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UPDATED CHELCO'S ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 16

The Touchstone Energy balloon will not be participating in CHELCO's 75th annual meeting Saturday because it will be too windy.

The balloon crew, which would have traveled from Arkansas, said they are not able to inflate the balloon if winds exceed 14 mph. The Saturday morning forecast 10 to 20 mph winds.

All other annual meeting activities, including the Niceville High School jazz band, a rural electrification storytelling experience with Franklin D. Roosevelt and the premier of CHELCO's 75th anniversary video will go on as planned. There will be one gift per membership, door prizes, food, kids' activities and a high-voltage safety demonstration.

Registration opens at 9 a.m., and the business meeting is at 10:30 a.m. The board of trustee election results will also be announced.

CHELCO'S ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING APRIL 16

CHELCO members will be treated to food, entertainment, gifts and a chance to win one of many prizes at the co-op's 75th annual meeting Saturday, April 16.

The meeting will be held at CHELCO Operations Center, 723 Hwy. 331 North, DeFuniak Springs.

August 2015 marked 75 years of CHELCO bringing electricity to rural Walton and Okaloosa, as well as portions of Holmes and Santa Rosa, counties. We are powered by our members, and this event is our way of connecting to say thank you.

The event will offer a variety of activities to members of all ages. Gates will open at 8:30 a.m., registration will begin at 9 a.m., and entertainment will start about 9:30 a.m. This year, you'll be entertained by the Niceville High School Jazz Band, as well as a special Franklin D. Roosevelt storytelling experience from local actor and community member, Bruce Collier. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration that led to cooperatives like CHELCO serving rural areas that had no power.

A special 75th anniversary history video has been in production for months and will be shown for the first time at the meeting. We are also excited to have Touchstone Energy's hot air balloon at the event and, weather permitting, tethered rides will be available. Activities will include a bounce house, face-painting, door-prize drawings and vendor booths.

After the festivities, the business meeting starts at 10:45 a.m. CHELCO CEO Steve Rhodes will address members, and the results of the election for three seats on the CHELCO Board of Trustees will be announced. Before members leave, door prizes will be distributed, and there will be a drawing for grand prizes, which will include, a vacation package, an LED television, a Roomba vacuum and a variety of other items.

CHELCO is a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving more than 48,000 accounts in Walton, Okaloosa, Holmes and Santa Rosa counties.

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