THE SINGER-SONGWRITER DUO ADLER & HEARNE formed in 2001 and call themselves “migrant song farmers from East Texas.” They travel coast to coast performing their special brand of Texas folk music sprinkled with jazz and blues notes. The husband-and-wife duo is Lynn Adler and Lindy Hearne. They are each award winners and successful performers in their own rights, and also as a duo. As the latter, their songs To the Heart and Second Nature were named among the top 20 and top 10 respectively in the folk DJ community.

Since 2014, Adler & Hearne have been named to the Texas Touring Roster for the Texas Commission on the Arts, an honor extended through August of 2018. In addition to performing throughout the state of Texas, they tour nationally. A multigenerational crowd pleaser, the duo performs in various venues including festivals, concert halls, coffeehouses and church services. Adler and Hearne share common backgrounds, with deep roots in folk, gospel and classical music, from which they draw and present in their performances.

They just completed a seven-week summer concert tour to coincide with the release of their newest CD, Simpatico, which is a reflection of their past 15 years as prolific writers and performers.

When the duo is not touring, they spend time at their Spring Hollow Organic Song Farm near Winnsboro, which they have written about in song. They recently headlined on The Bowery Stage at the Winnsboro Center of the Arts, and they are also frequent entertainers at local house parties, churches and special events.

AWARD-WINNING Texas Folk Songsters To Perform at WCEC Annual Meeting

THE EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT and directors of WCEC are looking forward to seeing many of our members at our 78th annual meeting. Before the meeting, the public is invited to attend a concert by the singing duo Adler & Hearne.

Members should have received their mail ballots for the election of directors for WCEC districts 5 and 6. If you have not done so already, please detach and mail your postage-paid ballot to arrive by the deadline of October 6. Members who do so will be entered into a drawing, and four will be randomly selected to each receive a $250 credit toward their electricity bills.

Bring the other half of the card with you to the annual meeting. This card will be used for participation in door prize drawings. As always, there will be many special prizes donated by our generous vendors, as well as the grand prize, a large high-definition flat-screen TV.

We hope to see you at the annual meeting!
$2,000 Adult Student Scholarships Available

SCHOLARSHIPS OF $2,000 can be earned by adult students who are Wood County Electric Cooperative members through the Power Upward scholarship program. This is the third year WCEC is offering adult scholarships in addition to WCEC’s high school student scholarship program.

With increased numbers of adults students returning or entering colleges and trade schools, Power Upward serves to help a few adult members reach their educational goals.

The scholarships can be used to enter a college or trade school; pursue a master’s or doctoral degree; or to earn a certificate or license (such as to become an electric lineman, electrician, heating and refrigeration technician or cosmetologist).

“We recognize that any educational undertaking, especially as an older adult, takes an enormous commitment,” said WCEC Debbie Robinson, CEO and general manager. “This program is designed to help these deserving members reach their goals while also easing the financial burden. Once these students attain their goals, we hope they will use their newfound skill sets to enhance their work efforts in our communities to benefit us all.”

The Power Upward program offers three scholarships of $2,000 each. Qualified applicants must be 21 years old or older and must be active members or member spouses living on WCEC’s electrical system. Adult children of members do not qualify.

The qualifiers cannot previously have won a scholarship from WCEC. They must be accepted into a college, trade school or other postsecondary program, and must be registered for a minimum of nine credit hours, or be the equivalent of a full-time student.

Members who wish to apply should complete and submit an official application with two letters of reference pertaining to this effort, and a 500-word essay describing the following:

1. Reasons for continuing your education;
2. Why you have chosen your particular field of study; and
3. How the degree or certificate will help you with your future goals.

The deadline for applications to arrive at the WCEC office is November 16, before 5 p.m. Applications can be mailed to: Attention: Scholarships, Wood County Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 1827, Quitman, TX 75783 (Please note: The deadline is not a “postmarked by” date, so please allow time for mail delivery.)

They may also be dropped off at the mobile unit, or emailed as a PDF to info@wcec.org with “Scholarships” in the subject line. Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Applications will be judged and scholarships will be awarded by the end of the year. Applications are available on wcec.org under the Community Programs tab, or by calling the cooperative at (903) 763-2203.