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grills**

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\$1.00 OFF

20 oz. or .5 liter Bottled Water

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'KEY CULLIGAN MAN!'

Sign up for an in-house water dispenser and receive your **FIRST MONTH RENT FREE**. Choose from room & cold or hot & cold water dispense units, utilizes 5 gallon bottles. Delivery service available at no extra charge. Must reside in our territory parameters to qualify. 12 month service agreement and refundable deposit required. Must present coupon at sign up.

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Your flavor choice

Good only at
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Because you deserve a treat

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1000 S. Washington
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Any Refillable Mug

First Fill On Mug Purchase if FREE

Expires 5/31/2005 Coupon value \$1.00
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\$1.00 OFF 8" OR LARGER FROZEN SHEET CAKE

CHILLICOTHE

1010 S. Washington
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.99¢ on all 2 liter Pepsi Products

Limit 2 please

Expires 5/31/05

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Chillicothe, MO
660-707-1400

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\$1.00 OFF ANY VALUE MEAL

ONLY AT YOUR CHILLICOTHE



1010 S. Washington
Chillicothe, MO
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Must present coupon at time of purchase. Good on **1 meal only**. May not be used in conjunction with other specials, promotions or discounts. No cash, refunds or exchanges.

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FEC nominating committee to meet April 12

The 2005 Committee on Nominations will meet Tuesday, April 12, at the Farmers' Electric Cooperative office in Chillicothe to propose three candidates for three director positions. The election for the three director positions will be held at the June 7 Annual Meeting of the cooperative.

Directors will be elected from District 2, which consists of all or parts of the cooperative's service territory lying within Caldwell and Clinton counties; District 3, which consists of all or parts of the cooperative's service territory lying within Ray County; and, District 7, which consists of all or parts of the cooperative's service territory lying within Chariton County. 273333

The 2005 Committee on Nominations includes: Kenneth Lee, 12030 Ridge Avenue, Winston; Dennis Farmer, 5208 SE Wildlife Road, Cowgill; James A. Waters, 17252 Highway JJ, Norborne; Vernon L. Williams, 11076 LIV 2313, Chillicothe;

Charlotte F. Miller, 14255 CR 291, Hale; Judy Holcer, 31619 Hwy W, Meadville; and Dennis Widhalm, Route 1, Box 144, Brunswick.

In accordance with the rules and regulations set forth for your cooperative, it is necessary to publish the list of the Committee on Nominations so that the members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative may contact them prior to the April 12 meeting. 111105

A board member may also be nominated by petition if 15 or more members nominate an individual, not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, to be held June 7, 2005, in Chillicothe. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The official Annual Meeting announcement will be published in the May edition of the *Rural Missouri* magazine. 140072

Forty-two students entered in 42nd contest

Forty-two area high school juniors are entered in the 42nd annual Youth Tour to Washington essay contest.

Students representing seven area school district are vying for the three all-expense paid trips to Washington, D.C., as well as three all-expense paid trips to the C.Y.C.L.E. conference in Jefferson City. 192325

Students who entered the contest by the February 25 deadline included:

Michael Pendergrass, Jamie Heaney, Bobby Parks, Joshua Sims, Ben Wayman, Kayla Jennings, Blake Morris, Anthony Guerriero. Ashley Bethel, Abby Sallee, Cody Alexander,

Cody Lowe, Drew Quinn, Jimmy Griesbach, Ben BeVelle, Blake Shearer, Stephen Beck, Kim May, Randie Lowe, Mallory Penny, Sean Glassburn.

Eric Leathers, Erin Farabee, Mark Lumaqn, Nicci Mintzlaff, Blythe Broderick, Megan O'Connor, Tracie Oden, Miranda Essig, Josh Creason, Sara Armstrong. 250212

Beth Morris, Chester Wiedmaier, Katie Bond, Danielle Kasey, Jasmine Jacobs, Jaime O'Rourke, Tim Kerr, Amanda Young, Ashley Meek, Cassy Williams and Katlynn Mosley.

School districts represented included Keytesville, Braymer, Chillicothe, Richmond, Stet, Cameron and Meadville

New billing packets should have arrived in the mail

Members who read their meters should have received their billing cards by now. If you haven't received your billing cards, please contact the office at 646-4281 or 1-800-279-0496.

March 31 is the last day discount cards can be used

Thursday, March 31, will be the last day members will be able to use the FEC discount cards at the Fuel Expresso/Dairy Queen stores in Chillicothe.

Please keep an eye out for regular sales coupons in the monthly *Rural Missouri* magazine for discounted specials at the convenience store complex.

May *Rural Missouri* will be delayed until mid-month

The May issue of the *Rural Missouri* magazine will arrive at your homes in mid-May. The delay is due to your cooperative's by-laws which require members to be notified of the upcoming Annual Meeting within a specific time frame.

Your Annual Meeting will be the first Tuesday in June

Your 67th Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7, at the Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center in Chillicothe. Complete information on the meeting will appear in the May *Rural Missouri* magazine.

Happy days

Sometimes what is isn't what was. I'm sure I'm not the only one to notice this. Those of you who have been readers of this column over the past 23-plus years know I like nostalgia and often relate to those days of yesteryear. However, the older I get the more I learn that what was isn't so great today.

Not too long before I wrote this column, I happened to see part of the 30-year reunion of the television sitcom *Happy Days* cast. My how they have changed. Of course I knew Richie is now bald; the Fonz is grey-headed; Mr. "C" has reached elderly status; Chachi had his hair cut; but Joni, oh my goodness, she has changed the

most. I wouldn't have recognized her.

Watching the show my mind raced backwards in time to the days when the television series first made its splash. I was new to the rural electric program working for a cooperative in Colorado. I spent my time promoting electric heat, the all-electric home and energy efficiency.

When I had a question or a problem, I went to the manager and they were quick to respond to a service problem. Members read their meters and figured their own bills. And dogs bit when you tried to check read a meter. Thank goodness some of these things haven't changed while I'm equally thankful some have.

by dan bryan, fec ceo



When you think nothing else can vary from the past you'd better watch out, because we've just begun to do things differently. With technology that is now available, the next few years will teem with change. Yes, changes are coming to Farmers' Electric Cooperative, as well as all of the rural electric program.

As we head into spring and actively prepare for the 2005 Annual Meeting in a couple of months be on the lookout for new opportunities. Sometimes it's the new that promise the happy days.