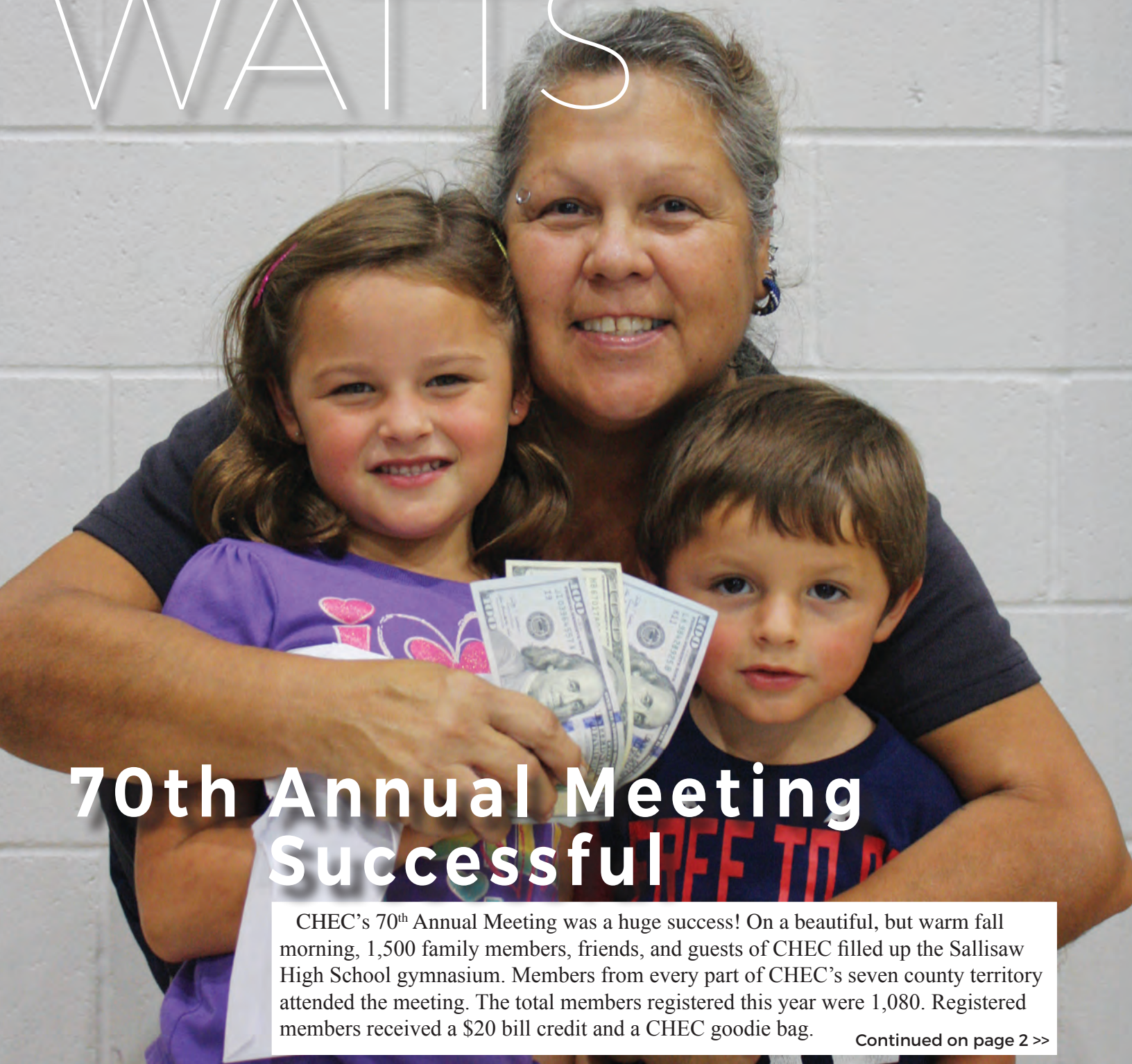


HOT WATTS



70th Annual Meeting Successful

CHEC's 70th Annual Meeting was a huge success! On a beautiful, but warm fall morning, 1,500 family members, friends, and guests of CHEC filled up the Sallisaw High School gymnasium. Members from every part of CHEC's seven county territory attended the meeting. The total members registered this year were 1,080. Registered members received a \$20 bill credit and a CHEC goodie bag.

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If you find your account number hidden in this issue of the *Hot Watts*, you'll receive a \$25 credit on your electric bill.

The Ritter's Family Band, long-time residents of the Vian area, provided the entertainment again this year. Sallisaw Cub Scout Pack #731 honored our country with the posting of the colors and leading of the Pledge of Allegiance. Royce Alverson of Whitefield sang a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem.

To kick off the business meeting, all members and guests were welcomed by Juli Orme, General Manager, who also gave a brief update on CHEC. Russell V. Barber, General Counsel, directed the business portion of the meeting and with a quorum present, members voted and approved to amend the bylaws as proposed. Immediately following the business session, Zowye and Shyloh Sizemore of Muldrow assisted with the highly anticipated prize drawings. CHEC would like to thank Zowye and Shyloh for their assistance.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you again next year!





Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: energy.gov

More photos available on CHEC's Facebook page.

Congratulations to all the Annual Meeting prize winners!

Children

Chandler Burkett
Isabella Pritchette
Tristan Williams
Angela Leslie
Nathan Mechan
Whitney Thomason
Charlie Wilson Jr.
Johnathan Slape
Logan Heyte

Adults

Pat Cherry
Kirby Rogers
Donald Hooker
Betty Montgomery
Betty Bramlett
Jerald Ritter
Kenneth Murphy
Lisa Sweeney
Teresa Andert

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Jiabey Thach
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Thank you to those who graciously donated many of the prizes awarded.

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Capital Credit Checks





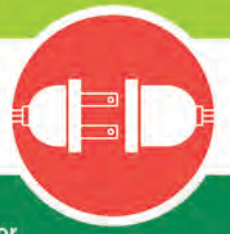

The Board of Trustees and Management are happy to announce that CHEC will retire, or return, \$1,038,385 in capital credits in December. For those that were members in the years of 1989, 1998, 1999, or 2000, you should receive a patronage capital credit check in your mail during the first half of December 2018.

To help you better understand capital credits, we wanted to take a moment to explain the entire process. Although CHEC is a corporation, we are also non-profit, which means that any margins generated each year must be allocated back to the members. Margins are any revenue left over after all expenses are deducted. "Allocation" means that CHEC is assigning these profits back to you – the member – to be returned to you at a future date. During July or August of the following calendar year, we allocate margins from the previous year to each member that was an active member during the previous year. We will compare the number of kilowatt hours that each member used during that year, and we calculate each member's percentage of the total kilowatt hours used by all members. We then multiply your percentage by the total margins for the previous calendar year. This will become the amount of total margins that will be allocated to you, which is known as capital credit. CHEC will notify each member of their allocated portion. Active members will be notified on their July or August electric bill. Those that are no longer active members will receive a notice in the mail. In future years these dollars will be retired, or returned, to you in the form of a patronage capital credit check. [131801]

If you have any questions regarding your capital credit, please contact us at 800-328-2368, and we will be more than happy to assist you.

SAFE DÉCOR FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

It's almost time to deck those halls! Statistics show that home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months, so keep these holiday lighting tips in mind for a safe holiday season.

- Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.** 
- Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.** 
- Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.** 
- Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation.** 
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.** 
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.** 

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International

News & Notes

- CHEC offices will be closed on November 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- Beginning with December billing, residential accounts switch from summer rates to winter rates. Winter rates will remain in effect through February. During this time, energy usage is billed on a declining block rate (first 800 kWh - \$0.08720 per kWh, over 800 kWh - \$0.07720 per kWh). Summer rates, which include March through November, are billed at the same rate (all kWh - \$0.08720 per kWh). If you have any questions about rates, please call 800-328-2368 or 918-775-2211.