

# COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



▲ Mark Schwirtz of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, CCEC's power supplier, addresses the membership.

▼ New CCEC General Manager Clint Gardner welcomes members to the 76th annual meeting.



◀ The Stovall family leads the Pledge of Allegiance and sings the national anthem.

▶ CCEC's Anthony Strawn, Bob Fuchs and Clint Gardner clearly enjoyed their job of drawing names for the grand prizes.



## Coleman County EC Annual Meeting

Coleman County Electric Cooperative held this year's 76th annual meeting in the Winters ISD Gymnasium. This was the first time the community of Winters hosted the annual membership meeting of CCEC, and the event was a great success.

As members arrived, they were transported from the parking lot to the entrance of the cafeteria. Once inside, members were greeted by CCEC employees at the registration table, where each voted and received an attendance gift. Across the cafeteria, students from Runnels County 4-H served cook-

ies and homemade ice cream; it was a big hit. And to top it all off, the Havlak Polka Band entertained members until the meeting began. There were about 350 in attendance.

Chairman Bob Fuchs introduced new General Manager Clint Gardner. Gardner began by welcoming members to the

76th Annual Membership Meeting. Board Member David Wright gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem, led by the Stovall family.

Gardner then introduced Benny Mayo, a former resident of Winters. Mayo won the Coleman County EC tal-



▲ Members received a gift and a smile at the registration table.

▼ Runnels County 4-H students serve cookies to CCEC members.



## Coleman County Electric Cooperative

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*Operating in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Coke, Concho, Runnels, Taylor and Tom Green counties*

### GENERAL MANAGER

Clint Gardner

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Roger Bryan, *District 1*
- Roger Kruse, *District 2*
- David Wright, *District 3*
- Sandy Neal, *District 4*
- Anthony Strawn, *District 5*
- Daniel Redman, *District 6*
- Bob Fuchs, *District 7*
- Helen Bragg, *District 8*
- Glen Scarborough, *District 9*



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ent contest in 1954 by playing his guitar and singing "I'll Be There" by Ray Price. Who would have thought he would be singing it again 60 years later for members of the same cooperative in his hometown?

Fuchs then called the meeting to order and reported the existence of a quorum. Vice President Roger Kruse then read proof of mailing and called on Fuchs for the minutes of the last annual meeting. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading.

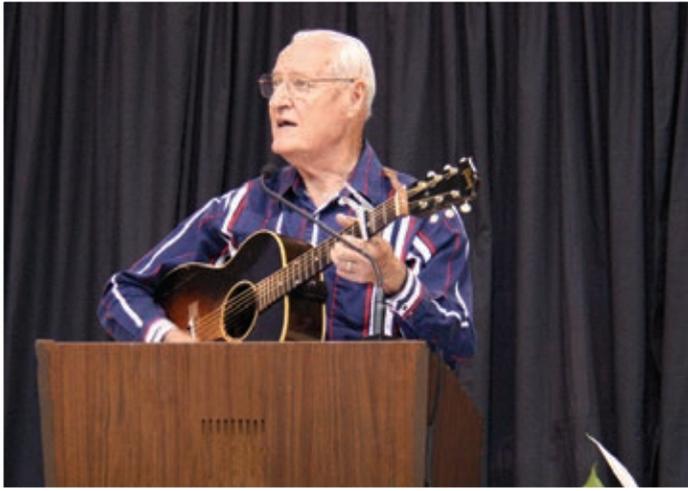
Fuchs said in his report that Roland

Witt, the co-op's general manager for the past 13 years, had retired to the cool mountains of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Roland was a loyal employee of CCEC and always had the cooperative's best interest at heart. He was instrumental in CCEC's joining Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, the co-op's power supplier, and handling matters concerning the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. His key objective was to use innovative ideas to keep your cooperative in a sound financial condition.

Secretary-Treasurer Helen Bragg

## Power Tip

When it's hot outside, appliances and lighting can heat up our homes more than we think. To save energy, minimize the activities that generate additional heat, such as burning open flames, continuously running a computer, or using hot hair devices like curling irons. This will ultimately keep your house cooler.



▲ Benny Mayo, who won the Coleman County EC talent contest in 1954, returned to regale members again 60 years later.



▲ A young member enjoys the homemade ice cream served by the Runnels County 4-H.



◀ The grand prizewinners, from left to right, are Novice Baptist Church, Harriett Fisher, Gib Foster, Alvin Gerngross and Dorothy Schwertner.

reported that CCEC is in good financial condition. Even though expenses continue to increase, the co-op remains financially stable. She noted that total kilowatt-hour sales were up from last year and that the cooperative's last rate change was 11 years ago. She also noted that for six out of the past seven years, your co-op, along with Golden Spread EC, has returned capital credits. This year, CCEC returned \$553,000.

Gardner gave his manager's report, which focused on the success of the cooperative. He talked about how the

co-op consists of voting members, members who serve on committees, and your board of directors. He talked about the dedicated, professional employees of your cooperative and how they, together with the voting membership, are crucial to success.

Gardner introduced Mark Schwartz, president and general manager of Golden Spread EC. Schwartz informed the membership about new transmission lines being installed throughout the service area and the installation of a new combustion turbine at Elk Station.

Schwartz stated that the G&T's financial performance was high and that the cooperative now owns more than \$1 billion in assets. In closing, he noted that any margins GSEC makes go back to help reduce members' power cost.

Next, it was time to announce the voting results. After all votes were counted, Gardner announced that Roger Bryan of District 1, Anthony Strawn of District 5, and Bragg of District 8 were all re-elected to three-year terms. He also informed members that the motion to change to the



▲ The prize table was the place to be.

◀ There was plenty of fun to be had at the kids' table.



Articles of Incorporation passed.

Fuchs thanked Schwartz, adjourned the meeting and turned it over to Gardner for announcements and the prize drawings. The scholarship winners were Cory Pritchard of Winters ISD; McKenzie Watkins of Ballinger ISD; Colton Smith of Coleman ISD; Genia Jones of Santa Anna ISD; Tyler Henderson of Cross Plains ISD; Aspen McConathy of Coleman ISD; Kirsten Moore of Panther Creek ISD; Lane Huston of Ballinger ISD; and Tylin Farris of Panther Creek ISD.

The prize drawings started off with 20 \$10 bills for the children. Once all were given away, they drew for the grand prizes of five \$100 bills. So that everyone would have a chance at the grand prize, Fuchs, Strawn and Gardner drew the five names for the grand prizes before drawing names for the other prizes. The winners of the grand prizes were Dorothy Schwertner, Alvin Gerngross, Gib Foster, Harriet Fisher and Novice Baptist Church.

We want to say “thank you” to Bruce Davis and the Winters ISD for the use of

the facility; Runnels County 4-H for the wonderful refreshments; Quality Implementations for use of the “mules” to escort our members from their vehicles; the Havlak Polka Band for the music; contest winner Mayo for returning after 60 years and sharing his music with us; the vendors who gave many of the prizes; the Stovall family for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the national anthem; and the members who voted.

With everyone working together, this year’s annual meeting was a great success.