woodruff electric cooperative





From the Manager's Desk

MICHAEL SWAN, PRESIDENT/CEO

Annual Meeting Report

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Woodruff Electric was held on July 27th. Re-elected to the cooperative's board was A. B. Thompson, Jr. representing District 9. Other members of the board are: W. Wayne Beadles, J.N. Bickerstaff, Jerry Brown, Chris Burrow, Jack Caperton, III, J. Byron Ponder, J.A. Wampler and Joe W. Whittenton, III. Michael Swan is the cooperative's chief executive officer.

The cooperative's business session was led by the Cooperative Attorney, J. Harmon Smith, who delivered the results of the of Morton. director's election. Following the election results, Woodruff Electric's CEO, Michael Swan, delivered his annual report to the membership. The CEO's report to the membership included a review of the financial condition of the Cooperative, discussed the effects of Covid-19 on the cooperative, and he emphasized the culture of safety that employees had demonstrated this past year.

Woodruff Electric is a member-owned electric utility. The cooperative is headquartered in Forrest City and serves more than 19,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in parts of Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, St. Francis and Woodruff counties. The district offices are located in Augusta, Moro, and Barton.

2021 Annual Meeting Prize Winners Announced

Each member who responded to the mail-in balloting was eligible for the prize drawing. The names of 12 winners were drawn, with the first three names drawn being for an 11-in-1 Omni Plus Instant Pot®. Those winners were Jerry Youngman of Morton, Labon Davenport of Marvell and Richard Rohrscheib of Poplar Grove. The remaining prizes were energy efficiency weatherization kits. Those winners were:

Carolyn Coons of Forrest City Caney Creek Farm of Wynne Charles Oliver of Wynne Curtis Rohrscheib of West Helena Frank Polk of Marvell **Gary Huey of Wynne Thurmond White of Forrest City Tina Banks of Marvell** Wilburn Taylor of Wynne



Woodruff Electric serviceman, Barry Duncan, center, delivered the Omni Plus Instant Pot® grand prize to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Youngman



Labon Davenport of Marvell accepts the Omni Plus Instant Pot® grand prize.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rohrscheib of Poplar Grove accepts the Omni Plus Instant Pot® grand prize at the Barton office.

Woodruff Electric Holiday Greeting Card Contest

Woodruff Electric is looking for elementary students (K through Fifth grade) to submit a holiday card design.

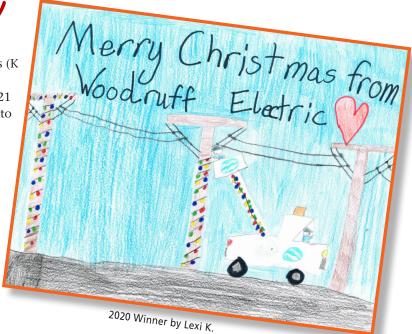
The winning design will be used for the Official 2021 Woodruff Electric Holiday card! These cards are mailed to friends of Woodruff Electric, Legislators, and businesses across the country!

In addition to having his / her artwork featured on this year's Woodruff Electric holiday card, the winning artist will receive a certificate commemorating their achievement as well as a \$50 gift card.

The winning design will also be featured on our website and in the Arkansas Living magazine.

Get your entry form at our website (www.woodruffelectric.com) or pick up one at any of our office locations.

Hurry! The deadline to enter is October 31st, 2021



Woodruff Electric Cooperative Holiday Card Design Contest Rules:

- 1. All students from K through 5th grade is eligible to participate.
- 2. Students must attend a private, public or home school in the counties of Woodruff, Cross, Monroe, St. Francis, Lee or Phillips or in the town of Des Arc.
- 3. Any medium or combination of medium may be used including drawing, crayons, watercolor, oil, acrylic paint, pastel, chalk, etc. Do not use glitter please!
- 4. Submissions should be on an 8 1/2" x 11" in size in a horizontal (landscape) format.
- 5. One entry per student. A signed entry form is required.
- 6. Artwork must be an original creation. Submissions can be in color or in black and white.
- 7. Greetings may also be included with cover designs, but WECC maintains the right to select the final greeting.
- 8. Each entry must clearly indicate the student's name, age, grade, teacher and school on the reverse side of the artwork.
- 9. The winning student's name will appear on the card.
- 10. Deadline for entries is October 31st, 2021.

Send entry forms and artwork to: **Woodruff Electric Cooperative** Attn: Holiday Greeting Card

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Behind the lines at Woodruff Electric

Employee Spotlight: Colton McDonald

Title: Journeyman Lineman

Department: District I - Augusta

How would you explain your job to someone else? On some days, I work by myself doing things like connecting and disconnecting irrigation wells, working outages, and etc. that do not require a full work crew. Then on other days, I work alongside a construction crew helping build new services, changing out poles and building powerlines.

What does a normal day at work look like for you? A normal workday consists of upgrading powerlines and poles, changing out transformers, retiring old powerlines and working outages as needed.

How long have you been working at WECC? I have worked at WECC for 8 years.

What is the best part of your job? The best part of my job is getting to work with the guys who are more like family than friends. I also enjoy the feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day that I was able to help keep the power on to the communities we serve.

What is the biggest challenge you face in your job? The biggest challenge of my job is knowing that one small, wrong move could put my life and the lives of my coworkers in danger.

Who is your family? My wife, Morgan, and I have been married two years, and we have two dogs, Dixie and Willow.

What are some of your favorite hobbies? My hobbies consist of hunting, going to the river and spending time with my family and friends.

What is your favorite food? My favorite food is deer meat.

What will you absolutely not eat? There isn't much that I won't eat.

What is your trademark cliché or expression? I'm sure that I say many things, but "Take your time, not your life," is one that I always remember.

What would you like to learn how to do? I would like to learn how to do taxidermy work.

What are a few items that you collect? My wife says I collect too many things, but I have a passion for finding deer horns and old insulators.

If I've learned one thing in life, it's: To live everyday like it's your last, because we aren't promised tomorrow.

One thing on my bucket list is: I would like to travel to different states and hunt different animals that you can't find here in Arkansas.

