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Electricity and Telecommunication Services



PSREC eNewsletter

July 2017

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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

This year's annual meeting is set for September 9.

Up for election are District 6 (North Doyle, Milford and Herlong areas) served by Tom Hammond and District 7 (Edgemont and Levitt areas) served by Nancy Miller. The boundaries of each district are on the PSREC website.

If you are interested in running for the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, and live in one of these districts, please contact me as soon as possible. The deadline for nominations by petition is July 26.

If you are unsure in which district you live, please visit our website to view the map, or call the office at (800) 555-2207.

A copy of the PSREC Qualifications and Nomination Procedures is available on our website at www.psrec.coop.

June 11 Outage

We had a 40-minute outage on the evening of June 11. The cause of the outage was not found, but could have been due to the windy weather or an animal.

Our main breaker in Quincy connecting to our transmission feed from PG&E is currently on single-shot due to logging in the Quincy area. Single-shot means that if a fault is detected, the breaker will open and not try to reclose automatically. This helps prevent fires and is another safety measure for people working near the lines.

Our phone system was overloaded by all of the calls from members, preventing some members from reaching our after-hours answering service. We are looking into this issue to make sure your calls get through.

PSREC & PST Anniversaries

2017 is the 80th anniversary of PSREC's incorporation and the 30th anniversary of PST's incorporation. I'd like to talk about the cooperative principles.

Cooperatives are guided by seven principles: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training, and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

This month, I'd like to focus on concern for community. At PSREC and PST, we want our communities to thrive and enjoy all the same standards as our urban neighbors, including access to broadband internet services.

We continue to expand broadband coverage to bridge the digital divide between our rural areas and more populated cities. We are trying to cover as much of the cooperative's membership and the region as possible.

We do have to prioritize areas that we can get served quickly and cost-effectively. We don't subsidize our telecommunications business with electric rates, so we have prioritized the areas with the most interest that can be reached most cost-effectively to make sure the business thrives and we have the resources to keep expanding coverage.

We also are involved in economic development efforts throughout the region to encourage expansion and growth in our communities.

PSREC and PST offer our youth opportunities such as the Washington Youth Tour essay contest and scholarships. Our youth are our future, and we want them to thrive and grow and be able to raise their families here.

At PSREC and PST, we have a strong commitment to the cooperative principle of concern for community and thank you for your support of our organizations to help make our contributions possible.

Telecommunications

PST is currently working to bring broadband to Mohawk Valley from Clio to Whitehawk. We hope to have Graeagle up on the coax system sometime in July. If you haven't already contacted us to get on our interest list, give us a call at (800) 221-3474 or visit our website at www.pst.coop so we can contact you as soon as service is available in your area.

Portola and Delleker now have broadband service available via coax with download speeds as fast as 20MB per second with unlimited data usage. Call us at (800) 221-3474 or visit www.pst.coop to sign up for service.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 555-2207 ext. 6076 or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,
Bob Marshall
General Manager

Electric News

Last Chance to Enter the 2017 PSREC Photo Contest



PSREC's 2017 Incredible Cover Photo Hunt is accepting entries until July 31. Don't miss your chance to have a photo on the cover of PSREC's edition of Ruralite magazine.

PSREC distributes more than 6,000 copies of Ruralite each month to members in Plumas, Sierra, Lassen and Washoe counties! Wouldn't you like to see your photo on the cover?

Here's the scoop:

- Up to six (6) amazing photos will be chosen by an unbiased team of judges at Ruralite magazine.
- Winning photos will be featured on one cover of the PSREC Ruralite magazine following the Annual Member Meeting in September, where winners will be

announced.

- Winners will receive a \$100 credit on their PSREC bill.
- Photos will be accepted until July 31.

For complete rules and entry forms, visit our website at www.psrec.coop.

Energy Services News

Retrofitting Your Manufactured Home for Energy Efficiency

By Anne Prince

If you live in a manufactured home, chances are you may have a disproportionately higher energy bill than a family living in a modular or traditional wood-frame home. The good news is there are many ways you can improve your home's energy efficiency. [Read the article in this month's issue of Ruralite.](#)

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Quote of the Month

If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it.
- Lucy Larcom

Upcoming Events

July 1 & 2, Mohawk Valley Independence Day Celebration. Downtown Graeagle, Highway 89. 5K and 10K fun run, fireworks at the Mill Pond (Saturday at dusk), parade and old-fashioned day in the park (Sunday). For more information, visit www.graeagle.com/announcements/mvid-celebration-2017-graeagle-4th-of-july-event.

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Farmers Market. Pancera Plaza, historic Uptown Susanville, 8 a.m. to noon. Lassen County's only certified market. Every Saturday through October 7. For more information, call (530) 257-3252.

July 5, 12, 19, 24 & 31, Music at the Mill Works. Graeagle Mill Works, 7539 Highway 89, 6 to 9 p.m. A different live band plays each Wednesday evening, now through September 13, free. For more information, call (530) 836-2828 or email Graeaglemillworks@yahoo.com.

July 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, Summer Drama Camp. West End Theatre, 541 Main St., Quincy. Kids' Drama Camp with two sessions: 10 a.m. to noon for kids going into first through third grade, and 1 to 4 p.m. for kids going into fourth through eighth grade. Healthy snacks provided. Little kids sessions \$80, big kids sessions \$120. Scholarships available. To register, call (530) 283-1956 or visit www.dramaworks.us/magic-beanstalk-players.html.

July 14 – 16, Artist's Opening Reception. 5 to 7 p.m. St. John's Church in Johnsville, California. Quilt artist Ann Johnston will show her work. For more information, call (530) 836-0102.

July 15, Third Saturday Dinner and Dance. Sierra Valley Grange Hall, 92202 Highway 70, Vinton. Dinner, 5:30 p.m.; lessons, 6:30 p.m.; dance, 7:30 p.m. Dance to country western music. Dinner, \$10; dance, \$5. For more information or to order tickets, call (530) 993-1182 or email annygrny@att.net.

July 15, Fair Parade Breakfast. Hosted by Friends of the Lassen-Janesville Masonic Lodge No. 149, 84 N. Lassen St., Susanville. 7 to 10 a.m. For more information, call (530) 310-6097.

July 15, Horse Show and Playday. Janesville Park, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hosted by Honey Lake Valley Riders. Playday starts at 2 p.m. and includes barrels, poles and two other fun classes. For more information, visit www.honeylakevalleyriders.org.

July 15 & 16, Ice Cream Social. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. John's Church and Museum in Johnsville, California. Free tours of St. John's Church and Museum. Homemade ice cream, berry cobblers, buckles, and crisps for sale. For more information, call (530) 836-0102.

July 19 - July 23, Lassen County Fair. Lassen County Fairgrounds, 195 Russell Ave., Susanville. For more information, visit www.lassencountyfair.org/the-annual-fair-2/2015-fair-schedule-of-events.

July 21 & 28, Portola Concerts in the Park. Portola City Park, 441 S. Gulling St., 7 to 10 p.m. Friday nights through August 28. Sponsored by Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call (530) 836-6811 or email epcc@psln.com.

July 23, Pints for Pups. Fundraiser for High Sierra Animal Rescue. Sponsored by the Brewing Lair, 1,000 feet east of the 70/89 junction, Blairsden. 3 to 7 p.m. Band, raffle and music. The Lair will donate \$2 to HSAR per pint of beer sold to save homeless pets. For more information, call (530) 616-0520.

See a full list of events at our website, www.psrec.coop.