

# The CIRCUIT

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative



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March 2015

## Notice of Annual Meeting of the Members

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the north Sunflower Building (State Fair Grounds) in Hutchinson, Kansas. Ray's Countryside Catering will begin serving dinner at 6:30 p.m.

As a consumer-owner, you're invited to air your views, discuss things with your fellow members, and vote for Directors to serve on the Co-op Board.

Judy Kinsler (Kingman), Steve Schweizer (Plevna), and Todd Fairchild (Kingman) are the 2015 nominees. Kinsler has served on the Ark Valley Board since 2012. Schweizer has served on the Ark Valley Board since 2009, and is the current President. This year, members will be voting for two Trustees to serve for the next three years.

An Ark Valley magnetic LED work light will be given to each member that attends. There will also be numerous items that will be drawn as door prizes. Make sure to set aside the date. We hope to see you there!



**Top-Right:** Retired line forman, Greg Henry, delivers a 39" HD Television to Vera Rush of Marquette during the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Members.

**Left:** Karen Steffen, Senior Billing Clerk, and Justin Tankersley, Lineman, register members at the beginning of the 2014 Meeting.

**Right:** Member Alden Dick addresses the membership prior to giving the Invocation.

**Bottom:** Members listen to presentations during the 2014 Meeting.



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# New Faces At Ark Valley



Penny Wood, of Hutchinson, started as Ark Valley's new Office Manager on January 13, 2015. Wood came to the Co-op from Stockade Companies, LLC (of Hutchinson), where she served as their Controller for nearly 9 years. Wood holds an Associate's Degree from Hutchinson Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting, from Wichita State University.

Misty Merideth, of Hutchinson, began employment with the Co-op on January 12, 2015. Prior to coming to Ark Valley, Merideth worked for Health Facilities Group in Wichita – handling many various accounting and administrative duties. Merideth holds a Bachelor's Degree of General Studies, with a Math Emphasis, from Fort Hays State University. Ark Valley is excited to welcome Wood and Merideth to the team.



## Requirements for Membership

Any person, firm, association, corporation, body politic, or subdivision thereof may become a member of the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., by:

- ▶ Filing a written application for membership therein;
- ▶ Agreeing to purchase from the Cooperative electric energy as hereinafter specified;
- ▶ Agreeing to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

At the Annual Meeting of Members, each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Copies of the complete By-Laws are available upon request from the

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.  
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## REMINDER

### *Cold Weather Rule Ends March 15th!*

The Cold Weather Rule ends on March 15th. Be sure to have your bills caught up prior to that date.

Please also be aware that prior to March 15th, the Cooperative can disconnect service for non-payment if the local Hutchinson News Weather Page forecasts the temperature will drop below 32 degrees within the following 24-hour period (see the notice posted in the November 2014 newsletter for allowed circumstances, available at [arkvalley.com](http://arkvalley.com)).

## Happy Easter!!!

Wishing you blessings of peace and happiness this Easter holiday and all the cheer that comes with the joy of Spring!  
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## Drawing Winner

**ANGIE WHITTAKER** is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing.

Angie, to claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by March 31, 2015 & 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 or pick up an application from your School Counselor.

Applications must be returned to Ark Valley Electric by March 16, 2015.



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](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](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).