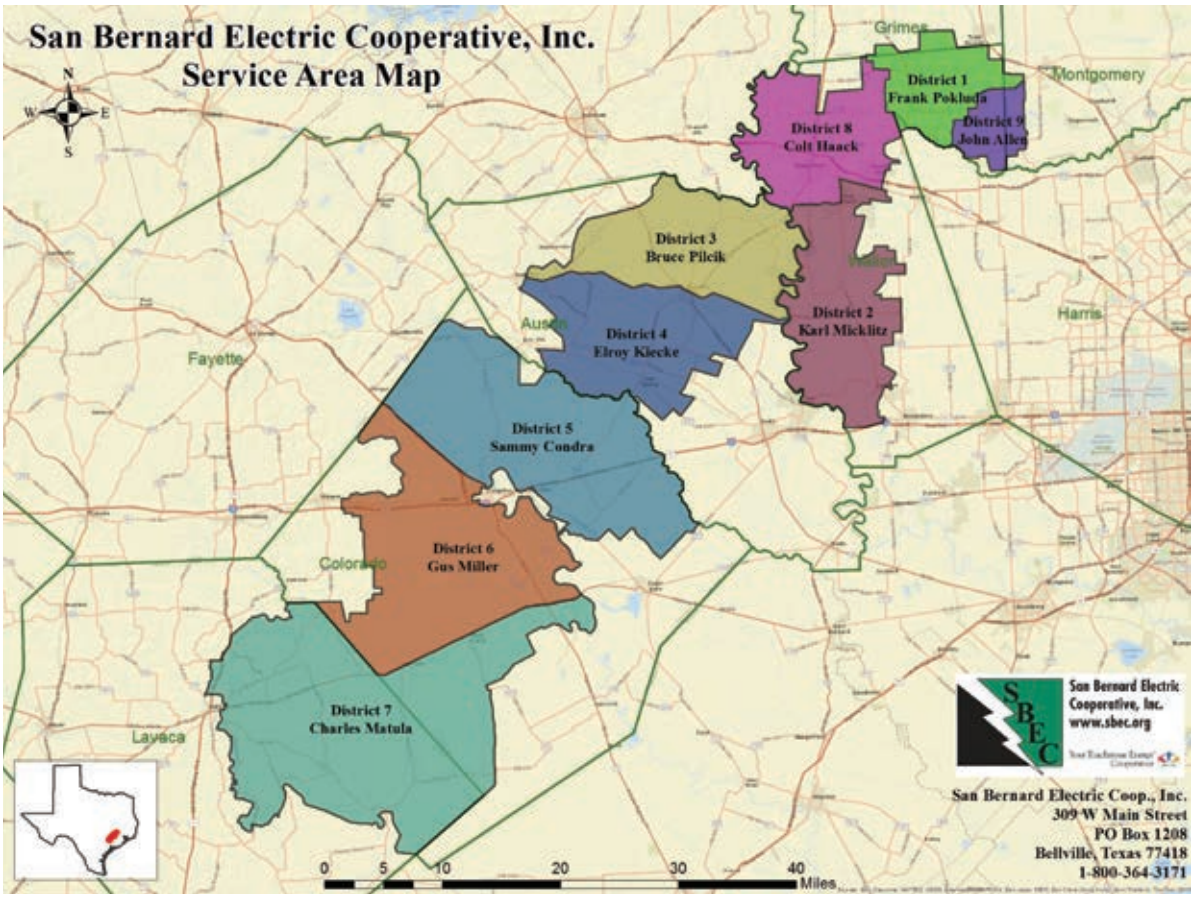
SAN BERNARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# 77TH ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

Austin County Fair and Expo Center, Bellville

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Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. • Door prizes and election of directors

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# OFFICIAL NOTICE
## OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Inc. • Bellville

*To All Members:*

Pursuant to the bylaws of San Bernard Electric Cooperative, the annual membership meeting will be held at the Austin County Fair and Expo Center, 159 E., Bellville, Texas, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, to take action on the following:

1. Reports of directors, officers and committees.
2. Election of three (3) directors. In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following named members have been nominated by a Committee on Nominations appointed by the SBEC Board of Directors of the cooperative, pursuant to the bylaws:

   **BOARD DISTRICT 1**
   **Frank Pokluda**
   29503 FM 1488, Waller 77484

   **BOARD DISTRICT 8**
   **Colt Haack**
   24643 Nine Bar Road, Hempstead 77445

   **BOARD DISTRICT 9**
   **John Allen**
   21750 Murrell Road, Hockley 77447
3. Hear comments and questions.

Every member is urged to attend the annual membership meeting.

Respectfully,

**CHARLES MATULA**
*Secretary-Treasurer*
*San Bernard Electric Cooperative*
*Dated this 21st Day of March 2017*

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# ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Saturday, May 20, 2017 • Austin County Fair and Expo Center, Bellville

**REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS** . . . . . **8:30 a.m.**
Registration closes at 10 a.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING** . . . . . **10 a.m.**
Call to Order
Invocation
Reading of Notice of Meeting
Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting
**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**
Reports of Officers
Questions and Answers
Drawing for Attendance Prizes

**BARBECUE MEAL** . . . . . **11:30 a.m.**
*One free ticket per member; additional tickets may be purchased.*

**SEE PAGES 20–21 INSIDE FOR MORE ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION.**

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**AS WE REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR,** 2016 could best be described as a return to normalcy. This past year saw us taking a deep breath from litigation with a former wholesale power provider. With Sky Global Partners, we completed and witnessed the startup of the new generation plant.

We didn't have any major transmission facility additions or upgrades, but we know we can't rest too long, as we have major improvements ahead of us. While we did see some relief in planned activities, we still dealt with issues that have been present before.

Much like this year, the early spring of 2016 produced tremendous rainfall amounts that proved to be troublesome and treacherous in restoring the outages it caused. If you remember, the cooperative staff posted several photographs on our website documenting the perils faced by SBEC workers as they worked diligently to restore power to our membership.

After a wet spring, it seemed like we moved right into fall, skipping summer. Yes, there might have been a few hot days, but this past summer was one of the mildest we've had in quite a number of years. Mild summers are not good conditions for selling electricity.

But through it all, SBEC had a very robust year financially. Maybe not as good as what we've been accustomed to in years past, but a healthy year, all told. This healthy financial year allowed your SBEC Board of Directors to return approximately $2 million of our members' capital. We are very pleased that we were once again able to do so.

One item of interest that your SBEC staff has been working on is enhancing how we communicate with our membership. If you are a "Facebooker," you probably have visited our Facebook page. The staff has been working diligently on not only the appearance of our page but also on upgrading the content. We are fortunate to have a couple of individuals, John Spiess and Lari Samford, overseeing our page. We are also proud of our website, which is also managed by John and Lari. Take a minute and check out these sites.

This annual meeting will be a first in a long time at which Carol Courville is noticeably absent, as she retired at the end of 2016. I do want to wish her the best as she starts a new chapter in her life.

On behalf of myself, the board members and the employees of San Bernard Electric Cooperative, I want to thank you, the members, for your continued support.

# 2016 NOMINEES FOR SBEC DIRECTORS

## BOARD DISTRICT 1

**Frank Pokluda** was born and raised in Houston and graduated from St. Thomas High School. He attended college in Nevada and returned to Texas to marry and raise a family. The Pokluda family has owned land in the SBEC service area for more than 60 years. In 1974, Pokluda and his wife moved to the family property to raise their children.

For 35 years, Pokluda owned and operated Circle N Grocery. Recently, he sold the business in Fieldstore but still owns and operates White Hall Grocery & Feed Store in White Hall. He is the father of five children and has numerous grand- and great-grandchildren. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Plantersville.

Pokluda is active in the Fieldstore community and Waller County. He is on the board of the Fieldstore Community Center. He supports the local youth organizations and their fundraisers. He is a member of the Waller County Go Texan Committee as well as a lifetime committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, awarding scholarships to students in area schools.

As a retired Waller County Commissioner and private business owner, Pokluda understands the budgeting process and will sway toward a conservative and wise budget. "I believe in recognizing employees for a job well done because employees make or break a company" he says. "SBEC is doing something right because its employees are always ready to assist the community and SBEC members with a friendly attitude."

Pokluda would like all the members of SBEC and District 1 to know that Director Roy Cook was and will remain his mentor. As a director, Pokluda pledges to look after and protect the members of SBEC, and strive to keep it a company to be proud of.

## BOARD DISTRICT 8

**Colt Haack** and his wife, Laney, have two children, Rowdy and Callie. Rowdy, 23, just graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in economics and will enter law school in the fall. Callie is home-schooled and active in softball and 4-H. Haack and his family are lifelong residents of Waller County.

After graduating from Hempstead ISD, Haack attended Blinn College and then went on to Sam Houston State University, graduating with a business degree with a major in finance. For 24 years, he has been the broker and the owner of Coldwell Banker Properties Unlimited in Waller.

Haack is a board member of the Waller County Chamber of Commerce. In the community, he supports the Waller County Fair Association and the Waller County Little League.

Haack has been serving as District 8 director for four years. He says he considers it an honor to serve on the board and will continue to represent his district and SBEC to the best of his ability.

## BOARD DISTRICT 9

**John Allen** and his wife, Cathy, have lived and raised their family in rural Waller County since 1999. They have four children: Clayton (Waller High School class of 2008 and Texas A&M University class of 2012), Gabrielle (WHS class of 2014 and accepted into Texas A&M class of 2018), Hannah, and Cullen (WHS class of 2016).

Allen has more than 20 years of experience in the field of education, serving with KIPP Houston Public Schools as deputy head of schools. Before working for KIPP, he managed eight high schools as a school improvement officer for high schools for the Houston ISD. He also served as a high school principal, associate principal and teacher in the same district.

Allen's formal education includes holding a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Masters of Education in educational leadership from Prairie View A&M University. He is also a graduate of the Houston A+ Leadership Academy and Harvard University's Institute for Redesigning America's High Schools and the course Improving Schools: The Art of Leadership.

One of Allen's proudest professional accomplishments was being named Houston ISD West Region Secondary Principal of the Year in 2009.

# OPERATING STATEMENT

As of December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | |
| Sales of Electric Power | $67,310,912 | $68,950,853 |
| Other Electric Revenue | 3,697,764 | 1,004,701 |
| **TOTAL REVENUES** | **$71,008,676** | **$69,955,554** |
| **EXPENSES** | | |
| Purchased Power | $42,360,317 | $41,277,038 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 9,008,104 | 8,631,847 |
| Administrative and General | 5,932,311 | 5,490,798 |
| Depreciation | 6,979,631 | 6,740,895 |
| Taxes | 308,871 | 304,264 |
| Interest | 3,492,125 | 3,661,484 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **$68,081,359** | **$66,106,326** |
| **MARGINS** | | |
| Operating Margins | $ 2,927,317 | $ 3,849,228 |
| Nonoperating Margins | 548,696 | 532,571 |
| **TOTAL MARGINS** | **$ 3,476,013** | **$ 4,381,799** |

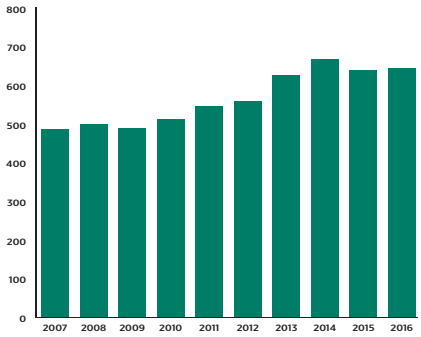
# BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| Net Utility | $165,724,862 | $162,564,774 |
| Investments | 4,511,637 | 4,628,852 |
| Cash | 1,215,992 | 716,810 |
| Notes and Accounts Receivable | 2,441,763 | 2,165,536 |
| Materials and Supplies | 3,634,439 | 3,672,577 |
| Other Current and Accrued Assets | 2,000,261 | 1,248,370 |
| Deferred Charges | 10,541,982 | 11,653,962 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **$190,070,936** | **$186,650,881** |
| **EQUITY** | | |
| Memberships | $ 63,975 | $ 66,310 |
| Patronage Capital and Margins | 80,673,124 | 78,212,477 |
| **TOTAL EQUITY** | **$ 80,737,099** | **$ 78,278,787** |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| Long-Term Debt | $ 95,071,530 | $ 96,946,911 |
| Accounts Payable | 6,539,650 | 5,416,180 |
| Other Current and Accrued Liabilities | 5,914,990 | 4,385,795 |
| Deferred Credits | 1,807,667 | 1,623,208 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | **$109,333,837** | **$108,372,094** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY** | **$190,070,936** | **$186,650,881** |

## KWH SALES

(Millions, Past 10 Years)

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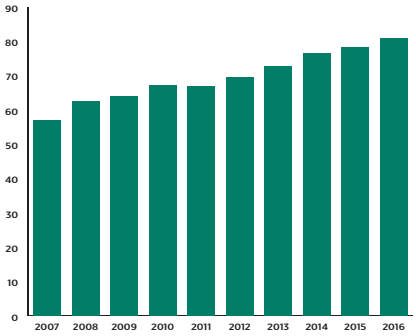
(Millions of Dollars, Past 10 Years)

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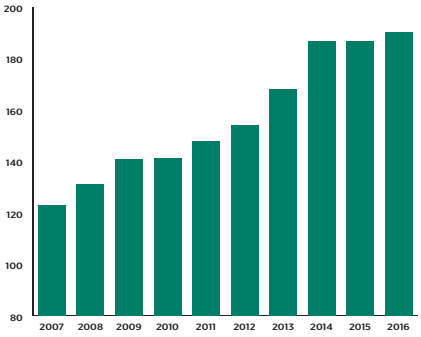
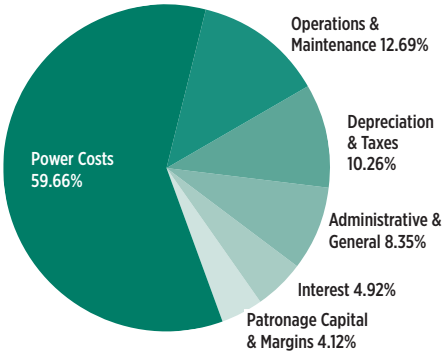



## USES OF REVENUE

2016 Revenue Allocation



# A Closer Look at G&T Costs

MESSAGE FROM
**PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER BILLY MARRICLE**

**SOME MONTHS I GET TO WRITE** about exciting or lighthearted things that are happening within your co-op, and there are other months that I write about more serious business. This is one of those months. I have some news that I need to share with you, our member, concerning your electric bill. I'm sure some of you noticed last month that your April bill had a higher G&T rate than the prior month. The G&T portion of your costs are the costs associated with making (Generating) electricity and getting what is made to the end user (Transmission). These G&T costs are a straight pass through, and your cooperative doesn't make anything financially off of them.

There are several reasons why the G&T rate has climbed recently. SBEC left the Lower Colorado River Authority in 2012, which meant we needed to procure our own wholesale power for the future. And, since we needed replacement power starting in July 2016, we needed to forecast our load (energy) requirements. We used a historic perspective to estimate what we needed for future load growth to obtain our contracts.

However, the amount of load we projected that we would need is not what we are currently using. In fact, we are currently using less than the previous four years on average. This discrepancy between actual load and projected load points to the fact that we have just come off a very mild summer and even milder winter. Because we purchased power for loads that did not formulate, we had to sell the excess power we bought back into the market for less than we paid.

Another reason for the rise in the G&T is because gas prices have dipped severely since we signed contracts for our power needs. Remember, we were buying power to meet our expected needs some four years in advance. Back in 2012, natural gas prices in the forward market (negotiable gas prices) were bouncing between $5–8 per MMBTU. We signed some of our gas utilizing contracts around the $5 range, and at the time, we felt lucky to get them. Then along came the gas producing fields in South Texas and the Midland-Odessa area, causing gas prices to fall. Today we see gas in the $2.75-$3.50 range, so you can see that yesterday's contracts are not as appealing as they were the day we signed.

The final reason that caused our G&T to rise is the West/North Texas wind we have under contract. We signed contracts with wind developers to not only gain diversification, but to satisfy some renewable fuel needs, as well. We secured the wind contract at a very low rate but, as with all contracts we have, it is a "take or pay" contract. Meaning, if the generator is producing then we must pay for it. This Texas Panhandle contract has been very productive to say the least. A major problem for us in this case is that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) had allowed some electric transmission lines to be off the grid for repairs. Normally this would be OK, but they took out three major lines in the Panhandle that were needed to get the electricity to market. The generator was still producing, and remember, this was a take or pay. Short story is that we paid dearly thanks to ERCOT.

Please bear in mind that if one or even two of these events had happened, we might have made it by unscathed. However, having all three of these events come into play at the same time regrettably forced us to raise the G&T. While this is happening, our Sky Global plant hasn't been utilized in the fashion we envisioned. This is all load driven and as soon as we (hopefully) have some unseasonably warm temperatures, we should see the plant run more.

However bleak I might have painted the reasoning, rest assured that SBEC will continue to work diligently to get the G&T factor back down where it should be. It might take several months until we accomplish this but, I am certain that it will happen.

This is not what I like to talk about in my column. I normally like to keep it positive and light. Like my granddad told me long ago—son, you need to be honest and ahead of bad news because if you are late, the news only gets worse. I hope I have been transparent enough on this, and I will answer any questions you might have.

Until next time, take care.

San Bernard Electric Co-op
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# Observe Electrical Safety on the Outside

**ELECTRICAL HAZARDS ARE NOT ONLY** present indoors but also can occur outside. Follow these guidelines to help prevent common outdoor electrical hazards.

## Power Lines

Before planting trees near a power line, do some research or speak with a professional at your cooperative to ensure that there's enough space for them to grow safely. If you suspect that a tree is too close to power lines, report it to your electric co-op.

Electricity can jump to nearby objects! Always keep yourself and any equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Power lines also are found underground. Call 811 before you dig for any project.

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**Before planting trees in your yard, speak with a professional to make sure they will have room to grow.**

## Outdoor Outlets

Have ground-fault circuit interrupters installed on outdoor outlets. GFCIs automatically cut power when a plugged-in item comes in contact with water or begins to "leak" electricity.

Install weatherproof boxes or covers on outdoor outlets.

## Generators

Of the 931 carbon monoxide fatalities between 1999 and 2012, 79 percent were associated with generators. Twenty-four percent occurred when generators were used inside an attached garage or shed.

When in use, position generators outside and away from doors, windows and vents.

Make sure your home is properly equipped with carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly.

Make sure your generator is properly grounded. Do not plug it directly into a home outlet without a transfer switch to prevent "backfeeding," which could harm utility lineworkers making repairs.

## Extension Cords

Extension cords provide a temporary solution and should not be used long term.

Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors. Outdoor cords will be labeled "for outdoor use" and are often orange.

Never attempt to extend the length of an extension cord by connecting it to another extension cord.

Only use extension cords that bear the mark of a nationally recognized safety testing laboratory such as UL, Intertek or CSA.

## San Bernard Electric Cooperative

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Billy Marricle

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## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

**The Austin County Fair Association Convention Center**
Highway 159 E., Bellville 77418

**Registration of Members** 8:30 a.m.
(Registration closes at 10 a.m.)

**Business Meeting** 10 a.m.

**Barbecue Meal** to follow

**We look forward to seeing you at the SBEC Annual Membership Meeting.**

# Annual Membership Meeting May 20

**THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING** is set for Saturday, May 20, at the Austin County Fair Association Convention Center in Bellville.

This issue of *Texas Co-op Power* has a special dust cover that will serve as your registration card and door prize ticket. We used the same card registration last year, and it helped alleviate long registration lines. Please take a moment to separate the card located at the bottom of the front cover. Or, if you are not sure, just bring the whole magazine to the annual meeting.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call any of our offices. Our customer service representatives are always happy to help you!

# Summary of SBEC Bylaws

*Pertaining to membership, annual meeting, board representation, nominations and election procedures*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership, Federal agency, State or political subdivision thereof, or any body politic (each hereinafter referred to as person or applicant) shall be eligible to become a member of and at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by the member, to receive electric service from SAN BERNARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (hereinafter called the Cooperative). No person shall hold more than one membership in the Cooperative.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** For the purposes of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, the annual meeting of the members shall be held on the third Saturday of the month of May each year, at such place in one of the counties in Texas within which the Cooperative serves, and beginning at such hour, as the Board of Directors shall from year to year fix ... Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary ... If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at the member's address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative ... At all meetings of the members, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, except as otherwise provided by law or by the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws. Members may not cumulate their votes.

**DIRECTORS:** The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) Directors. The Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law or by the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation or By-laws conferred upon or reserved to the members. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service therefrom in the district that he/she is elected to represent. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who is not at least twenty-one (21) years of age or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members.

SAVE THE DATE!

## SBEC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NOMINATIONS:** It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint not less than eighty (80) days, nor more than one-hundred thirty (130) days before the date of an annual meeting of the members, a committee of nominations for each district from which a director is to be elected consisting of three members and two alternates, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Cooperative and shall reside within the district.

Each committee shall nominate at least one but not more than two members from their respective districts and shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting a list of nominations for each directorship up for election. Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Any member making a nomination by petition shall be a member in good standing of the Cooperative and shall reside within the district for which the nomination is made. Each member shall mark the ballot and deposit same for counting by the credentials and election committee. The candidate from each district from which a director is to be elected receiving the majority of votes of those members at this meeting who cast ballots shall be declared elected as director. The credentials and election committee shall report the results thereof before the meeting adjourns.

*Complete copies of the cooperative's bylaws are available from the headquarters upon request.*

CALENDAR: TAPHOUSE_STUDIOS | © ISTOCK.COM

# Columbus Sixth-Graders Find Ways To Save Energy and Money at Home

**DOES USING A MICROWAVE INSTEAD** of a range or oven save energy? What is the most efficient lightbulb for a workroom? What can make a room feel cooler without making the electric bill too high?

Answers to these and other energy-use questions were the focus of a recent POWERHOUSE presentation at Columbus Junior High School. Students in Stephanie Kainer's sixth-grade class now have answers to help them use energy wisely and save their families money on their electric bills.

San Bernard Electric Cooperative sponsored the program for science classes at the Columbus school.

POWERHOUSE participants learn how electricity is produced and sent to their homes. By evaluating their own energy usage habits, they see firsthand how wise choices can help their families save money and reduce their impacts on the environment.

"POWERHOUSE teaches students about energy efficiency and prepares them to be better stewards of our environment's natural resources," Kainer said.

Each student receives an energy audit report based on the information he or she provides. The report gives information about the environmental impact from their household's energy use and offers ideas to reduce it. The POWERHOUSE program also helps participants determine how better choices can save their families money on their monthly electric bills.

"Through POWERHOUSE, students learn about resources used to produce electricity and how that electricity gets to their homes," said John Spiess, SBEC member services supervisor. "The program also helps them understand how their households' energy use can affect our environment. The icing on the cake is learning how simple changes can help save money on their families' utility bills."

**PERIOD 1**
**Back Row: D'Trique Fitzgerald, Ivett Hernandez, Haley Castillo, Paola Cabrera, Kenzie Heffley, Kevin Martinez, Eric Luna, Isaac Vega and Agustin Lara**
**Front Row: Evelyn Rojas, Liliana Alvarez, Cheyenne Wooderd, Yecenia Rosales, Zoe Pore and Reyli Garay**

**PERIOD 3**
**Back Row: Erick Nava, Kayli Alley, Malorie Woolman, Jordyn Templeton and Jayden Dillard**
**Front Row: Allison Sanchez, Raelynn Rodriguez, Grace Jackson and Cooper Brown**

**PERIOD 5**
**Back Row: Alejandro Medina, Saul Santiago, Treasure Upson, James Hurd and Samantha Furman**
**Middle Row: Rayden Cruz, Justin Gonzalez, Leah Harris and Leyli Camacho**
**Front Row: Jasmine Lockett, Joanna Chavez, Matison David, Betzaida Martinez, Cole Bryant, Naba Noor, Kaldon Roensch, Aranzazu Ramirez and Lisbeth Gonzalez**

**PERIOD 6**
**Back Row: Raegan Sosa, Conner Geisler, Isabel Kainer, Zahara Fox, Tessa Kulhanek, Evony Holloway and Bethany DeLeon**
**Middle Row: Kareena Rios, Lisette Gonzalez, Madyson Carter, Ray'Shaun Hood, Jalen Pore and Chloe Wycoff**
**Front Row: Tommy Casarez, Bailey Gustus, Abigail Schulze and Isaac Resendiz**

**PERIOD 7**
**Back Row: Alina Houghland, Mayson Post, Jasmine Waddle, Kyley Gallepos, Thomas Ulbricht, Cory Lewis and Isabel Martinez**
**Front Row: Ryan Lewis, Brooke Lleverino, Summer Dybala, Yoanna Quintcro, Cassidy Hernandez, Paris Wishon and Jake Morris**

**PERIOD 8**
**Back Row: Dakota Woodard, Areana Jackson, Isaac Hernandez, Tiyana Celestine, Oscar Ramirez and Toy'Shaun Toliver**
**Middle Row: Jesse Reip, Je'Kwon Williams, Juan Rangel, Anthony Martinez, Alex Orozco, Jordan Woods and Joshua Duncan**
**Front Row: Lindsay Garcia, Rafael Gonzalez, Marcos Arriaga, Jackson Jones, Jesse Arcos, Nathan Beane and Gregorio Rosales**

# TRADING **POST**

## FOR SALE

**3 LOTS,** two 1-acre and one 1 1/2 acre; Alvin Street in San Felipe. Call (979) 865-3650, (979) 885-8975 or (979) 277-4704.

**BRICK HOUSE,** 3 BR/2 BA, in Canyon Springs Resort, Canyon Lake. Call (979) 865-3650 or (979) 885-8975.

**VINTAGE CORN SHELLER,** excellent condition, made with parts from original patent in Galesburg, Illinois, by George W. Brown Company, $395. Call (281) 639-4049.

**ANTENNA TOWER,** used, 30 feet, three 10-ft. sections of 12-in. triangle, Cat Spring area, $250. Call (713) 724-7447.

**MOBILE HOME TO BE MOVED,** 1979, 30x75 ft., 3 BR/2 BA, good condition, recently remodeled, porches and appliances included, roof is commercial-rated at 50-year life span. Call (979) 253-3241.

**CHEVY AVEO,** 2006, silver, 4-door hatchback, manual transmission, CD player and FM radio. Not running but great car when fixed up. Cash only, $900 firm. Waller area. Call (832) 876-8875.

**HORSE TRAILER,** circa 1990, 2-horse, straight load, gooseneck, one of a kind. Floor in good condition, wiring good, new light fittings, switches and sockets, 5 brand-new tires (less than 100 miles) plus a second (older) spare. Living quarters contain brand-new queen-size mattress, storage cabinets, toilet, shower, water heater, good AC and new flooring. Pulls great, everything in good working order and ready to roll! Waller. $6,250 OBO. Text (832) 260-6641 for photos.

**BOWFLEX** extreme exercise machine with leg attachment, $375. Call (832) 427-9538.

**METER POLE,** 100 amp, $150. Call (832) 427-9538.

**SAILBOAT,** 17 ft., similar to O'Day Daysailer, fully equipped with Moir jib, shoreline trailer, $450. Call (713) 471-2325.

**ALUMINUM JOHN BOAT,** 2014 Alumacraft with 2013 Yamaha 4-cycle engine and 2013 Magic Tilt trailer. Boat has been modified with carpet-covered decks and pedestal seats. Engine has electric start and very low hours. Stainless aftermarket prop added. Includes depth-finder, life jackets and other accessories. Call or text (979) 966-7392 for more information or to request pictures.

**FACTORY WHEELS** from 2013 Chevrolet Camaro, 21 in., alloy silver, two 8.5 in. wide and two 9.5 in. wide, $400 for set. Call (832) 427-9538.

**DEER STAND,** metal, 10 ft. with 3-ft. base and ladder attached. Columbus area. Call (832) 491-5164.

**TRACTOR,** 1951 8N Ford, 290 original hours, excellent condition. Call (979) 865-3805.

**TRACTOR,** International 404 with rear hay forks, runs well, needs battery, $1,850. Call (713) 471-2325.

**OFFSET SMOKER** with built-in grill, 24-in. barrel, ¼-in. steel, custom-made, brand-new, never used, $600. Call (713) 562-1357.

**TRUCK BED,** metal welding bed with storage compartments and hose reels, 109½x89½ in. $1,000. Call (979) 733-4317.

**2 BLACK ANGUS BULL CALVES,** 10 months old, very gentle. Call (832) 814-9221 for more information and pictures.

**CATTLE TRAILER,** all-metal, 5½x10 ft., pull- type, good condition, good tires, $1,600. Call (979) 865-2897.

**SAWMILL,** 54-in. blade, 220 Cummins diesel engine. Cat Spring area. Asking $4,500 but willing to negotiate price. Call (979) 398-0426.

**PICKUP TRUCK,** 2004 Ford-F150, 125,000 miles, good condition, maroon and gray. Call (979) 992-2635.

**POWER CHAIR,** good condition, new battery, $350 firm. Magnolia area. Call (281) 356-4444.

**MOBILE HOME,** 14x46 ft., 2 BA, selling cheap. Sheridan area. Call (409) 795-1531.

## WANTED

**TRAILER HOME,** gutted with good undercarriage, bumper pull. Call (361) 798-3709.

**PASSENGER-SIDE FUEL TANK** for Peterbilt truck, 135 or 150 gal. Call (979) 732-7347.

**2 YOUNG BOBTAIL KITTENS.** I will give them a good home. Call (979) 221-3719.

## SERVICES

**FREE WILD HOG REMOVAL,** use dogs, well experienced, willing to travel. Call (832) 715-1130.

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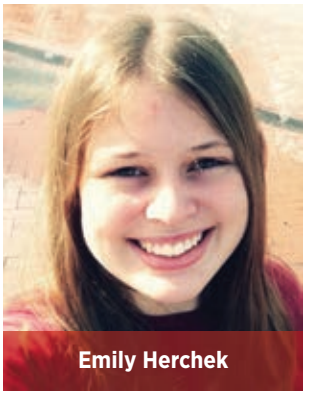
# Students Bound for Washington, DC

*Two Columbus students chosen as 2017 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Winners*

**COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** Emily Herchek and Marah June Ji Peters will represent San Bernard Electric Cooperative and Texas on the 2017 Government-in-Action Youth Tour June 7–16.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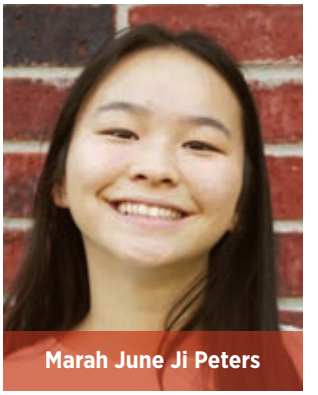
Marah June Ji Peters

They will first meet up in Austin alongside 147 other Texas cooperative participants and learn about state government before heading to Washington, D.C., where they will join more than 1,500 students from across the county. During the trip, they will visit the Capitol, museums and monuments, and meet with elected officials from their area.

San Bernard EC practices the Seven Cooperative Principles, one of which is Education, Training and Information. San Bernard EC is happy to provide education and training for their members, particularly through youth programs such as Youth Tour. Through the program, students learn that they can contribute effectively to their rural communities.

Since Texas co-ops began participating in Youth Tour in 1965, San Bernard EC has sent more than 80 students to Washington, D.C., for this trip of a lifetime, as it is described by many alumni. Students have returned with new friends, a new appreciation of government, new leadership skills and a better idea of the world outside their hometown.

If you or a student you know would like to be a part of next year's Youth Tour, watch for information on the 2018 contest in *Texas Co-op Power*, on our website and on our Facebook page. The contest is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors whose parents or guardians are members of San Bernard EC.