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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

With spring officially arriving in a few weeks, preparations for Midstate Electric Cooperative's annual meeting on Saturday, May 6, at the La Pine Middle School are underway.

Registration, the health fair, displays and barbecue will begin at 10 a.m., with the business meeting starting at noon. MEC's safety trailer will be on-site. Safety demonstrations are at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In keeping with tradition, there will be prize drawings throughout the meeting, with hundreds of dollars of gifts given away.

Peak Hour Rewards

Do you own your home? Do you heat with an air-source heat pump or electric forced-air furnace? Does your home have Wi-Fi? If you answered yes to all of these questions, we would like to hear from you.

MEC is looking for 300 members to participate in Peak Hour Rewards—an 18-month peak demand reduction pilot program. The intent is to minimize our wholesale power costs by shifting peak-time electric use (typically between 7 and 9 a.m. October through April) to non-peak periods.

Participants will receive a free Wi-Fi programmable thermostat (a \$150 value), a complimentary home energy audit and a \$10 bill credit each month they participate in 100 percent of the peak use demand reduction events.

The first 100 members to enroll by June 1 will be entered to win \$500 at the end of the pilot program.

Please see page 25 for more

information. If interested, call (541) 536-2126, option 5.

Scholarship Applications Due May 8

MEC is offering seven \$2,500 scholarships for persons attending accredited colleges/technical schools.

Three scholarships are available for seniors graduating from La Pine, Gilchrist and North Lake County high schools; one scholarship is available to seniors attending home school or other high schools in MEC's service area; two at-large scholarships are available for persons already graduated who wish to continue their education; and one scholarship is available for lineman school.

Get an application at www.mse.coop.

Stay Informed—Join ORECA-Action

The Oregon Legislature returned February 1 for a full 160-day session.

MEC is actively involved in reminding lawmakers about the importance of affordable and reliable electricity.

As an ORECA-Action grassroots member, you are provided with information on important legislation that could affect our co-op. As the session progresses, we may need to call on you to contact your elected officials to influence the political process.

Elected officials need and want to hear from our members—the voters. The more people they hear from, the more lawmakers pay attention to what Oregon electric co-ops are saying.

Go to www.ORECA-Action.org and click on the Join Us link, or call (541) 536-2126, option 5.

Dave Schneider
General Manager