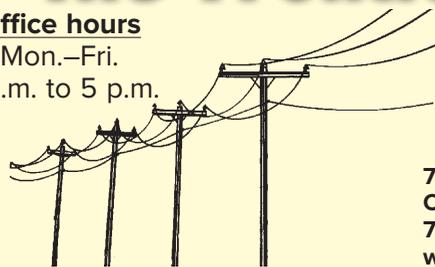


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A message from the manager: Vote!

The Frontier Power Company supports the national “Co-ops Vote” campaign. In 2012, rural voter turnout was down a staggering 18 percent. We need to remedy that in 2016 — there’s too much at stake. There are millions of electric cooperative members eligible to vote, and together, we have the gravity to impact elections results. So here’s your checklist for this election:

1. **Register to vote by Oct. 11, if you are not already registered.**
2. **Remember that early voting starts Oct. 12 (this allows you to avoid waiting in lines at precincts on Election Day).**
3. **Absentee/mail-in ballots are available by contacting your county election board.**
4. **Visit www.action.coop to let your voice be heard on other issues important to electric cooperatives and rural Americans.**
5. **Vote on Nov. 8.**

Express your point of view — stand up and cast your vote this election season!



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Frontier Power Company’s 80th annual meeting highlights

FRONTIER POWER HELD its 80th meeting of members on July 29 at River View High School with about 900 members and guests attending. Member attendance gifts were given upon arrival, and all enjoyed a supper of hot dogs, chips, cheese, and Whit’s Frozen Custard.

Prior to the meeting, the election for two trustees’ positions was conducted by mail and tallied. Retaining their seats were Ann Gano McCleary, representing District B-II, Tuscarawas County, and Larry Blair, representing District D, Coshocton County.

In his report to members, Board President Robert Wise said the cooperative strives to maintain quality service to stay competitive. Significant programs the co-op is working on include implementation of the SCADA system to remotely monitor and switch substations; an aggressive right-of-way clearing and spraying program; replacement of the automated meter reading system with an ACLARA system; load control through water heaters and air-conditioning units to help reduce the peak use of electricity and save all members on power costs; a comprehensive maintenance program to inspect Frontier’s 11 substations and nearly 1,500



Members re-elected trustees Ann Gano McCleary and Larry Blair.

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Annual meeting highlights

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miles of distribution lines; and a long-term plan to replace original power lines built in the 1940s at the rate of 20 miles per year.

“The past 80 years have been filled with many challenges and changes for Frontier Power,” Wise said. “We have grown to provide power to nearly 9,200 meters in the rural parts of seven counties.”

Craig Grooms, vice president of market operations for Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives, Frontier Power’s cooperative power supplier and statewide services organization, was the guest speaker. He said there is a single focus from Frontier and its power supplier: to provide safe and affordable power. Grooms said he has seen power supply companies go in and out of bankruptcy, some more than once, because they were hoping to take advantage of a change in government policy, like deregulation, or willing to place a big bet with borrowed money.

“For each of these companies, the provision of electricity at a fair price and with reliable service became an afterthought, rather than their primary focus,” Grooms said. “That’s where electric cooperatives are different. The advantage is our member- and community-focused nonprofit business model.”

He also emphasized changes in the electric industry, such as massive discoveries of natural gas and shale formations that are driving a drop in prices. He reported that natural gas plants replacing coal and nuclear plants have created concerns, including loss of fuel diversity, especially in extreme weather conditions that influence the natural gas market. “We are living through a major change to our electric system right now, and it needs to be managed in a thoughtful and strategic way to ensure that the grid remains secure and reliable,” Grooms said.

In General Manager Steve Nelson’s report, he introduced Frontier employees with a slideshow and highlighted co-op statistics, including:

- founded in 1936 and has 37 employees



- 10 miles of transmission line
- 1,550 miles of distribution lines
- rebuilt 25 miles of distribution lines
- 111 poles changed
- installed 21 new security lights
- about \$199,700 in general retirement capital credits returned to members and former members, and \$177,370 was paid to estates

Nelson said no contractors are used at Frontier Power, and he showed photos of equipment used for clearing rights-of-way and digging holes. Members were encouraged to visit the cooperative website at www.frontier-power.com during outages for the most up-to-date information and to pay their electric bills.

He also told members the Frontier Power Community Connection Fund had awarded \$28,287 in grants to 15 organizations in 2015.

The co-op also showed a video about “Project Ohio,” showing how 17 linemen from Ohio’s 24 electric cooperatives brought power to La Soledad, Guatemala. Afterward, Frontier Power’s operations manager Phil Crowdy presented a slideshow of his time in Guatemala last year, which was part of the planning and engineering crew for Project Ohio.

At the conclusion of the meeting, all kids got to pick a prize, and names were drawn for Frontier Power and Frontier Propane member door prizes. ☺

Frontier purchases two propane-fueled trucks

Two pick-up trucks have been added to Frontier’s propane-fueled vehicles. The 2016 F150 models were purchased locally and feature the option to run off of propane or gasoline, starting on gasoline and automatically converting to propane when the engine reaches 140 degrees.

These trucks replace a truck driven by the propane supervisor and a truck driven by member services to complete daily orders. Part of the conversion included the trucks being upgraded to hardened valves to accept propane. The propane fuel tanks are mounted under the bed of the truck and are made of exceedingly heavy duty steel.

Prior to the purchase of these two vehicles, a Frontier Propane F550 service truck was used that runs on liquid propane only and has a Roush propane system that needs about 20 seconds to purge when starting. The propane tank is mounted on the frame where the extended cab would have been. This truck is now used to transport propane tanks being set for members, and for any service work with tanks.

Frontier Power and Frontier Propane hope to continue transitioning to propane-fueled vehicles in the future.

BY SHELLY THOMPSON

Elsaan Outfitting

A cooperative success story

A LOVE OF HUNTING and all things nature is the foundation for Dean and Kari Ringwalt's farm-turned-passion — Elsaan Outfitting, a one-of-a-kind upland game-bird hunting preserve in Walhonding.

Kari's grandfather, James Ralph Karr, was a colonel in the Air Force and a veterinarian. He loved hunting all game but considered bird hunting with dogs the ultimate experience. His love inspired Kari's husband, Dean, to try bird hunting with their two boys, Brice and Seth.

Shortly after, they all fell in love with the sport. Because Dean and Kari were on the hunt for something they could do with the farm to share their love of the outdoors with others, in 2011, they decided to morph the farm into an upland game bird hunting preserve.

Dean had been managing Giffen Farm, which was his stepfather's family farm, since 1985. The land had originally been leased for crop production, and then it was transformed into a wildlife area and put into the Conservation Reserve Program, a process that removes land from agricultural production and requires planting species that will

improve environmental quality. Ten ponds were dug, and brushy woodlands were created for prime habitat conditions for upland game birds.

Elsaan Outfitting is a different kind of hunting experience. Providing a non-commercialized private hunting atmosphere, the preserve encompasses 165 acres, with a 17-stand sporting clay course, a clubhouse and gymnasium, 10 fish ponds, and a 65-foot European tower. There is only one appointment per day, so customers do not have to share any of the property with another party. Fishing can be included with most hunting packages, as the ponds are stocked with bass and bluegill. Lodging at the clubhouse is provided with a two-day hunting package and includes a large gymnasium area, full-court basketball, pool, ping-pong, horse shoes, cornhole, and an outdoor fire pit. Additional amenities, such as a golf cart, lunch or dinner, bird cleanings, and dogs and handlers can also be included if needed.

Their dogs — Rebel the German Shorthaired Pointer, Brittany Spaniels Bo Dancer, and Chase the



Wind, or Springer Spaniel Jumpin' Jax — love to assist customers on bird hunts.

Elsaan Outfitting has several types of hunts available. Traditional bird hunting, sporting clays, fishing, limited white-tailed deer hunting, and European tower hunting — requiring eight or 16 people — are available. The property is developed for optimal enjoyment with many stands, including some over the water and some

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in open shelter to use during rain. Packages are based on the number and type of birds, but they can be customized for family or group needs.

Elsaan Outfitting breeds its own birds and also purchases chicks to raise and eggs to incubate and hatch. About 2,000 pheasants, 2,500 bobwhite quail, and 1,000 chukar are raised each year on the preserve. For a new twist, about 200 ducks were added this year. The game birds are available for purchase to preserve owners and dog

trainers for field trials, as well as for FFA and 4-H projects or hobbyists.

Raising the birds and keeping them healthy with appropriate housing, proper feed, and correct care is time-consuming throughout the year, says Dean, who schedules an annual, comprehensive vet check of the facilities. A separate 80-acre plot houses the bird barn, flight pen, and hatchery, away from the hunting preserve. Other tasks include fitting the pheasants with blinders so they do not see directly in front of them, as they become aggressive around seven weeks old and can peck each other to death.

Despite the family's best efforts, the preserve can lose up to 10 percent of their birds each year. Hawks and owls periodically catch the birds through the netting of the flight pens. Snow loads collapsing and damaging the flight pen netting is a constant battle in the winter and is hazardous to the birds, as well.

The preserve has also been rated as a high bee pollination area, leading Dean and Kari to set aside eight acres dedicated to honeybees. Additionally, the preserve hosts once-endangered eagles and ospreys, which Dean hopes to provide nesting for in the near future.

Dean and Kari's appreciation for the blessings God has provided and the sacrifices the United States military to maintain the country's freedom led them to name their business "Elsaan," which translates to "God's footed soldier." The business mission reads: "To honor God by providing and maintaining a unique, positive, and safe hunting experience for all."

In 2015, Elsaan Outfitting hosted a Hero's Tribute Hunt, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), to honor disabled veterans and their families by offering opportunities to enjoy outdoor events. The veterans were provided a guided upland game bird hunt, complete with dogs and handlers.

See the fall foliage at Elsaan Outfitting

Elsaan Outfitting will be the last stop on the 2016 Fall Farm Foliage Tour in Coshocton County the weekend of Oct. 22 and 23. Not only will visitors get to see the picturesque landscape, but they will also be able to watch dogs working, learn about honeybees from apiarist Dick Mullet, and meet with Emily Hardesty, ODNR Wildlife Division private property biologist. ☞

For more information, visit Elsaan Outfitting's website at www.elsaanoutfitting.com or call 740-502-8512.

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