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the Wheat Belt Connection



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER 2018

LODGEPOLE OLD SETTLERS' DAY FUN

Preparing "Larry the Lineman" for the Old Settlers' Day Parade

Thank you to all!

We just want to say a special thanks to all of you "Event Coordinators" throughout our service territory. Wheat Belt enjoys participating in the local parades and fairs. It is easy to see that coordinating these events is no easy task. It is always a pleasure to see how the communities come together to make every event a little bigger and better each year. From kids games to golf tournaments, from parades to dances, there is something for everyone.

We also hope that you had the opportunity to share in the fairs and appreciate the hard work that our local 4-H members and leaders put forth to share with you the traditions that have been a part of this western culture for years.



Patriotism the Cowboy Way



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Drawing Winner

Yolanda Hruska

Congratulations Mark and Nancy Wagoner! Their name was drawn as the August "Lucky Winner," and they receive a \$50 credit.

The Wagoner's have been married for 35 years, and have lived in Gurley since 1991. They enjoy the outdoors, gardening, motorcycle riding and spending time with family. They have two daughters, one son, two granddaughters and one grandson.

If you wish to be included in our drawing, your payment must be received prior to delinquent notices (the 18th of the month). You could be our next "Lucky Winner!"



WE LOVE TO EAT, I MEAN, MEET, TRICK OR TREATERS, SO BE SURE TO STOP AT THE WHEAT BELT OFFICE FOR YOUR GOODIES FROM OCTOBER 28TH TO THE 31ST, SAW, I MEAN. SEE YOU THEN.

TRUNK OR TREAT WILL BE HELD IN SIDNEY AT HICKORY SQUARE FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

STAY SAFE AND WATCH FOR KIDS

Quotes to Ponder

"It is so easy to see your own fault in others, but not recognize the familiarity."

Unknown

"It is just too easy to be a hypocrite, before you condemn others, look in the mirror!

Get Real

"The secret to success - keep trying."

Unknown

"Life is 10% what happens to you, and 90% how you react to it."

Charles R. Swindoll

"Some times it is hard to see through a player, and it is even harder to accept that you have been played!" Unknown

> "Happiness is health and a short memory!" Unknown

"My friends have had a profound influence on me, they are a bunch of lunatics!" Unknown

"A government that robs Peter to pay Paul, can always depend on the support of Paul." George Bernard Shaw

Rebates have changed for 2018

Check on-line at www.wheatbelt.com under the "Energy Efficient" tab or contact the office for current rebates offered by Tri-State G & T and Wheat Belt PPD.

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Lineman Training north of Sidney







The NREA Job Training and Safety Education Program's annual lineman training schools were held in early September at the Don Winkelman Training Field north of Sidney.

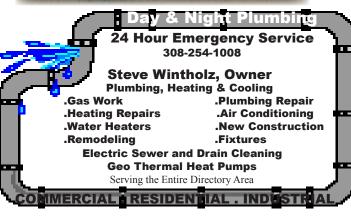
Larry Oetken of Norfolk is the coordinator. Providing safe and dependable electricity to the homes and businesses of our customers can be a dangerous business, so continuing education is an important segment of the employment of line workers throughout the state.

There is a two-day underground hotline training session followed by a three-day overhead hotline school. Seasoned Journeyman Linemen are usually on hand to help instruct students and provide guidance. The area public power districts and cooperatives supply the instructors.

Some of the skills that are practiced are bucket truck rescue; changing, repairing or replacing equipment on the pole; splicing or repairing mid-span and practicing different field scenarios.

Approximately 40 participants were enrolled for the undergeround school, and 60 for the overhead school, plus vendors who showcase their new equipment and tools.

Stay Safe at Work and Play



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Safety First

BY PAM WIESER



FUN FACTS

Did you know that Halloween is more Irish than Saint Patrick's Day. The Irish believed that ghosts and spirits walked the streets, and would leave gifts on their front porch

to hopefully appease them.

The approximate number of potential trick or treaters is about 41 million.

Did you know Transylvania is in the United States? Well, county that is. Transylvania County, North Carolina (Population 30,187).

About 20 million pounds of Candy Corn will be sold this Halloween. If you mix it with salted peanuts, it tastes like a salted nut roll. Yummy!

NOW FOR SAFETY ON HALLOWEEN:

Do not go down into a basement or cellar when the lights go out to find out what caused it.

If a monster is chasing you, do not run into an abandoned building.

If your friend's or child's head starts spinning around, GET OUT!

If you run out of gas, don't go to the nearest deserted house. (Especially if it has a weird green glow in the window.)

Dress appropriately. When investigating strange noises in the middle of the night, do not wear those floppy slippers. Make sure you have put on your running shoes. STAY SAFE!

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