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Co-op members will gather March 10

Choptank Electric members will once again gather for their annual meeting on March 10, 2007 at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. This will be the co-op's 69th annual meeting.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a buffet breakfast served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Members will be entertained during the breakfast by the bluegrass sounds of "Chesapeake Wind." Displays and information from a number of organizations will also be on view during the breakfast.

The business meeting will start at 10 a.m., featuring the annual review from President and CEO Fred Hubbard, and a brief talk by Youth Leadership Conference representative Cara Cianchetta of Denton.

Members will then be treated to a show by ventriloquist Dan Horn and his "Cast of Several." The recipient of the International Ventriloquist of the Year Award, Dan Horn has entertained adults and children on TV, comedy clubs, casinos, colleges, cruises and conventions.

He has appeared on An Evening at the Improv, Entertainment Tonight and TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes. He has also been the opening act for comedians Rita Rudner and Jay Leno.

Following the entertainment, many great prizes will be awarded, including gift certificates for electric bill payment. Mark your calendars and remember to send in the RSVP form in the February Live Wire or go to www.choptankelectric.coop.

The results of the annual election for board members will also be announced at the meeting. Incumbents from Worcester, Wicomico and Caroline counties are on the ballot. They are:

David W. Bruning is the incumbent director from Worcester County. He has been a co-op member for more than 40 years and is the current vice president of the Choptank Electric Board of Directors.

A resident of Worcester County since 1949, Mr. Bruning has been a member of the board since 1976. During his tenure, he has served as a Director of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. He has also served on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Legislative Committee.

Active in community affairs, Mr. Bruning is an Elder of Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is currently serving as a director for the Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative. He is a charter member and



Dan Horn
Ventriloquist Dan Horn is the featured entertainer at the co-op's annual meeting.

former president of the Nassawango Country Club, a member of the Worcester County Farm Bureau, Snow Hill Lions Club and the Delmarva Poultry Industry. He is also a former member of the Worcester Board of Education.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Mr. Bruning has a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He and his son, Bill, operate Bruning Farms LLC near Snow Hill, an 800-acre operation that grows poultry and grain. Two other sons, Scott and Michael, and their families live in the Snow Hill area. Mr. Bruning and his wife, Ann, reside on Cedartown Road near Snow Hill.

Francis A. "Sonny" Callahan Jr. is the incumbent board member representing Caroline County. He and his wife, Nancy, have lived on CEC lines on Deep Shore Road near Denton since 1966.

Mr. Callahan is a graduate of Caroline High School and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was employed at Campbell Soup Co. in Chestertown as an accountant and standards analyst following his discharge from the military.

A retired Choptank Electric employee, he began working as a temporary staker's helper in 1965, he advanced through the apprentice lineman program, beginning in 1966, and served as chief lineman from 1973 until 1990. He was then awarded the job as CEC's first purchasing agent and continued in that job until he retired in 1995.

Mr. Callahan computerized the record keeping for the purchasing department and developed a database to store the history of each procurement. He was jointly responsible for an inventory reduction of over \$6 million dollars by completely revising the purchasing practices of CEC.

For these efforts Mr. Callahan was awarded the Solon Bennett Award for Excellence in Materials Management from the National Association of Purchasing Management of the Rural Electric Utilities, Inc. in 1996.

Since coming on the board in 1998, Mr. Callahan has completed the requirements to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director and has earned the Board Leadership Award.

Mr. Callahan has been involved in many community activities, including the Boy Scouts as Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor, (he is an Eagle Scout). He was State Director for the Kent County Jaycees, is a Past Master of Temple Lodge 128, a member of Boumi

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To our members: All Choptank Electric Cooperative offices will be closed on Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 for employee training. We will re-open on Monday, Feb. 12, 2007. Have a safe and happy New Year!

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Recent outages on co-op system

11/16: Kingston, 36 members, 1 hr. 30 min., unknown; Costen, 133 members, 1 hr. 55 min., equipment fault; East New Market, 909 members, 1 hr. 15 min., right of way problem; Kingston, 60 members, 2 hr. 20 min., right of way trouble; Kingston, 71 members, 1 hr. 50 min., right of way trouble; Princess Anne, 98 members, 3 hr. 20 min., wind
 11/21: Mardela Springs, 43 members, 3 hrs., right of way problem
 11/22: Hillsboro, 41 members, 1 hr. 10 min., accident; Hobbs, 459 members, 1 hr. 45 min., overload
 11/24: Hobbs, 459 members, 45 min., equipment fault
 11/26: Kennedyville, 60 members, 1 hr. 35 min., accident
 11/28: Earleville, 632 members, 45 min., equipment fault
 11/29: Mount Olive, 102 members, 1 hr. 25

min., equipment fault; same outage location, 40 min.
 12/04: Allen, 32 members, 2 hr. 45 min., equipment fault; Edgewood, 47 members, 1 hr. 30 min., equipment fault
 12/05: Hobbs, 40 members, 1 hr. 50 min., right of way; Hobbs, 35 members, 1 hr. 45 min., right of way; New Hope, 52 members, 4 hr. 15 min., equipment fault; Williston, 1,339 members, 1 hr. 50 min., right of way
 12/06: Edgewood, 329 members, 1 hr. 40 min., unknown
 12/07: Hickman, 106 members, 4 hr. 35 min., wind; Princess Anne, 78 members, 1 hr. 20 min., wind
 12/09: Ocean Pines, 84 members, 1 hr., contractor dig in; Ocean Pines, 51 members, 1 hr. 20 min., contractor dig in.
 12/13: Grace Street, 91 members, 15 min., unknown problem at substation

Choptank Trust awards granted in November

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence - \$2,000 to assist with clients' needs.
 Marion Volunteer Dept. - \$5,000, renovations to firehouse.
 Cub Scout Pack 390 - \$610, Pinewood Derby track.
 Ridgely Elementary School PTA - \$100 for Santa's Workshop at Winterfest.
 Literacy League of Dorchester County, Inc. - \$1,000, assistance with event.

Cambridge-South Dorchester High School Varsity Cheerleaders - \$4,000, travel to cheerleading competition.
 Worcester Chorale - \$600, rehearsal fees.
 Dorchester County Historical Society - \$5,029, meeting room equipment
 Delmarva Discovery Center - \$5,000, for equipping center.
 Assistance to disabled and needy individuals - \$6997

Annual meeting

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BRUNING



CALLAHAN



TRADER

He is a member of American Legion Post 29 and Elks Lodge 1622. He umpired Little League Baseball for 28 years and is a former vice president of the Caroline County

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan are members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Denton.

He manages the books for the Magic Mirror Beauty Shoppe owned and operated by his wife, Nancy, for 36 years, and On Your Toes Dance Studio, owned by his daughter, Kathryn Kiel, for 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have two children. Their daughter, Kathryn, is married to Michael Kiel and they have a 4 year old son, Tyler Jacob Kiel. Their son, Daniel, is in his 19th year with the Natural Resources Police in Caroline County and serves as a Corporal. He and wife, Kelly, live on CEC lines. Mr. Callahan also has a daughter, Robin Diehl who lives with her husband Michael and their daughter Rheanna, 8, in Coventry, Rhode Island.

Peggy Trader is the incumbent board member from Wicomico County. She has been a member of the Cooperative for over 28 years and has served on the Board of Directors since 1991. She has completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Director's Course.

As an established resident of Wicomico County, Mrs. Trader knows her community well. Her rapport with the residents of her county and her business background, including independent and family business, real estate, and financial management, have contributed to her success. She is a Multi-Million Dollar Realtor with Long and Foster and a member of the President's Club and Hall of Fame.

She is involved with various church and civic-related activities, and volunteers her efforts in support of numerous charities such as Easter Seals, where she was a member of the advisory board and served as VIP Chairman, the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the Joseph House in Salisbury.

Mrs. Trader was honored at Wicomico County's Woman's Recognition Day in appreciation of her services and contributions to the people of Wicomico County in 1995.

Mrs. Trader lives with her husband, Elwood, in Deer Harbour. Their oldest son, Don, and his wife, Ginger, reside in Salisbury. Their younger son, Steve, his wife, Pam, and sons, Jordy and Tyler, also live in Salisbury. Don and Ginger's son, Troy, resides in Salisbury.

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Pine Steppers Square Dance Club workshop every Wed., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Community Hall. 410-835-3534 or 208-6777.

Vietnam Vets of America, 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Easton VFW. 410-943-1374. Lower Shore, 3rd Thurs., VFW 194, Salisbury. 410-651-0904.

Bay Country Chorus (barbershop), every Mon., 7 p.m., Miller Hall, behind Trinity Cathedral, Goldsborough St., Easton. 410-770-8262.

Bingo: Willards VFC, Thurs., 7 p.m., Lions Bldg., 410-835-8678; Pittsville VFC, Fri., 7 p.m. 410-835-2323; Federalsburg VFW, Thurs., 7:20 p.m. 410-754-5020; Hurlock Legion, Fri., 7:30 p.m., 410-943-8205; Denton Legion, Tues., 6 p.m., 410-479-2708; Redmen, Fruitland, Mon., 6:30 p.m. 410-742-6859; Willards Lions, Tues., 7 p.m. 410-835-2328;

Peninsulaires barbershop chorus, every Tues. 7:30 p.m., Wicomico Civic Ctr., Flanders Rm., Salisbury. 410-641-8927 or 410-543-8628.

Ocean Bay Chorus, Sweet Adelines, every Mon., 7 p.m., Wicomico Civic Center, Flanders Room, Salisbury. 410-749-0991.

Ocean Waves Square Dance Club workshop, every Tues., 7 p.m., Wicomico Civic Ctr., Salisbury. 410-742-2398 or 883-3723.

Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adelines, every Mon., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Community Center. 410-641-6876.

Disabled American Veterans Chap. 34, 4th Thurs., 1 p.m., Meuse VFW Post 194, Salisbury. 410-749-4518.

Chesapeake Christian Riders CMA #453, 1st Thurs, Bob Evans Restaurant, Easton, 6 p.m. All welcome. 410-943-8325.

Pinochle Group, every Wed., 9:45 a.m., 410-641-8836, Bridge Club, every Wed., 10 a.m., 410-641-7667, Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Pepper Steppers Square Dance, 2nd Sat., 8 p.m., First UM Church Hall, Chestertown. 410-758-1454 or 778-4578.

Heartland Quilt Guild, 1st Thur., 7-9, Choptank Electric mtg. rm., Denton, 410-482-8131.

Women Supporting Women (breast cancer group), 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., Atlantic Business Ctr., Ste. 213, Berlin, 410-641-2849.

Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assn., show & jam, 2nd Sun., 1 p.m., Marydel Fire Co. 302-674-3149 or 492-1048.

TOPS weight loss: Tues. 6:30 p.m., 1st Baptist, Marydel, 410-482-6694; Thurs. 7 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-546-4197/543-9039; Church of God, Easton, Thurs. 6 p.m. 410-822-2630/673-2248; Tues. 6 p.m., 418 Dutchman's La., Greensboro; Tues. 6 p.m., Caroline Nsg. Home sun room, 410-482-2658.

National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees, 3rd Thurs., call for mtg. places, 410-749-6635/742-8073; Chap. 2274, 4th Thurs., Hall's Restaurant, Ocean City, 11:30 a.m., 410-641-2755.

Activity Singles Klub, Easton, 2nd Wed., 410-822-7468.

Children's Health Prog., pregnant women & children to age 19. Kent, 410-778-7035, QA, 410-758-0720, Talbot, 410-819-5690, Caroline, 410-479-8004.

Eastern Shore Stamp Club, 1st Tues., Wicomico Library, Salisbury, 6:30 p.m. 410-208-2929; Tidewater Stamp Club, 2nd & 4th Tue., 7 p.m., 14 S. Harrison St., 2nd fl., Easton. 410-822-6471.

Duplicate bridge: Riverside Homes, Salisbury, Mon., 7p.m. 410-835-8343; Tred Avon Club, Wed., noon, Talbot Community Ctr., Rt. 50, Easton. 410-226-5126.

Queen Anne's Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society, Wed., 7:30 p.m., Centreville UM Church, Rt. 213. 410-827-7993.

All you can eat breakfast, Eldorado-Brookview Firehouse, 3rd Sun., Sept.-May, 7:30-10:30 a.m. \$6. 410-883-2520.

Overeaters Anonymous, every Sat., 10 a.m., Christ UM Church, Ed. Blg., Salisbury. 410-376-0164; every Fri., noon, Family Connection Ctr., 29 Broad St., Ste. 209, Berlin. 410-629-0679.

Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., main mtg. room of library. 410-208-2760.

Merry Widows & Widowers Social Club, 3rd Tues., 2:30 p.m., Ocean Pines Country Club. 410-208-6207; Beach Singles age 45+, last Tues, 6 p.m. 410-208-3974; Delmarva Singles, 50+, 1st Wed., 6 p.m. 410-742-8310 or jasuth@intercom.net.

Denton Alcoholics Anonymous, 105 Gay St., Thurs., 8 p.m.

Worcester Chorale, Wed., 7 p.m., Community Church, Rt. 589, Ocean Pines. 410-208-1999.

Dorchester Swingers, square dance, 1st Fri., 8 p.m., Maple Elem. School, Egypt Rd., Cambridge. 410-822-7535 or 228-8294..

Co-Dependents Anonymous, every Sun., 6:30 p.m., Christ UMC, Ed. Bldg., Salisbury. 410-376-0164.

Line Dance, 2nd Fri., 7:30 p.m., Frat. Order of Police, Kitt's Hummock Rd., Dover DE. 410-699-1074; Frat. Order of Eagles, every Fri., 107 Alexander Ave., Salisbury, beginners at 6 p.m., 410-749-1981. Beginners lessons, 6 p.m., Harrington, DE area. 410-699-1074 for more info.

Talbot Humane Society, Easton, low cost spay/neuter clinic, every Thurs. for cats. Call for appt., 410-822-0107.

Middle Eastern Night, Women Supportin Women, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m., Cactus Taverna, Salisbury. Belly dancing, band, food. \$50/person. 410-548-1254 or 548-7880.

Friends of the Dorchester Library Book Sale, Cambridge, Jan. 13, 9-2, 410-228-7331.

Books Plus, Caroline Public Library, Denton, "Germinal," Feb. 5, 7 p.m. 410-479-1343.

Fri. Nites at the Library, Caroline Public Library, Denton: Feb. 2, piano/percussion duo, Feb. 9, flat-footin' and fiddlin', Feb. 16, UMES Jazz Ensemble. All at 7 p.m. 410-479-1343.

Collector Car & Motorcycle Auction, Feb. 10-11, Ocean City Convention Ctr., 410-243-9999. www.collectorcars.com

Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Mid-Season Concert, Feb. 11, 3 p.m., Community Church at Ocean Pines. 888-846-8600.

Seaside Boat Show, Feb. 16, 12-8, Feb. 17, 10-8, Feb. 18, 11-5, Ocean City Convention Ctr., 410-632-3676.

National Outdoor Show, Feb. 23, 5 p.m., Feb. 24, 10:30 p.m., S. Dorchester Pre-K-8 School, Golden Hill. 410-397-8535.

Inca Son, musicians & dancers, North Carolina High School, Denton, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. Caroline Performing Arts Series.

Don't forget, all Choptank Electric offices will be closed Friday, Feb. 9, for employee training.

Watt's the Answer?

Win \$10 credit on your bill in our monthly trivia contest. Readers who send in the correct answer are entered in a drawing. Entries must be postmarked/dated by Feb. 5.

Watt's the Answer for January: Did you over-indulge during the holidays? There's a food just for you — it has negative calories — you burn more calories eating it than you do digesting it. What crunchy food is it?

Send to: Watt's the Answer? Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629 or anew@choptankelectric.coop. Please provide account or phone number.

Our November winner is W. Allen Greiner of Queen Anne, who knew the turkey is native to the North American continent.

SEND EVENTS: Shore Good to Know, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton, MD 21629; or anew@choptankelectric.coop two months prior to event if possible. Include phone number.