options for entering the drawing:

1. Call the Cooperative at 918-756-0833 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to speak to a Member Service Representative.

2. Go into the SmartHub app and click this button to complete a secure webform.

Update My Information
for the chance to win a \$20 bill credit.

3. Check your email-on-record on Monday, July 7 for a link to the secure webform.



Experience all the joys of your co-op membership.

East Central Electric Cooperative's Capital Credit Allocation Process



When you establish service with ECE, you become a member-owner.



ECE tracks how much energy you purchase from the co-op.



In years that ECE earns positive margins, you are allocated your portion of the margins based on the amount of energy used.



ECE tracks the allocation in your account as you invest in the co-op.



Over time, your investment is used to fund capital needs such as construction, equipment, and inventory.



Yearly, the ECE Board of Directors evaluates the co-op finances to determine if capital credits can be returned.



Your Investment in ECE is returned!



Operation Round Up funds support local charitable organizations, civic groups, youth programs, community services, and needy families. For more information on this voluntary bill roundup program, please visit us online at www.ecoec.com.



TOTAL GRANTED
\$2,833,327.07

AVERAGE MEMBER
CONTRIBUTION
48¢

2025 Scholarship Recipients



Beggs
Kalen Groves



Bixby
Aubrey Corado



Bristow
Alexandra Wilhite



Checotah
Rachel Stauffer



Coweta
Jordan Mills



Depew
Memphis Hoover



Dewar
Damian Smith



Eufaula
Kadie Jo Tidwell



Glenpool
Carson Kendrick



Haskell
Alexandra Alfaro



Liberty
Carmela Paz



Mason
Jordan Neal



Midway
Gracie Ray



Morris
Rylee Whitaker



Mounds
Trace Hurst



Okemah
Hannah Ward



Oktaha
Ali Thompson



Preston
Akyra Bagby



Warner
Jaylin Hopson



Wilson
Kaozong Yang



Private/Epic
Kaylee Duke

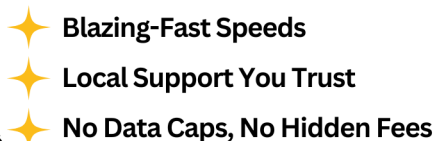


- Use this card to copy your favorite recipe.
- Bring this card with you to the ECE Annual Meeting on July 24th.
- Hand it over to an employee when you register.
- You will be entered into a special prize drawing for recipe contributors and your recipe will appear in the 90th Anniversary ECE Member Cookbook.



SOURCE: SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG

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