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In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Newberry Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, May 28. Power outages may be reported by calling (803) 276-1121. Emergency crews are on standby.



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Almost 2,000 members register at the 2012 annual meeting

A RECORD NUMBER of 1,988 members registered at Newberry Electric Cooperative's 72nd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at the Newberry High School gymnasium. Each member who registered received a heat-sealed, no-leak cooler tote, along with a pair of double-insulated tumblers. Members enjoyed an array of music from gospel to rock and roll provided by The 3rd Generation Band as they waited for the meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

CEO Keith Avery began his report by informing members of numerous changes that have already taken place at the cooperative under his leadership. He told members that the cooperative is focusing on increased customer service, starting with a new after-hours call service to cut down on members getting busy signals during power outages. He also spoke about the cooperative now having a presence on Facebook and noted that Twitter would soon follow.

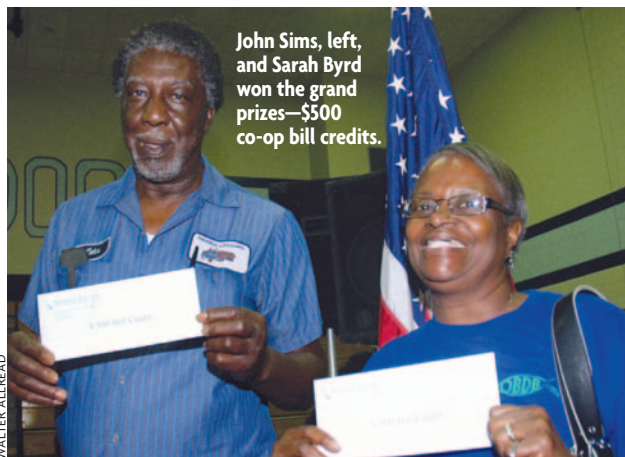
Avery told members that they could now email an outage and the email goes to the entire management staff. He also made members aware that a rate study was under way focusing, among other things, on the power cost adjustment. He anticipates completion of the study sometime in May or June of this year. Avery stated, "With new regulations being discussed by the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA), we have a hard battle in Washington. We will definitely have lots of challenges."

Newberry Electric's General Counsel Tom Pope conducted the business portion of the meeting, in which William (Bill) Lominick Sr. (Zone 1), J. Wayne Nichols (Zone 2) and Tobie R. Shealy (Zone 3) were reelected to the Board of Trustees.

Master of Ceremonies Lou Green brought excitement to the evening as he announced the winners of various drawings, including an early bird registration prize of a \$200 electric bill credit. The grand prize winners of the evening, bringing home \$500 electric bill credits, were John Sims and Sarah Byrd. The \$200 electric bill credit went to Thomas Chaplin.

Thanks to everyone who visited the WIRE tent and/or supported the NEC WIRE chapter in any way. The funds raised during this event will enable the chapter to do community projects throughout 2012, thus fulfilling the mission of the chapter which is to make a difference in the lives of others in the communities we serve.



John Sims, left, and Sarah Byrd won the grand prizes—\$500 co-op bill credits.

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Family, food, fellowship and fun



Marie Harmon, WIRE chapter president, and other members of Women Involved in Rural Electrification make some great two-for-one offers as the charity bake sale wraps up.



3rd Generation revs up some classic rock favorites for the crowd.

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WIRE member Toni Dennis paints a rainbow on the face of Ashlyn Harp.

Gaines Sease

Katherine Vella

DEBRA SHAW

Evelyn Harmon displays the registration gift each member received for signing in at the meeting—an insulated cooler bag and two dishwasher-safe cups.



HAPPY WINNERS! (Left to right) Richard Lominack won \$738 in the WIRE 50-50 raffle. Another \$738 raised by the Women Involved in Rural Electrification chapter will go to local community efforts. Janice Bannister takes home a tool set, Bessie Whitlock wins a sander, and Mary Gilliam wins a coffeemaker.

