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2017

Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks

Below is a partial list of members whose checks were returned due to improper address

Abel, Michael
Alexander, Carrie
Alexander, Frank
Alquest, Brenda
Ankenman, David
Ashley, Dennis W
Avery, Clayton
B&B Oil & Bob Gilmore
B&W Electrical Contract
Barbeau, Paul
Barrett, Max
Beckam, Jason
Bell, Richard
Bennett, Regina
Birdsong, Sue
Bishop, Carl
Bishop, Curtis L
Blew, Jody
Boswell, Frank
Bowman, Tammy
Brock, Paul
Brooks, Thomas
Bruce, Jace
Burquist, Robert E
Campbell, James
Cantwell, L L
Churchill, Paul
Clark, Jerry R
Clyatt, John
Collins, Jason
Collins, Kent
Combs, David
Combs, Neal
Cooper, Kipp
Crandall, Steve
Crane Farms
Crane, E V
Crooks, D W
Crooks, Debra E
Day, Michael A
Dealy, James
Dinges, Mike
Doherty, John S
Doshier, Ginny
Downey, Radine
Dupree, Keith

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The 2018 Youth Tour Winner is Payton Truitt

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative would like to congratulate Payton Truitt, winner of the 2018 Youth Tour Trip & Scholarship Contest.



Payton Truitt

Payton will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to use in attending the college of her choice and a trip to Steamboat Springs, CO. She is the daughter of Justin Truitt and Donnie Schierling of Inman. If you would like to hear the winning essay, Payton will be presenting her essay to the membership during the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members.

This coming July, Payton will have the opportunity to join 100 other high school youth from four states. She will learn about the cooperative business model, develop leadership skills and listen to nationally-recognized speakers.

The second place winner of the competition was Taylor Dieball, daughter of Cory and Sally Dieball of Little River. Taylor will receive a \$500 scholarship to use in attending the college of her choice.



Taylor Dieball

This year the Ark Valley Board of Directors decided to award 5 scholarships.

The third place winner of the competition was Brant Harnden, son of Alec and Kendra Harnden of Kingman. Brant will receive a \$250 scholarship to use in attending the college of his choice.



Brant Harnden

The fourth place winner of the competition was Kaitlin Colle, daughter of John and Cindy Colle of Hutchinson. The Fifth place winner of the competition was Nathan Enns, son of Gordon and Shannon Enns of Inman. They will both receive a \$100.00 scholarship to use in attending the college of their choice. Ark Valley sponsors a trip for one student each year during the scholarship contest. Ark Valley would like to thank all of the applicants for their time and effort put into the 2018 Youth Competition.

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees for the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association held its regular meeting for the month of December on December 18, 2017.

Prior to the meeting, the Board heard presentations from five (5) area high school students who applied for the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, and for the possibility to receive a college scholarship. All the presenters were very impressive.

Staff reviewed the 2017 property tax assessments by county and 2018 insurance premiums. Overall, Ark Valley's system wide property tax bill decreased 3.27%, and its insurance premiums from Federated Insurance Exchange, which insures for general liability and casualty as well as workers' compensation, increased by .61%.

The Board continued to make plans for the Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The Board selected a door prize for members who

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Service Territory Protection

Electric cooperatives in Kansas are looking at legislative options to address deficiencies in current law when a cooperative loses certified territory to a municipal annexation. Our goal is to enact new notice requirements and give co-ops an opportunity to present a meaningful proposal to continue service in the area. While current law requires a city to consider a list of factors when determining who will provide electric service in an annexed area, the law does not require a record of those deliberations. Providing for more extensive documentation during the city's selection will be an important improvement in order to determine if an appeal should be considered. In addition, ensuring incumbent providers are adequately compensated for loss of all service area is a critical enhancement to the current statute. The loss of opportunity to serve existing and new customers impacts the rates of our member-consumers, and addressing this issue can help cooperatives continue to deliver reliable and affordable electric service now and in the future.

There will be a variety of proposals before the Kansas Legislature in 2018 that affect your life, your community and your cooperative. We hope you will partner with us in educating lawmakers about the issues important to rural electric cooperative. We encourage you to get involved, and we hope you will get in contact with your senator and representative. Citizen participation is a hallmark of our representative form of government and as population shifts toward more metropolitan areas, speaking up for the interest of rural Kansas is critically important.

December 2017 Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks . . . *continued*

Below is a partial list of members whose capital credit checks were returned due to a improper address. If you are able to get in touch with these individuals or their family members, please have them call Ark Valley Electric's office at 888-297-9212.

East, Del	Garriott, Shawn	Hobson, Jeff	Lowrey, Robert F
Ediger, Myron	Goddard, Richard	Holm, Justin	Macurdy, Jim
Elliott, James	Green, Samuel S	Jackson, Brandi	Mathews, Chad
Ellison, Diane K	Green, Sherri	Jam, Inc	Mattison, Jack
Foley, Rachel	Gregory, Timothy S	Kelley, Kayla	McBride, Tim
Fornwalt, Helen	Griffin, Don	Kinkade, Jean	McDaniel, Dean
Foster, Raymond	Gustus, Amy	Kornelson, Paul	McKinney, Mary A
Friesen, Tory	Hager, George	Kracman, Mike	McKinney, Shawn
Fuller, Kenneth L	Haltom, Denise	Lackey, Donna	McMillan, R E
Gadberry, Tim	Harbold, Frank	Lake, Billie	McQueen, Delbert
Galbraith, Jan	Heisler, Don	Lawson, Tony	Metras, Madeline
Galloway, Rose	Hernandez, Patricia B	Legacy Homes at	Midwest Investment Co
Gara, Greg	Higgins, Robert	Highlands	Miller, Mark
Garibay, Benjamin	Hinson, Mike	Lightner, Lloyd	Miller, Shaun
			Milos, Timeka

Board Meeting Highlights *(continued)*

attend the event, and it appointed the following seven (7) qualified Cooperative members to serve as the 2018 Nominating Committee: Randy Smith, Ron Ensz, Jim Combs, David Hayes, Doug Barr, Bret Dunn, and Randy Goering. The committee's job is to select a list of candidates for the position of Trustee that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of members.

Drawing Winner

JASON YOUNG is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing. Jason, to claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by February 28, 2018 & give us the account number from your electric bill.



Want to Become a Lineman?

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative is offering its members a \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP to any graduating senior, high school graduate, or recipient of an equivalent degree (GED, etc.) that plans to enroll in a Kansas line school.

(Must be a member or have parents that are members of Ark Valley Electric to qualify.)

If interested, call (620)-662-6661, pick up an application from your School Counselor or go to www.arkvalley.com to print a copy.

Applications must be returned to Ark Valley Electric by March 15, 2018.

The Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.