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www.ocec.coop/texting.html for signup instructions

Okanogan County Electric Co-op

March 2019 Newsletter

80th Annual Meeting

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Inc. Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to the provision of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of members of Okanogan County Electric Cooperative will be held Monday, April 15, 2019.

Where:

"The Barn" in Winthrop, WA
51 N. Highway 20

When:

Monday, April 15, 2019
Registration is from 6 to 7 PM
Meeting begins at 7 PM

Among topics to be discussed are:

- Election of open Board positions.
- Update on electric operations.
- Update on propane operations.
- OCEC's Fire Wise program.

First 100 memberships to register at the meeting will receive an OCEC extension cord.

**American Legion Auxiliary #120
will serve pie afterwards.**

11 Hour Major Outage April 11th Transmission Update

On April 11th, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will begin the cutover to the new transmission facilities that will bring transmission redundancy to the Methow Valley. The Twisp substation is currently fed from the new Pateros transmission line and the Winthrop substation is fed from the old Loup line. Once the total project is completed, the loop will be completed and either substation will be able to be fed from either transmission line. Both substations will have redundancy at this point.

As part of the process of finishing the loop and bringing redundancy to the Methow Valley, the work that BPA needs to do will require two outages on the Winthrop Substation. The first outage is the long one and it is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 7 PM for 11 hours. The scheduled re-energization is Friday, April 12th at 6 AM. Please check our website for possible updates. We will also remind members of this outage through our texting notification system.

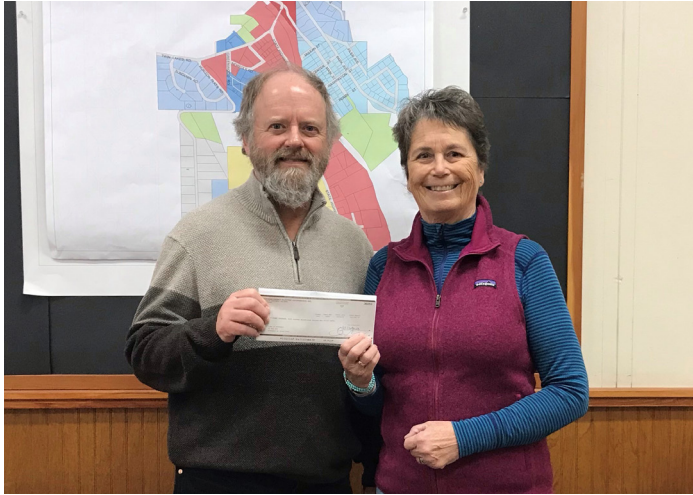
The second outage will be needed but has not been scheduled yet.

Members served from the Twisp Substation will not be affected by these outages.

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Lighting Retrofit Projects



OCEC General Manager David Gottula presents Winthrop Mayor Sally Ranzau with a check for lighting retrofit projects. LED Lighting upgrades were made at the Winthrop Barn, Winthrop Town Hall, and the Winthrop Rink. The project was part of an Energy Efficiency Grant sponsored by the Bonneville Power Administration.

OCEC and OCEI Hire New Employees

Okanogan County Energy, Inc. and Okanogan County Electric Co-op have both hired new employees this past month.

OCEI is excited to have Jesse Potvin join our Propane team! Jesse along with his wife Kelsi and their two children have lived in the valley for 4 years and reside in Winthrop.

OCEC would also like to welcome Tony Faulkner and his wife Kimber. Tony completed his apprenticeship with Dominion Energy in Richmond Virginia in 2015. Tony and Kimber relocated back to the Northwest when he took a job with Grant County PUD in 2017. Kimber is originally from the Methow Valley and they look forward to settling in with their two dogs Dixie and Ranger. Hobbies include hiking, camping, boating, sports and hanging out with family and friends.



New OCEI employee Jesse Potvin



New OCEC employee Tony Faulkner

