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From the General Manager - Blake Callaham



hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer slow down where you could take a deep breath and reflect on the fun and exciting times of the past 12 months. Whether that be the accomplishments of the Blanchard, Tipton, Fairview and Seiling Football teams; the endurance of the OSSAA Basketball Champs of Lomega and Okarche; or countless other academic and athletic accomplishments in our amazing communities — we are so honored and proud of everything our youth has accomplished.

As we enter the cooler weather of fall and another great year within the Big XII and SEC, I am reminded of the various blessings we had in 2024. We launched the Pioneer Broadband Revolution(PBR) that ensures that 100% of cooperative members will be served in a manner that delivers the ability to remote work, educate freely, stream unrestricted, game without latency and ultimately live a life without restrictions due to a future proof fiber optic network. Fiber is definitely the buzz word in the world today and for the right reason as it is the pathway to future

technology. Thankfully, Pioneer was on the forefront of this technology and understands how to engineer and maintain a fiber network to ensure the quality and sustainability to enhance the quality of life for our members and subscribers.

I hope everyone is back into the swing of things with this new school year and enjoying the various fall events in your community. As you may be aware, Pioneer prides ourselves in supporting the next generation throughout our communities through collegiate and career tech scholarships. I would like to congratulate all the recipients this year and pray for your guidance as you enter the final stages of your educational journey. We are proud to support you in your career path and wish you the best of luck and hopefully you will select one of our 80 amazing communities in rural western Oklahoma as your forever home. Congratulations again to our 2024 Career Technology and Scholarship winners!

District 1 - Lanie Bowles of Buffalo

District 6 - Ember Black of Okarche

District 6 Technology - Calin Martin of Comanche

District 10 - Katon Lunsford of Kingfisher

District 11 - Landri Hussey of Watonga

District 11 Technology - Kale Smith of Geary

Pioneer has launched several new products in 2024, including some that are particularly helpful, PowerOn to keep your WiFi on when power is off, ARLO Outdoor Cameras, and Doorbells. The next new product to come this year is Outdoor WiFi for your backyard or potential chicken coop camera, horse pen or calving stall cameras. These items give your home and farm more options and make your life easier.

As October arrives with cooler weather and Halloween fun, it also brings Cooperative Appreciation Month! We're reminded of the unique strength and sense of community that comes from being a cooperative. Our members are at the heart of everything we do, and we're grateful for the opportunity to serve and Connect What Matters in our Oklahoma communities. Thank you for being a vital part of our cooperative family!

At Pioneer, we consider each and every one of our employees as family... what does a family generally like to do? Have a family reunion! This year, we will be holding our Employee Meeting on October 24, 2024 and will be closing our business offices as we have in the past. We have some very special events prepared for our employees that we are keeping a secret at this time, but you should stop by one of our local offices after that date and ask one of our friendly Customer Experience team about the event. Thank you for understanding and we look forward to being back in the office the next day to serve your needs. If an emergency arises, don't worry, we will have a team on standby to answer your calls or chat via our website and be able to respond accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and have a great rest of your day!



Blake Callaham General Manager

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



Thank You for attending our 2024 ANNUAL MEETING!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 2024 Annual Meeting! Though we didn't have any By-Laws to approve, we love getting the chance to meet and interact with our Members!

We hope you had a great time and that we'll see you in May 2025!







2024-2025 Pioneer Scholars

District No. 1 Lanie Bowles of Buffalo University of Central Oklahoma Major: General Business

District No. 6 Ember Black of Okarche Oklahoma State University Major: Nutritional Sciences/Allied Health

District No. 6 - Technology Center Calin Martin of Comanche OSUIT

Major: Auto Service Tech GMASEP

District No. 10 Katon Lunsford of Kingfisher Oklahoma State University Major: Strategic Communications: Public Relations and Advertising

District No. 11 Landri Hussey of Watonga Northern Oklahoma College - Tonkawa Major: Education/Coaching

District No. 11 - Technology Center

Kale Smith of Geary OSUIT - Okmulgee Major: Engineering Technology -Electrical

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE SCHOLARS IN



CONGRATULATIONS! to the OTA Scholarship Recipients! Alexis Lovell Shada Burt Irelyn Schemmer Laura Liebl Laney Liebl Hannah Francis Kasadie Fielder Ben Reherman Cheri Newkirk Coleman Gilles Jayme Joyce Sierra Stitt Hunter Moeller Kase Simon Madysen Ryel Kale Hart Brylee Catlett



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Issue 2 Take 5, Win \$25 Winners

\$25 Winners will receive their checks by mail within a few days of this publication.

District #1 winner - Jeannie Stahlman, Freedom District #2 winner - Ned Moyer, Gage District #3 winner - Cassandra Nealey, Davidson District #4 winner - Maranda Fry, Sentinel District #5 winner — Kent Harman, Loco District #6 winner - Kirby Adams, Hastings District #7 winner - Darrel Mauck, Hennessey

District #8 winner – Adrian Downard, Pond Creek District #9 winner - Betty Oswald, Crescent District #10 winner - Becky Gibson, Kingfisher District #11 winner – Linda Milligan, Watonga District #12 winner - Millie Mcgaugh, Newcastle District At-Large winner - Arlene Burghardt, Hitchcock

Periodical

- Pioneer's Employee Meeting is on October 24.
- ____ True ___ False

Pioneer's Annual Employee Meeting is important for the Cooperative. True False

Pioneer will be closed on October 24 to celebrate and educate our nployees.