

Shop Local for Yuletide Pride and Prosperity



MESSAGE FROM
GENERAL MANAGER ALAN LESLEY

'TIS THE SEASON, AND MOST OF US WILL SPEND THIS MONTH shopping for, buying, wrapping and giving gifts. If you value our community like I do, you might go out of your way to buy locally.

I love the feeling of walking into my favorite locally owned shop, restaurant or store and knowing that the products, labor and profit involved can make a positive impact on my community. The spirit of Main Street is embodied in these businesses, just like it is in Comanche Electric Cooperative.

Electric co-ops are as local and community-centered as they come. Founded to bring electricity to communities that didn't interest the big, investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives have been a cornerstone of community and economic development in rural America and beyond for decades.

The feeling I get when I frequent local businesses in our community is the same feeling I get when I walk into work at the co-op every day: pride. I am proud to be a part of an organization that serves the community in which we live instead of a group of shareholders who might never set foot in our service territory.

Your electric cooperative is a nonprofit. When we make more money than we need to keep the lights on safely and reliably, we return it to our members in the form of capital credits. This means that after all co-op expenses are paid, any additional money we earn goes back into our community instead of into a shareholder's pocket.

And because we are owned by you, our members, we have a vested interest in making sure our community prospers. We do this by investing in economic development and community service programs.

I hope you view Comanche Electric Cooperative not just as your electric utility provider but also as a local business that brings pride and prosperity to our community. If you are interested in learning more, please stop by the co-op or give us a call.

We believe that being a part of this community is the most valuable gift, and we hope you feel the same way. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to everyone in your family, from everyone at your co-op family.





Merry Christmas From Your CECA Crew



<i>Greg Beaty</i>	<i>Riley Hilliard</i>	<i>Bobby Reed</i>
<i>Brenda Carroll</i>	<i>Mary Johnson</i>	<i>Justin Riley</i>
<i>David Cisneroz</i>	<i>Kendall Keith</i>	<i>Scott Rutledge</i>
<i>Guy Clawson Jr.</i>	<i>Brandon Kidwell</i>	<i>Jake Schwartz</i>
<i>Brandon Cook</i>	<i>Shane Kinnamen</i>	<i>Thomas Stevens</i>
<i>Kellie Deters</i>	<i>Alan Lesley</i>	<i>Keith Steward</i>
<i>Shirley Dukes</i>	<i>Jim Lester</i>	<i>Eddie Strube</i>
<i>Doug Erwin</i>	<i>Oracio Lopez</i>	<i>Adam Tally</i>
<i>Rachel Ford</i>	<i>Mariza Martinez</i>	<i>Shelley Thedford</i>
<i>Chad Foreman</i>	<i>Pam McClain</i>	<i>Josh Walls</i>
<i>Jennifer Hanson</i>	<i>Larry Morgan</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>
<i>Ryan Harris</i>	<i>Chad Newman</i>	<i>Weathermen</i>
<i>Larry Hatley</i>	<i>Dale Ogle</i>	<i>William Works</i>
<i>Mirna Hernandez</i>	<i>Timothy Pallette</i>	
<i>Tommy Hesbrook</i>	<i>Tommy Patterson</i>	



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

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Comanche Office: Monday- Friday,
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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

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Randy Denning, District 1
Pete McDougal, District 2
Ruby Solomon, District 3
Monty Carlisle, District 4
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Loren Stroebel, District 6
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CECA crews are available 24/7 in the
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calling 1-800-915-2533.

Contact Us

CALL US

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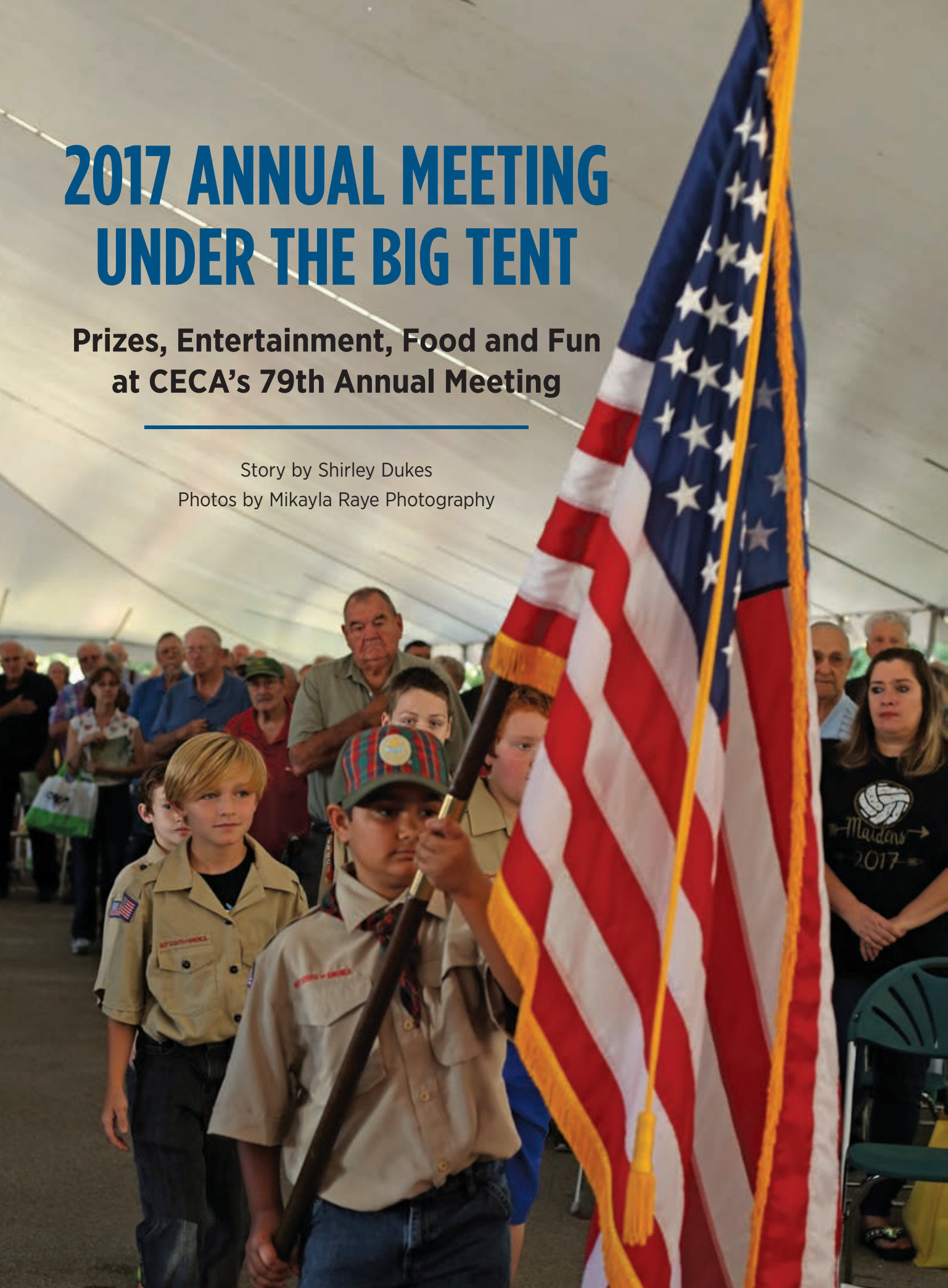
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2017 ANNUAL MEETING UNDER THE BIG TENT

**Prizes, Entertainment, Food and Fun
at CECA's 79th Annual Meeting**

Story by Shirley Dukes

Photos by Mikayla Raye Photography





They came for the door prizes of insulated mugs, caps and green and white reusable bags; for entertainment by Class of '57; for the health fair, where they had the opportunity to get their annual flu shots and have their cholesterol tested; for the delicious lunch of fried chicken and catfish catered by Cook's Fish Barn. But most of all, they came because they value the opportunity to have their voices heard by voting and exercising their rights as member-owners of their cooperative.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 311 REGISTERED MEMBERS AND THEIR guests, a total of 678 individuals, attended Comanche Electric Cooperative Association's 79th Annual Meeting of the Membership under the big tent at Comanche City Park. Greeted by CECA employees on ATVs, members were chauffeured from the parking lot to the big tent, where they registered, received goody bags and proceeded to the festivities.

Past the registration tables, members were offered several options for how to spend the first part of their morning. Beneath the big tent, the Class of '57 entertained the crowd with a mixture of country and rock 'n' roll from the 1950s and 1960s—and of course, a bit of Elvis mixed in.

CECA employees manned a table dispensing steamy, fresh-popped popcorn. Annette Calderon, Caden Jones and Kade Mercer, members of the Comanche High School Student Council, gleefully painted the faces of our youngest (and cutest) members.

Beneath the park's majestic oaks, CECA employees distrib-

uted cold sodas and water to all who came their way.

The annual health fair was set up in the first pavilion. Attending were AccelHealth, Comanche County Medical Center, American Cancer Society, City and Rural Rides, Western Hills Healthcare, Adult Protective Services, Songbird Lodge and Goldthwaite Health and Rehabilitation Center.

At 10 a.m., the proceedings officially started when Pack 47 of the Comanche Cub Scouts presented the colors and led the membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Calderon, one of CECA's two Youth Tour representatives, led the membership in a beautiful rendition of our national anthem. General Manager Alan Lesley opened the meeting with a prayer.

The main business of the morning was the election of directors. The CECA service territory is divided into seven districts. The directors for districts 2 and 4 were up for reelection. These districts held meetings in August to nominate individuals to represent them. District 2 nominated incumbent James "Pete" McDougal, and District 4 nominated



Food, fellowship and entertainment were enjoyed by all. A health fair was well-received by our adult members; face painting entertained the little ones; and the Air Evac helicopter fascinated members of all ages. All of these were followed by a scrumptious meal catered by Cook's Fish Barn.

incumbent Monty Carlisle. As there was no opposition in either district, the membership voted to elect McDougal and Carlisle by acclamation.

Following a message by Lesley on the technological

advances of the cooperative, he concluded the business portion of the meeting and commenced to honor employees who had reached five-year milestones in their cooperative careers.

Receiving service awards were: Eddie Strube, who cel-



Members receive gifts donated by vendors and cooperative supporters.

celebrated 35 years and was awarded a custom Danny Marlin knife, along with a 35-year service pin; Shorty Hatley celebrated 30 years, and was awarded a custom CECA meter lamp in addition to his pin. Other awards were: Brenda Carroll, 20 years; Greg Beaty, Ro Lopez and Tommy Patterson, 15 years; Guy Clawson, Rachel Ford, Justin Riley, Scott Rutledge and Adam Tally, 10 years; and Thomas Stevens and Elizabeth Weathermon, 5 years.

As soon as all gifts were distributed, members adjourned to the food tables to partake of the annual fish luncheon provided by Cook's Fish Barn.

Annual Meeting Prize Donors and Winners

Anixter

James Northcutt

Brazos Electric Cooperative

Homer Petty

CECA

Johnny Stout

Patrica Ann Brown

Gary Lee Morrison

Sara Layman

James Rowland

Horton Tree Service

Ila Edgar

Jackie Casey

Joseph Wade

Leta Irene Mull

Hubbell Power Systems

Fred Coppedge

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Insurance Network of America

Norton Taylor

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Randy Couch

George Frost

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Kenneth McNeil

Casey Hill

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Igloo large 112-can cooler

Meter lamp

\$100 electric service credit

\$50 electric service credit

\$50 electric service credit

\$50 electric service credit

Vizio 43-inch TV

\$75 Visa gift card

\$45 Whataburger gift card

\$45 Dairy Queen gift card and Yeti mug

\$75 Visa gift card

\$50 Academy gift card

\$50 Academy gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$50 Visa gift card

\$100 Walmart gift card

\$100 Cabela's gift card

Arctic bag cooler

6-amp hammer drill

Utilitech 16-watt portable worklight

6.5-amp reciprocating saw

Samsung Blu-ray disc player

Shop Vac wet/dry vacuum

Vizio 24-inch TV

42-inch ceiling fan

Ceramic heater

Utilitech 500-watt work light

Samsung Blu-ray disc player

Black & Decker 7-amp blower

Honeywell 360-degree heater

Worxxsaw

Utilitech Pro 16-watt work light

Milkhouse utility fan heater

Porter Cable 6-amp grinder

Black & Decker corded vac-pac

Mainstays heater

TCL 32-inch Roku TV

Lasko ceramic tower heater

Pelonis ceramic tower heater

Utilitech 500-watt work light

DeWalt chuck drill kit