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Members Celebrate Co-op Ownership at Annual Meeting

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More than 450 members celebrated owning their electric co-op when they attended Northfork's 76th Annual Meeting Saturday, August 15. Attendance increased 13 percent over last year's attendance, and 59 percent over the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Held at the Sayre Municipal Park, members enjoyed toe-tapping entertainment by Roy Lee Scott, the Flying Cowboy, a delicious barbecue meal by Dyer's, and heard from Gary Roulet, CEO of wholesale power supplier Western Farmers Electric Co-op, and Chris Meyers, general manager of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

In order to have a business meeting, a quorum of

Gary Walker, Sayre, (sitting) didn't waste any time trying out the Bad Boy 60-inch Zero-Turn riding mower he received as the grand prize winner at NFEC's Annual Meeting. The mower was provided by Wootton New Holland and NFEC.

Congratulating Walker are (left to right) Jimmy Taylor, president of NFEC board of trustees, Scott Copeland, general manager, and Lisa Dailey, manager of office services.

165 members was required. Since more than that number registered their attendance, the election of trustees for districts 6 and 7 could be held. Members voted to return Chris Mackey, district 6, and Charles Hickey, district 7 to the co-op's governing board.

Capital credit checks were claimed by 239 members. (Checks for those not attending the meeting were mailed in September.)

While their parents conducted co-op business, youngsters spent the morning playing miniature golf or splashing in the pool, all free of charge.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the always popular prize drawings were held.

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A Howlin' Good Time!

Follow These Tips to Keep Your Halloween Fun and Safe

By Heath Martin
NFEC Safety Director

Halloween is a fun time for ghosts and goblins of all ages. Dressing up as someone or something else, and the anticipation of all that delicious candy, can make the holiday a favorite memory.

But the memory can be tainted, or even ruined, if someone gets hurt.

So take a few minutes to read over the following safety tips to keep your Halloween frightening in a fun way.

Trick or Treat with an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar 10694-001 areas that are well lit and should trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing

traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Drive Safely on Halloween

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert to kids during those hours.



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Ghoulously Delicious

Treats

Peanut Butter Cookie Pops

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 12 lollipop sticks
- 12 fun-size Snickers or Milky Way candy bars
- Prepared vanilla frosting
- Food coloring
- Black decorating gel
- Optional decorations: Reese's mini peanut butter cups, M&M's minis, mini Chiclets gum and candy eyeballs

Preheat oven to 375°. In a small bowl, cream butter, peanut butter and sugars until blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a small bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture.

Insert a lollipop stick into the small end of each candy bar. Divide dough into 12 pieces; wrap one piece around each candy bar. Place 4 in. a part on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 14-16 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on pans 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Tint frosting; frost cookies. Decorate with gel and optional decorations as desired.

Yield: 1 dozen.

tops from two Oreo cookies; cut out half circles in filling for eyes. Press cookies and fondant onto cake to make the face.

Yield: 12-16 servings.

Halloween Popcorn Treats

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup popcorn kernels
- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 6 cups (12-oz.) mini marshmallows
- 6 fun-size caramel peanut chocolate bars (such as Snickers), cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 3 (3-inch) chocolate chip cookies, crumbled
- 1/3 cup chopped salted almonds,
- 1/2 cup orange and black chocolate candies (such as M & Ms)

Spray the inside of a large mixing bowl with vegetable cooking spray, and lightly spray a baking sheet. Set aside.

In a 3 quart or larger, heavy-bot-

tomed pan, heat the oil and popcorn over medium-high heat. Cover the pan and shake gently. Cook until all the kernels have popped, about 3 minutes. Place the popcorn in the prepared bowl.

In a medium saucepan, heat the butter over low heat. Add the vanilla extract and marshmallows. Stir constantly until the marshmallows have melted and the mixture is smooth, about 5 minutes. Pour the melted marshmallow mixture over the popcorn. Using a spatula, sprayed with cooking spray, stir until the popcorn is coated. Spread the mixture over the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with the chocolate bar pieces, cookies, almonds and chocolate candies. Using a spatula, gently press the toppings into the popcorn. Allow the mixture to dry for 1 hour.

Break into 2-inch pieces and store airtight in a plastic container.

Jack-O-Lantern Cake

- 2 pkgs. spice cake mix (regular size)
- 1 ice cream cone (about 3 inches tall)
- 4 cans (16-oz. each) Pillsbury Happy Birthday Funfetti Orange All Star Vanilla frosting
- 2 Oreo cookies
- 1 24-oz. pkg. ready-to-use rolled black fondant

Prepare and bake cakes according to package directions, using two 12-cup fluted tube pans. Cool.

Cut thin slice off bottom of each cake. Spread one cake bottom with frosting; press flat sides together to form a pumpkin shape.

Place a ball of foil in the center of the cake to support the "stem". Top with an ice cream cone. Frost cake with frosting.

To decorate face: Roll out fondant to 1/8-in. thickness; cut into desired shapes for mouth and nose. Remove

Enjoy Co-op Ownership through the Benefit of Capital Credits



Johnny Brown, Elk City Water Plant Superintendent, accepts the capital credit check for the city's water plant from Lisa Dailey, NFEC's manager of office services.

When you signed up to receive electricity from Northfork Electric, you became a member-owner of the cooperative entitled to the benefits and privileges of membership. One of those benefits is receiving capital credits.

This year, your board of trustees approved the distribution of over \$240,000 in capital credit retirements. This is 100 percent of the margins for years 1963 and 1964, and 4 percent of the 2013 margin. Refund amounts are based on the amount each member paid for electricity during those years. Over 9,000 capital credit checks were mailed last month. That's the power of co-op membership!

As a reminder, please keep us informed of any mailing address changes. This ensures the timely receipt of any future capital credit payments. For more information about capital credits or to update your information, please visit www.nfecoop.com, or call 580-928-3366 to speak with a Member Services Representative.

Annual Meeting...

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In addition to grand prize winner Gary Walker, Kelly Wright, Berlin, won \$1,000 as the grand prize 1st runner up; Link Butler, Elk City, won a 50" LED Samsung TV as 2nd runner up; and Thomas Borst, Elk City, won a Husqvarna 240 16" chain saw as 3rd runner up.

Oldest member in attendance was Jewel Seigrist of Sayre. She is 98 years young and won \$50.

Winners of the bicycles were youngsters Jester Vernon, Tucker Walker, Brailee Parr and Brooklyn Lovett. More than 100 kids registered to win the bicycles.

"Annual Meeting is one of the most important services we offer the members," says NFEC General Manager Scott Copeland. "And it is certainly the most enjoyable one for us. Each year we look forward to seeing familiar faces, welcoming new members, and helping them enjoy being member-owners of their cooperative."

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