

RURAL MISSOURI

**Our Office will be Closed
Good Friday April 14**

If you have an emergency or
outage please call
417-682-5636 or 800-286-5636

BCEC Ground Source

the official newsletter of Barton County Electric Cooperative

April 2017



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.
365 days a year.

**National Lineman Appreciation Day
April 10, 2017**

Let's honor the heroes that keep the lights on.

NRECA Board Resolution

“Whereas linemen leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; Whereas linemen work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain and repair the electric infrastructure; Whereas linemen are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe for all after storms and accidents; and Whereas there would be no electric cooperatives without the brave men and women who comprise our corps of linemen; Therefore be it resolved that NRECA recognize the Second Monday of April of each year as National Lineman Appreciation Day and make available to electric cooperatives, materials and support to recognize the contributions of these valuable men and women to America’s Electric Cooperatives.”

**Mark Your Calendars
Annual Meeting Thursday May 4**

Petition for Board Candidacy

All Board of Director candidates (incumbents and new) shall run by petition.

Qualified member candidates are required to gather signatures of (15) or more current BCEC members

Official Petition forms and qualification information available at the BCEC office or www.bartonelectric.com

Completed petition forms will be accepted at BCEC office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F, March 6 to April 10, 2017.

Petitions will be publicly posted as received at our office

FIND YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER AND WIN \$25!

1. Find your account number hidden in this issue of *bcec Ground Source*
2. Call the cooperative or stop by our office: 417.682.5636 or 800.286.5636
3. If the account number is yours you will get a \$25.00 electric bill credit!
4. You must call to claim your prize during current issue

2017 Annual Meeting Dates To Remember

March 6 to April 10

Petitions accepted to run for Barton County Electric Board of Directors

April 11 to May 3

Mail-in ballots will be accepted

May 4 3:00 p.m.

BCEC office will close to prepare for Annual Meeting

May 4 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting Registration / Chicken Mary's Meal / That Dalton Gang

May 4 6:30 p.m.

80th BCEC Annual Meeting Called To Order

Mail-in Ballots

If you are unable to attend the Barton County Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting in May, you can still vote for the 2017 BCEC Board of Directors



Carefully Follow Procedures for Mail-In Balloting to Ensure Your Vote Counts:

- Request a ballot by completing a request form by:
 - Calling 1-800-286-5636 to request form
 - Picking up the form at our office at 91 West US Highway 160, Lamar, Missouri
- Complete the ballot by selecting up to a total of three (3) candidates. If more than three (3) candidates are selected the ballot will not be valid.
- Put ONLY the ballot in the yellow ballot envelope before sealing it.
- Place the sealed yellow envelope in the return envelope along with your signed registration card. Do not include the registration card in the yellow envelope.
- Seal the return envelope, attach postage, and mail to:

Barton County Electric Cooperative
91 West US Highway 160
Lamar, Missouri 64759.
- State statute requires that ballots must be mailed. No mail-in ballots can be accepted if they are delivered to the Cooperative in person or put in the drop box at the BCEC office.
- Mail-in ballots must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.
- Ballots cast by Business and Church organizations must be done by an officer of the organization or provide written authorization to act on its behalf.

2017 Annual Meeting Electric Credit Drawings

- 10 @ \$50.00
- 5 @ \$100.00
- 5 @ \$250.00
- 1 @ \$500.00

Must Be Present to Win

Credits will be credited automatically to member's account

Credits are non-transferrable



TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

Call 417.682.5636 or 800.286.5636

24 hours a day

Before you call:

- Check breaker(s) in your home and below your meter
- Check with your neighbors to verify they have power
- To better serve you when you do call please have the following information ready:
 - Name on the account you are reporting
 - Your six-digit BCEC location number

Bill Payment Options

1. The Office

You are always welcome to stop by the office located 1 mile west of Lamar at 91 West 160 Highway
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. Drive-up Drop Box

located at our office available 24 hours a day

3. On-Line Bill Pay

available 24 hours a day at www.bartonelectric.com

4. By Mailing To:

Barton County Electric Cooperative
91 West Highway 160
Lamar, MO 64759

5. Auto Pay

from your checking or savings account or with your debit/credit card

6. By Phone

Using your debit or credit card Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm
417-682-5636 / 800-286-5636

7. Prepay

Call or stop by to learn more about how you can prepay for your electricity

Your Directors

- Kenny Owen, President
- Jerry Thieman, Vice President
- Tom Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- Barbara Barley
- Karl Morey
- Matt Schlichting
- David Stump
- Kevin Taffner
- Max Walters

Your Interim CEO/GM

Jeff Hull

Don't forget to Vote

Tuesday, April 4

Check Local Elections

For Ballot Information