

# NE CONNECTION

A PUBLICATION OF NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

**REC DAY EDITION**

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**REC DAY**  
**THURSDAY | SEPT 15**

**\$25,000 IN PRIZES**

**SEPTEMBER 2022**



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## REC DAY ON A THURSDAY?

**Sami Jo Frisby**  
**Manager of Administrative Services**

Change can be hard to accept, but it isn't always a bad thing.

For the first time in the 84-year history of REC Day, we are holding the event on a Thursday. Yes, that's right, a Thursday. We hope you will see this change as an opportunity to keep your weekend free for other commitments, or to just relax.

We encountered a few surprises this year as we began planning REC Day. One surprise was learning that the Grove Civic Center was under contract to sell sometime in 2022. The Grove Civic Center is a familiar site for cooperative members. It has hosted REC Day for many years. After making this discovery, we began seeking new locations that could handle the drive-thru traffic for Grove area members. The location we felt was best suited for the drive-thru was Wolf Creek Park in Grove. The next challenge we encountered came as we attempted to reserve Wolf Creek Park as a host site for REC Day and finding out that the park is booked every weekend in September for fishing tournaments. This presented an opportunity for us to adapt and overcome. As we weighed our options, our general manager voiced the idea of holding the event during the week. He has experience with successful weekday member meetings at a previous cooperative post.

One of the benefits of a weekday meeting is that it allows you to keep your valuable weekend time free for other commitments. We often hear from members who have trouble attending REC Day because of a scheduling conflict. We understand that the new day and registration times may not work out for every single NOEC member. However, we hope that moving the event from a weekend to a weekday afternoon/evening will be a welcomed change for those who have Saturday commitments. Our board was receptive to the Thursday idea and agreed to close cooperative offices so we could have REC Day 2022 on September 15.

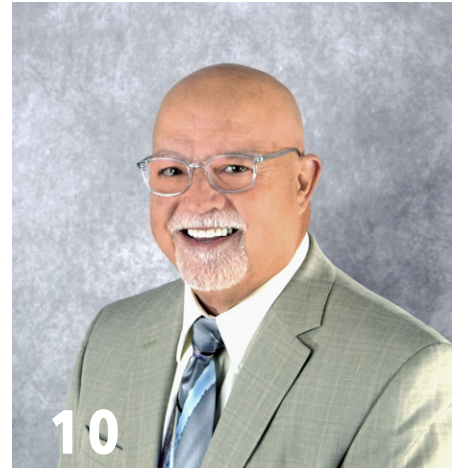
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## REC DAY MAPS & INFO



## WIN A STIHL PRIZE PACKAGE!



## MEET THE CANDIDATES



## DISTRICT MEETINGS COMPLETE

Events are published as space allows and must be submitted at least 60 days in advance. Send information, including phone number for publication, to Northeast Connection Events Calendar, PO Box 948, Vinita 74301 or email to [publicrelations@noec.coop](mailto:publicrelations@noec.coop)

## \$100 IS HIDING!

Search the pages of NE Connection for a 6-digit account number with an asterisk on each side. For example: \*XXXXXX\*. Compare it to your account number, which appears on your monthly electric bill. If they match, contact the cooperative at 918.256.6405, by October 1, 2022, to claim a \$100 credit on your electric account.

## SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS . . . . .

### REC Day 2022

#### Sep 15 | 4 Locations

- Craig County Fairgrounds: Vinita
- Wolf Creek Park: Grove
- Mayes County Fairgrounds: Pryor
- MidAmerica Outdoors: Jay

### Rocklahoma

#### Sep 2-4 | Pryor

Rocklahoma

### Demo Derby

#### Sep 3 | Miami

Miami Fairgrounds

### The Grove Block Party

#### Sep 2 | Grove

Community Center Lawn

### Mao Racing Round 6

#### Sep 2-5 | Jay

MidAmerica Outdoors

### Delaware County Fair

#### Sep 7-10 | Jay

Delaware County Fairgrounds

### Mayes County Fair

#### Sep 7-12 | Pryor

Mayes County Fairgrounds

### Wyandotte Nation Powwow

#### Sep 9 | Wyandotte

64700 E 60 Hwy

### Fall Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

#### Sep 9 | Grove

Patricia Island Country Club

### "2 Across"

#### Sep 16 - Oct 1 | Grove

Playmakers Theatre

### Born & Raised Music Festival

#### Sep 16-18 | Pryor

Rocklahoma

### Pioneer Days

#### Sep 23-25 | Grove

Har-ber Village

### Ottawa County Volunteer Fire Department Fire Ball

#### Sep 24 | Miami

Rustic Oaks

*September events are subject to date change or cancellation. Please contact the host for most current event information.*

# REC DAY ON A THURSDAY?

CONTINUED FROM INSIDE COVER

We will still offer four drive-thru registration sites for your convenience. We are also giving away more prize money than ever before. Stop by one of the following locations after picking the kids up from school or on your way to or home from work:

- **Wolf Creek Park, Grove**
- **MidAmerica Outdoors, Jay**
- **Mayes County Fairgrounds, Pryor**
- **Craig County Fairgrounds, Vinita**

Registration will be open at each of these four sites from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. After you've selected a drive-thru location, please review the map of that location to find the route you need to take. There will be one way in and one way out of every site. It is important to follow these routes to ensure your safety and keep traffic flowing in the right direction.

We are continuing our tradition of great prizes. The board decided once again to give the first 5,000 members who register at REC Day 2022 a \$20 electric credit. These members will see the electric credit applied to their account on a future electric bill. They will also automatically be entered into our other cash and electric credit drawings. There will be one grand prize drawing of \$5,000 cash.

Yet another prize will be awarded to one member from each of the cooperative's nine districts who registers using the barcode page included with their August electric bill. This page includes all of the information we need to get you registered quickly. Members who bring this page will be entered to win a drawing for a \$500 electric credit.



*A member registers with two NOEC employees at REC Day 2021*

Each member will be able to register only once. Once you have registered, you will not be able to register again at a different location.

At 7:30 p.m., we will begin the live broadcast of the annual meeting. There will be a link available on our website and Facebook page. Simply click on the link to access the broadcast. Following the meeting, we will draw the name of the grand prize winner. You won't want to miss it! The other prize winners will be announced after the annual meeting.

Our employees are working hard to plan and create a fun and memorable day for our members. The opportunity to attend and participate in our annual meeting is one of the many benefits of NOEC membership. I hope you will consider joining us as we celebrate our 84th year of service here in northeast Oklahoma.



# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES .....

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**In accordance with the Annual Meeting Official Notice provided to the Membership, the 83rd NOEC Annual Membership Meeting was held on September 18, 2021. Member registration (e.g., for purposes of determining quorum and casting votes for Trustee elections) began at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 12:00 p.m. at four (4) locations around the area.**

The Annual Meeting live broadcast from NOEC's headquarters in Vinita, Oklahoma, began at 2:00 p.m. President Dandy Risman announced that the 2021 Credentials & Election Committee (CEC) declared a quorum after meeting the 5% Total Membership requirement. President Risman continued by reading the Annual Meeting Official Notice provided to the Members in accordance with the Bylaws. President Risman addressed the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting minutes previously distributed to the Membership (the reading of which was omitted). There were no corrections to the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting minutes and the minutes stood approved as written.

Before announcing the 2021 Trustee election results, President Risman acknowledged and thanked the CEC for the significant time and effort expended in overseeing the District and Annual Membership Meetings.

**President Risman announced that the CEC certified the following 2021 Trustee election results for Districts 4 and 8:**

## **District 4**

### **• Out of 1,288 valid ballots cast:**

Dr. John Myers received 786 votes  
Lana Daugherty received 502 votes

President Risman announced that Dr. John Myers was elected to serve as District 4 Trustee for the next three (3) years.

## **District 8**

### **• Nancy Kimbrell ran unopposed and received 1,033 valid votes.**

President Risman announced that Nancy Kimbrell had been elected by acclamation to serve as District 8 Trustee for the next three (3) years.

Seeing no unfinished or new business, President Risman entertained a motion to adjourn the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting. Member Cory Vancil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Sami Jo Frisby seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

## NOTICE

### REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER AT ANNUAL MEETING:

**In accordance with Article II and III of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Bylaws, only eligible members may register and cast a ballot at the Annual Member Meeting. In order to register and vote you MUST be one of the following:**

- Primary on an individual account
- Primary or secondary on a joint account (only one joint member may vote)
- Named representative of a business or organization (present the completed voting delegate form, available on our website at: [noec.coop/member-services/form-downloads/](https://noec.coop/member-services/form-downloads/)).

**If you are not listed on the account, regardless of marital status, or are a suspended member, you will NOT be able to register and vote. We strongly encourage you to check your account. It is simple to add a person to make a joint account. Call member services at 918.256.6405.**

# CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT AUTHORIZED

**Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees recently authorized the distribution of \$1,349,978 in capital credits. Capital credit represents member equity in the cooperative.**

Current and former members who received electric service from the cooperative in 1989, 1990, and 2021 are eligible for a retirement. Checks will be mailed to eligible members in September 2022 for their portion of the credit retired.

## TYPES OF UTILITIES

### INVESTOR-OWNED

Privately owned by  
shareholders/investors  
*For profit*

### MUNICIPAL

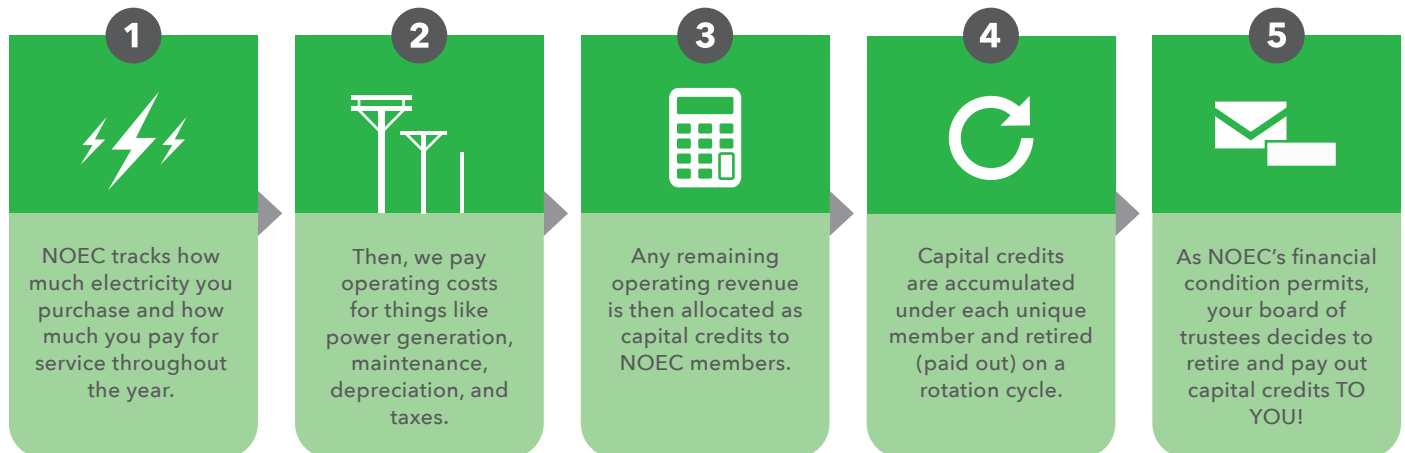
Owned by cities, states,  
and counties  
*Not-for-profit*

### COOPERATIVE

Owned by the members  
they serve  
*Not-for-profit*

When you signed up to receive  
electrical service from Northeast  
Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, you  
became a MEMBER.

## HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK



## HOW DO I RECEIVE MY CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENT?



### CHECK PAYMENT

Members will receive their capital credits as a CHECK. A \$10 minimum must be met before checks are written.

### THE COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE

This is just one of the many ways it PAYS to be a member of the cooperative!



### MOVING?

Update your address so you will continue to receive your benefit.

# DISTRICT MEETINGS COMPLETE

## THREE FILE FOR NOEC BOARD CANDIDACY

Three individuals, including two incumbent trustees, filed for candidacy for the Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees during the designated filing period of July 11-15, 2022.

Section 3.06 of the organizational bylaws requires any member to file with the cooperative their notice of candidacy. Only pre-qualified candidates can be nominated at district meetings.

Incumbent trustees filing in 2022 for another three-year term on the cooperative board included: James A. Wade of Salina (District 7) and Jimmy Caudill of Grove (District 9). Joining the two incumbents in filing for candidacy during the designated filing period was Mike W. Detherage of Fairland (District 2).

## DISTRICT MEETINGS PRODUCE THREE TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

**Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's district meetings produced three candidates for the office of board trustee. NOEC members in attendance enjoyed complimentary beverages, giveaways, and an opportunity to win a combined \$1,200 in electric credit prize drawings.**

### District 2

The District #2 meeting was held July 25 at Crossroads Church in Fairland with 33 registered members in attendance. Mike W. Detherage of Fairland received a nomination for the District #2 seat and will be unopposed in his bid for a three-year term on the cooperative board. Incumbent trustee Benny L. Seabourn informed the cooperative of his intention to retire later this year after 45 years of service on the NOEC board.

Electric credit drawing winners at the District #2 meeting included: Claude & Lisa Best of Fairland (\$250), Delmar & Mary Rinehart of Fairland (\$100), and Greg & Cindy Bedford of Fairland (\$50).

### District 7

Incumbent trustee James A. Wade hosted the District #7 meeting July 26 at the American Legion hall in Salina with 20 registered members in attendance. Wade, who has represented NOEC members in District #7 for 28 years, received the lone nomination and will be unopposed in his bid for another three-year term on the cooperative board.



*Jimmy Caudill presents a check to Ruthie Viles of Jay*

### District 7 Continued

Ruth & JD Sullateskee of Spavinaw won the \$250 grand prize electric credit at the District #7 meeting, while Salina resident Joseph Broan took home the \$100 credit. A \$50 credit went to Paul & Dorothy Cooper of Salina.

### District 9

Incumbent trustee Jimmy Caudill hosted the District #9 meeting July 28 at the Grove Community Center with 24 registered members in attendance. Caudill received the lone nomination and will be unopposed in his bid for another three-year term on the cooperative board. He has represented District #9 members for eight years.

At the conclusion of the meeting, electric credits were presented to the following drawing winners: Ruthie Viles of Jay (\$250), Jordan Gault of Grove (\$100), and Duane & Joellen Brown of Grove (\$50).

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021 | 2020

The NOEC Financial Services team is pleased to report another successful year in 2021. Patronage capital, or margins, totaled \$6,636,606 for the year and the cooperative finished the year in compliance with all lender guidelines. NOEC's net utility plant increased 2.9 percent during 2021 and kWh sales rose 4.6 percent compared to 2020. The certified public accounting firm of Eide Bailly, LLP, prepared the 2021 audit. Statements are available for review at NOEC headquarters in Vinita.

	2021	2020
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>	80,123,698	79,083,486
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Purchased Power	44,685,314	41,912,548
Transmission Expense	0	3,689
Distribution Expense - Operation	4,699,980	2,867,812
Distrib. Expense - Maintenance	7,298,088	7,256,216
Consumer Accounts Expense	2,956,182	2,637,323
Customer Service Expense	753,043	866,804
Sales Expense	122,575	118,930
Admin. and General Expense	5,377,287	5,073,431
Depreciation Expense	8,192,464	8,163,204
Tax Expense - Property	1,567,002	1,498,541
Tax Expense - Other	95,455	86,347
Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,021,199	3,978,663
Interest Expense - Other	9,119	84,817
Other Deductions	39,844	36,624
<b>COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE</b>	79,817,552	74,584,949
Operating Patronage Capital	306,146	4,498,537
Non Operating Margins - Interest	449,242	392,930
Income (Loss) from Equity Investment	(274,692)	(3,244,952)
Non Operating Margins - Other	5,458,560	2,569,484
Gener. & Transm. Capital Credits	180,777	203,048
Other Capital Credits	516,573	451,471
<b>TOTAL PATRONAGE CAPITAL</b>	6,636,606	4,870,518

<b>ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBTS</b>	2021	2020
Total Utility Plant in Service	243,318,991	236,666,937
Construction Work in Progress	1,266,357	3,700,964
Total Utility Plant	244,585,348	240,367,901
Acc. Prov. for Depreciation	(82,646,980)	(83,048,665)
<b>NET UTILITY PLANT</b>	161,938,368	157,319,236
Investment in Subsidiary Companies	30,985,030	22,802,654
Invest. Assoc. Patronage Capital	6,853,355	6,504,617
Invest. Assoc. Other - General Funds	2,500	2,500
Invest. Assoc. Other - NonGen Funds	1,511,600	1,515,927
Other Investments/Special Funds	18,740,444	15,271,121
<b>TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>	58,092,929	46,096,819
Cash-General Funds	5,931,064	498,417
Special Deposits	9,230	8,285
Temporary Investments	2,098,807	3,939,685
Cash - Construction Funds	1	441,194
Accounts Receivable	7,065,028	8,240,558
Accounts Receivable - Other	11,179,369	11,932,163
Materials & Supplies	1,288,811	927,847
Prepayments	113,739	118,314
Other Current & Accrued Assets	16,008	16,305
<b>TOTAL CURRENT &amp; ACCRUED ASSETS</b>	27,702,057	26,122,768
Deferred Debts	1,023,835	1,749,541
<b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; OTHER DEBITS</b>	248,757,189	231,288,364
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>		
Patronage Capital	93,634,343	89,857,505
Operating Margins - Prior Years	0	0
Operating Margins - Current Year	768,647	1,944,735
Non-Operating Margins	5,867,958	2,925,783
Other Margins & Equities	(3,386,596)	(4,006,642)
<b>TOTAL MARGINS &amp; EQUITIES</b>	96,884,352	90,721,381
Long-Term Debt CFC	109,875,914	103,089,715
Long-Term Debt - Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT</b>	109,875,914	103,089,715
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	15,335,175	15,992,655
Notes Payable	0	0
Accounts Payable	8,885,237	5,478,039
Consumers Deposits	1,618,543	1,625,075
Curr. Maturities Long-Term Debt	4,404,735	5,203,544
Other Curr. & Accrued Liabilities	3,519,997	3,401,897
<b>TOTAL CURRENT &amp; ACCRUED LIABILITIES</b>	33,763,687	31,701,210
Deferred Credits	8,233,236	5,776,058
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; OTHER CREDITS</b>	248,757,189	231,288,364



# ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

**That the 2022 Annual Member Meeting of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NOEC), will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at four (4) locations from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and without geographic location via live broadcast beginning at 7:30 p.m. The four (4) meeting locations (Locations) shall be: (i) Wolf Creek Park in Grove; (ii) MidAmerica Outdoors in Jay; (iii) Mayes County Fairgrounds in Pryor; (iv) and Craig County Fairgrounds in Vinita (Location address information can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this *Northeast Connection*).**

The purpose of the 2022 Annual Member Meeting is to elect District 2, 7, and 9 Trustees to serve three-year terms. The following Members were nominated as official Trustee Candidates for this year's election at their respective District Meetings, to wit:

District 2: Mike W. Detherage

District 7: James A. Wade

District 9: Jimmy L. Caudill

**Members must register to be eligible for prizes. Bring the barcode sheet from your electric bill when you register to be eligible for an additional prize drawing taking place during the Annual Meeting live broadcast.**

### Order of Business for Annual Member Meeting

- In-Person Registration/Member Voting for Trustee Elections at Locations - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.<sup>1</sup>
- Annual Member Meeting Live Broadcast - 7:30 p.m.
  - o Opening Remarks & General Information
  - o Quorum Declaration
  - o 2022 Annual Member Meeting Notice
  - o 2021 Annual Member Meeting Minutes (see page 3 of this *Northeast Connection*)<sup>2</sup>
  - o Election Results (if certified by Credentials & Election Committee)
  - o Prize Drawings
  - o Adjournment

**The Annual Member Meeting live broadcast will be available on NOEC's website: [www.noec.coop](http://www.noec.coop) or on Facebook: [facebook.com/neokrec](https://facebook.com/neokrec)**

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### Authorized by:

Jimmy Caudill, Secretary-Treasurer  
September 1, 2022

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<sup>1</sup>In-Person Registrations shall be counted toward the required five percent (5%) of Members necessary to constitute a quorum (Okla. Stat. tit. 18, § 437.7). <sup>2</sup>The reading of the 2021 Annual Member Meeting Minutes will be omitted and the Minutes will stand approved as written unless a Member requests a reading and/or submits appropriate corrections in writing and delivers the same to NOEC staff during in-person registration.

# 84TH ANNUAL MEETING MAPS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 | 4 LOCATIONS

## FOUR LOCATIONS:

Choose any of the following REC Day locations to attend. You may only register once.

- Wolf Creek Park, Grove
- MidAmerica Outdoors, Jay
- Mayes County Fairgrounds, Pryor
- Craig County Fairgrounds, Vinita

## MAP KEY



### Wolf Creek Park

963 N 16th St, Grove, OK 74344

**Directions:** From Hwy 59, turn north onto 16th St and follow the street for approximately one mile until you arrive at the park.



### MidAmerica Outdoors

42162 OK-127, Jay, OK 74346

**Directions:** Using N 7th St, N 14th St, or State Hwy 127, turn onto to W Osage St. Continue on W Osage St. until you see signage and traffic personnel directing you to turn north.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**3PM - 7PM**

- **Drive-Thru Registration**

**7:30PM**

- **Annual Member Meeting Live Broadcast:**  
[facebook.com/neokrec](https://facebook.com/neokrec) or [www.noec.coop](http://www.noec.coop)

## PRIZES

### Member Gift

\$20 Electric Credit: first 5,000 members

### Prizes per District

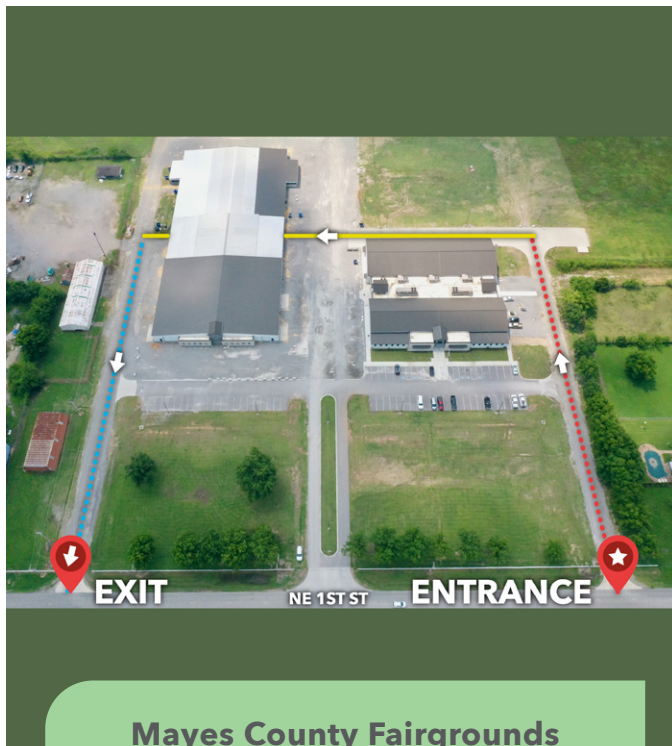
(1) \$250 Cash, (1) \$500 Cash, (1) \$500 Electric Credit: must present barcode to be eligible, and (1) \$1,000 Cash

### Grand Prize

\$5,000 Cash

### Member Survey Prize

Stihl Package: must present completed survey



### Mayes County Fairgrounds

2200 NE 1st St, Pryor, OK 74361

**Directions:** Enter site from NE 1st St by turning south onto the driveway just west of the fairgrounds.



### Craig County Fairgrounds

915 E Apperson Rd, Vinita, OK 74301

**Directions:** Enter site from South 4410 Rd by turning east onto the driveway just south of the fairgrounds.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## FOR TRUSTEE .....



**MIKE DETHERAGE**  
**DISTRICT 2**

**Place of residence:** Fairland, OK  
**Place of birth:** Miami, OK  
**Years at present address:** 26  
**Years of co-op membership:** 26

**Education background:** Fairland High School graduate. Associate of Arts Degree in Agriculture from NEO A&M. Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University. Masters of Agriculture in Agricultural Education from Oklahoma State University.

**Work background:** Owns and operates a cow-calf operation. Sells show calves, bulls, and replacement females. Retired from Farm Credit System after thirty years of service as vice-president, branch manager, and appraiser at the Vinita office.

**Community involvement:** Member, elder, and Chairman of the Board at First Christian Church, Fairland. Fairland Lions Club member and treasurer. Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association member. Ottawa County and Craig County Cattlemen’s Associations member.

**Accomplishments:** Member of National Champion Livestock Judging Team at NEO A&M College. Member of Livestock Judging and Horse Judging teams at Oklahoma State University. Eighth High Individual at National Senior College Livestock Judging Contest. Twice named Farm Credit Services Employee of the Year.

**Family info:** Married 17 years to Connie Detherage



**JAMES A. WADE**  
**DISTRICT 7**

**Place of residence:** Salina, OK  
**Place of birth:** Pryor, OK  
**Years at present address:** 39  
**Years of co-op membership:** 39

**Education background:** Pryor High School and Rogers State. Vocational training in electrical and machinist.

**Work background:** Pryor Foundry, A. P. Green Refractories (drafting and engineering), owner of Wade’s Body Shop, farmer/rancher, real estate agent.

**Community involvement:** Trustee for both NOEC and KAMO boards. Trustee at First United Methodist Church, Pryor. Member of Salina Area Chamber of Commerce. Member of Pontiac-Oakland Club.

**Accomplishments:** NRECA Credential Cooperative Director with Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential. Patent-holder with A. P. Green Refractories.

**Family info:** Married 39 years to Wanda. They have a son, daughter, four grandsons, and two great-grandchildren.





## JIMMY CAUDILL DISTRICT 9

**Place of residence:** Grove, OK

**Place of birth:** Jay, OK

**Years at present address:** 30

**Years of co-op membership:** 30

**Education background:** Grove High School graduate. Graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami, with an Associate's Degree in Accounting. Obtained Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

**Work background:** Farm, ranch and construction

**Community involvement:** Delaware County Reserve Deputy, 1992-2000. Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative District 9 Board Member, 2014-2022.

**Accomplishments:** NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director.

**Family info:** Jimmy and wife Melissa (Missy) have a son (Jackie, 22) and daughter (Lindsay, 19). Father Jack also served on cooperative board. Mother is Juanita. Fifth generation of Caudill family that have called northeast Oklahoma home.

### Bylaws Regarding Election of Trustees and Voting:

#### SECTION 3.03.

##### Election

At each Annual Member Meeting, Members shall elect Trustees by secret written or secret electronic ballot; PROVIDED, when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of Trustees to be elected from a particular Trustee District, and if there is no objection, secret written or electronic balloting may be dispensed with for that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other manner. The candidates receiving the highest number of valid votes cast shall be elected. If Trustee Candidates from any District receive the same number of votes (tie votes), the winner shall be determined by drawing of lots.

#### SECTION 3.07.

##### Voting for Trustees; Validity of Board Action

In the election of Trustees, each Member shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate from or with respect to each of the Trustee Districts from which Trustees are to be elected. Ballots marked in violation of the foregoing restriction shall be invalid and shall not be counted with respect to the affected Trustee District. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section and in Section 3.06, failure to comply with any such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board after the election of Trustees.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## 2021: A YEAR WITH TRIUMPHS & CHALLENGES



DANDY A. RISMAN

**Among the greatest challenges we faced were the retirements of several key employees with a collective experience over 251 years. The combined wisdom lost will be an ongoing challenge while others learn to fill those roles. With a current average workforce age**

**of 43, we know this challenge will continue as employees begin to enjoy the retirement they have earned.**

**251**  
**YEARS**

RETIRED EXPERIENCE



**AVERAGE WORKFORCE AGE: 43**

Winter Storm Uri dropped unprecedented cold across the region during February. We were thankful the membership responded to our requests to curb usage where possible. We were more fortunate than many, only experiencing a couple of large outages that were resolved during the storm.

We were able to take advantage of COVID-19 still impacting office presence during 2021, turning a challenge into a positive result by updating and making much needed repairs to our offices. Old wiring, worn flooring, failing plumbing, and discontinued lighting were replaced or repaired with new, more operational and efficient equipment. Because the traffic to our Vinita office was also reduced during this time, we were able to make much needed repairs to the driveway, parking areas, and sidewalks.

In addition to improvement projects at the Vinita headquarters, we selected a new location for our Grove office. When the Grove office opened in 1998, we had no idea how busy and popular it would be. If you have ever conducted business with us in that office, you probably noticed the limited parking and potential traffic issues with our drive-thru window. With local banks changing ownership, the former First National Bank building in Grove became available. We are currently renovating and making changes that will accommodate the business of the cooperative and BOLT. This move will be a great service improvement for the membership.

## COMING SOON



**NEW GROVE**  
**OFFICE LOCATION**  
**600 S MAIN ST**

During 2021, the cooperative's net utility plant increased over \$4.6 million. Fifteen new miles of line were constructed, and 796 new services were connected. We also became active in identifying services that were not in use with equipment we could put in service at other locations, avoiding delays in service construction due to supply chain issues.



The year also saw an uptick in attempts to hack into our online systems. A training program for employees was developed and implemented to protect the integrity of our systems as well as the private information of our members. Bad actors employ a variety of techniques to trick people into giving them access; some of these tactics are very sophisticated, while others are simple. The key is knowing what to look for. The training program continues to challenge employees in their vigilance.



If you checked out any advertisements for Carhartt workwear, you may have recognized a familiar face or two. During 2021, the clothing company launched a campaign to show their products on the people that wear them and benefit from their durability. They invited several of our cooperative employees to participate in the campaign.

Please take a moment to review the financial statement included on page 6. During a challenging year and climate, your electric cooperative continues to meet its financial commitments.

**The electric cooperative has a workforce that makes me proud to serve as your president. Here's to 2022.**

**THANK YOU.**

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**RETURN THIS COMPLETED SURVEY AT REC DAY TO WIN A STIHL PACKAGE VALUED AT OVER \$500!**

**All questions must be completed to be eligible for the prize.**

Prize includes SH56C-E Shredder Vac/Blower, FS50C-E Trimmer, and SG20 Backpack Sprayer.



## STEP 1

### Contact Information

Name	Account Number	Your Age	
Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address	Phone	Alternate Phone	

## STEP 2

### Survey Questions

**1. Would you participate in a thermostat, water heater, or HVAC demand response program if it was offered?**

*A demand response program gives NOEC the ability to momentarily interrupt power to devices such as water heaters or HVAC systems or to adjust temperature settings of a thermostat for short periods of time. This allows NOEC to reduce peak demand and keep wholesale power costs as low as possible. In most cases, the member will never even notice an interruption. In return, the member receives monetary compensation for participating in the program. Control of the devices is communicated with the membership and can be overridden in emergency situations.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ No preference

**2. Would you prefer to attend REC Day on a week day or a Saturday?**

- ☐ I prefer to attend REC Day on a week day  
☐ I prefer to attend REC Day on a Saturday  
☐ No preference

**3. Where do you find information about the cooperative? Please check all preferred methods.**

- ☐ Northeast Connection magazine  
☐ Local newspapers, print or online  
☐ Website: [www.noec.coop](http://www.noec.coop)  
☐ Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/neokrec](http://www.facebook.com/neokrec)

**4. How would you rate your experience with the cooperative overall?**

- ☐ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Poor  
☐ Very poor

**5. Please share any additional feedback:**

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**THANK YOU!**