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PSREC eNewsletter

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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

The 2017 PSREC Annual Member Meeting was a great event. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the day.

During the event, Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications highlighted its plans for broadband expansion in the region. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can get information on our broadband services by visiting www.pst.coop. PST also announced that it has acquired additional assets from the old coax (cable TV) system in Loyalton. PST has been testing the system to determine its capabilities, and making repairs and upgrades in many areas to eventually offer broadband services via coax in Quincy, Graeagle, Whitehawk, Portola, Loyalton and Sierra Brooks.

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For more information about PST broadband services or to get on our interest list, please fill out an interest form at www.plumassiatelecommunications.com/wifi_order_form.php or call (530) 832-4126.

During the annual meeting, Eastern Plumas Health Care held another excellent health fair. We would like to thank them for participating in our annual meeting and offering free and significantly discounted services to members.

The Las Plumas 4-H Club served an excellent lunch of tri-tip sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches and veggie burgers. The Calpine Elks called several games of bingo, and members took home great prizes, including the grand prize of a \$500 bill credit courtesy of Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems.

Subhash Palaru of the Western Area Power Administration, Dave Dockham of the Northern California Power Agency and Jackie Coombs of the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems provided updates on the electric industry during the business meeting. We shared updates from our subsidiary, and discussed plans for the future of the cooperative and the fiber system.

Members elected board directors Tom Hammond to District 6 and Nancy Miller to District 7, they also approved the proposed amendments to the PSREC Bylaws. Cooperative directors play a very important role in your cooperative. They attend classes and work hard to understand the complexities of the electrical utility industry and the telecommunications business. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to PSREC.

After the annual meeting, the directors elected board officers: Dave Roberti as president, Fred Nelson as vice president and David Hansen as secretary/treasurer.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me at (800) 555-2207 extension 6076, or email me at bmarshall@psrec.coop.

Sincerely,
Bob Marshall
General Manager

Electric News



2016 California Youth Tour representative, Raquel Williams, poses with new friends and acquaintances in Washington, D.C.
~ Photo by Jim Donahue

Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to Washington, D.C.!

Enter the 2018 Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest

Area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors have the chance win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. next summer to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Electric Cooperative Youth Tour leadership program.

One local winner will be among 1,500 high school students chosen from across the nation to tour Washington, D.C. in June, 2018. The lucky winner will learn more about how government works, visit the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, Mount Vernon, the FDR Memorial, the World War II Memorial and more.

To qualify, a high school sophomore, junior or senior's primary residence in Plumas, Lassen, Sierra or Washoe counties must be supplied with either electric power through Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative or Internet service through Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications.

An application form for the 2018 Washington Youth Tour is available at the cooperative office in Portola, as well as on its website at www.psrec.coop.

Complete the application and a typed or legibly-written essay. The topic for this year's essay is: "How do cooperatives benefit the community?"

The essay should be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.

Essays will be judged on creativity and content (with consideration given to spelling and grammar) by the editorial staff of Ruralite magazine in Oregon.

Applications must be returned to Plumas-Sierra REC by Friday, November 17, 2017.

So, if you're a high school sophomore, junior or senior looking for an experience that will have a positive effect on your life, apply today!

Who knows? Your future may be found in Washington, D.C.

Celebrating the Power of Membership

[View photos and information from the annual meeting. You can also view this year's photo contest winners.](#)

Energy Services News

Save Energy and Money this Holiday Season!

Light up your holidays with LED (Light Emitting Diode) holiday light strands! You'll save energy and money on your electric bill this holiday season by replacing your old incandescent light strands with ENERGY STAR LED light strands.

Purchase LED holiday light strands and receive a rebate of \$3 per strand! Strands must be ENERGY STAR rated to receive a rebate. For more information and a rebate application, please visit our website at www.psrec.coop.



Plumas-Sierra REC Winter Rate Assistance Program

PSREC is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 Winter Rate Assistance Program (WRAP).

Call or go online for an application today; once approved you can receive a discount on your kilowatt-hour rate during the heating season!

This program is available to PSREC income-qualified members for electric service at their permanent residence in Plumas, Sierra, Lassen and Washoe counties. Income qualifications and restrictions do apply.

Call today for an application and program details, (530) 832-4261 ext. 6047 or you may access the information on our website at www.psrec.coop.

Resources for Additional Assistance and Emergency Programs:

<p>Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance and Weatherization Assistance Resources. Worried about high energy bills this winter? You may qualify for heating assistance or home weatherization assistance. Contact your local agency for more information and applications.</p> <p>Plumas and Sierra Counties Plumas County Community Development Commission (530) 283-2466</p> <p>Lassen County Lassen Economic Development Corporation (530) 256-3531</p> <p>Washoe County Nevada Home Energy Assistance Program (775) 684-0730</p>	<p>Personal Crisis and Emergency Assistance Resources Have you experienced a crisis and need immediate assistance? Please contact the following organizations to find out if help is available. Be sure to communicate with PSREC staff to find out if you can make payment arrangements to ensure that your electricity is not disconnected.</p> <p>Plumas County Plumas Crisis and Intervention (530) 283-5515 Portola Family Resource Center (530) 832-1827</p> <p>Lassen County Fort Sage Family Resource Center (530) 827-3007 The Salvation Army Social Service Center (530) 257-0314</p> <p>Sierra County Sierra County Family Resource Center (530) 993-1110</p> <p>Washoe County Nevada Home Energy Assistance Crisis Intervention Program (775) 684-0730</p>
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Fast and Free Energy Saving Tips

- Turn down your thermostat.
- Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms and unplug unused electronics.
- Turn off kitchen and bath-ventilating fans after they've done their job.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning to prevent your furnace-heated air from going up the chimney.
- Reduce hot water temperature and shower time. Set your water heater to the "normal" setting or 120° and keep showers as short as possible.

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Quote of the Month

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.
- Phyllis Battome

Upcoming Events

October 6, EPHC Blood Drive. Father Burns Social Hall, 108 Taylor Ave., Portola. 2 to 6 p.m.

October 6, Artist's Opening Reception. Plumas Arts Gallery, 525 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

October 6, Live Music at Drunk Brush. Live music every Friday featuring local musicians. Drunk Brush, 436-438 Main St., Grover Alley in the courtyard, Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Grab some dinner from The Knook restaurant next door and enjoy a glass or two of wine with friends after work!

October 6 – 8, Quincy Grinduro, Gravel Grinder + Mountain Bike-Style Enduro = one long loop of pavement and dirt, where finishing times aren't based on overall loop time, but four timed segments (each roughly five-to-ten minutes). But Grinduro is not just a bike race. It's a celebration of cycling with as much emphasis on the party as the ride, with excellent food, an impressive display of art and incredible handmade bikes, live music, free camping and a festival atmosphere. The course is a serious affair (8,000-feet of climbing in 65 miles) but the Grinduro isn't meant to be a sufferfest. We've linked together some of our favorite roads in a quiet corner of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. The course features a mix of surfaces (smooth pavement, gravel and hard-packed dirt) with two main climbs, one long valley and two world-class descents. One descent includes a fast, smooth and flowy single-track trail. The other is 30 miles of sustained descending! Event starts Friday, October 6th at 3 p.m. and ends Sunday, October 8th at 10 a.m. The ride itself is on

Saturday, October 7th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (970) 764-5866 or visit <http://grinduro.com/california/>.

October 7, Five Foot Farm Saturday Farm Stand. Join us every Saturday through the summer for our on-site farm stand! We're planning a year of super fresh, sustainably grown produce. Bring your friends and family, shop the farm stand and enjoy wandering around the farm. Our u-pick crops are especially fun, check out the harvest plan to see which u-pick items are in season. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Highway 70 across from Gansner Airfield in Quincy. For more information, visit <http://www.fivefootfarm.com/>.

October 7, Show and Tell and Sell. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring Zen What sculptures, furniture, and jewelry, and We Bake 4 U, cottage industry artisan baked goods, wholesale to the public. SEEKING: Creative Re-Cyclers to set up what they do. Space rent is \$9/day, includes coffee and cookies, for large outdoor spaces in a beautiful setting. This is a low-key, relaxed event that will focus on the artisans and their creative re-cycling. Meadow Valley Country Store, 8270 Bucks Lake Rd., Meadow Valley. For more information, call (530) 283-1904.

October 7, Farmers' Market. Hosted by Lassen Land and Trails Trust, North Gay Street, Historic Uptown Susanville. This is Lassen County's only certified market. Last market of the season! For more information, call (530) 257-3252.

October 12, Words & Music Quincy. Patti's Thunder Café, Quincy. 7 p.m. A monthly series of acoustic music and the spoken word featuring Alex "Muddy" Smith. Sign up for open mic at the door. \$3. For more information, call (530) 283-3402.

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October 14, Mountain Harvest Festival. Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds, Quincy. Gates open at Noon. Join us for the beautiful Fall colors of Plumas County and a celebration of rural community. Featuring a beer tasting with over 20 breweries, food and non-alcoholic beverages. Special raffle of goods and services. Benefits Plumas Arts, the non-profit arts presenter in Plumas County. Overnight camping available onsite at the Fairgrounds. Beer tasting tickets \$30/Plumas Arts members; \$35/non-members in advance only. \$40 at the gate for everyone. \$5 admission to fairgrounds (included with Tasting Pass), \$5 for Plumas Arts Members. For more information, call (530) 283-3402, or visit www.plumasarts.org.

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October 14, Crab Feed. Masonic Lodge, 84 N. Lassen St., Susanville. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hosted by Job's Daughters Bethel No.46. One seating at 5 p.m., and one at 7 p.m. \$45 per person. Served with soup, salad and garlic bread. Tickets available through Pregill Insurance or the Lassen County Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call (530) 249-6003.

October 19, Lassen County Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Hosted by Lassen Ale Works, 702-000 Johnstonville Rd., Susanville. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (530) 257-4323, or visit www.lassencountychamber.org.

October 20, Live Music at Drunk Brush. Live music every Friday featuring local musicians. Drunk Brush, 436-438 Main St., Grover Alley in the courtyard, Quincy from 6 to 8 p.m. Grab some dinner from The Knook restaurant next door and enjoy a glass or two of wine with friends after work!

October 21, 3rd Saturday Breakfast. Masonic Lodge, 84 N. Lassen St., Susanville. Hosted by Friends of the Lassen-Janesville Masonic Lodge No.149. 8 to 11 a.m. \$6. For more information, call (530) 310-6097.

October 21, Third Saturday Dinner/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 CDs. Dinner, \$10; dance, \$5. For more information or to order tickets, call (530) 993-1182 or email annygrny@att.net.

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October 28, Safe Trick or Treat. Graeagle Merchants, downtown Graeagle, 4 to 6 p.m. Stores will be dressing up and handing out candy.

October 28, Susanville Friends of the NRA Dinner. Veterans Memorial Hall, 1205 Main St., Susanville. 5 p.m. Tickets \$50; children 12 and under, \$30. For more information, or to buy tickets, call (530) 249-2829, or email chavezbarb@hotmail.com.

October 28, Toys for Tots Benefit Playday. Janesville Park. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hosted by Honey Lake Valley Riders. A fun day of gymkhana events to end the season: barrels, poles, and two other spooky events. Plus a Halloween costume contest (including the horses.) All proceeds go to the local Toys for Tots program. For more information, call (530) 257-0934, or visit <http://honeylakevalleyriders.org>.

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October 31, Quincy Chamber Safe Trick or Treat. 3 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, email quincychamber@yahoo.com.

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