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## Teaching children about electrical safety

*What they learn today could be a lifesaver later*

Teaching children about electrical safety is an important task we should all take seriously. Electricity is a dynamic power source. Everyday we live our lives surrounded by it, but sometimes we forget just how dangerous electricity can be.

That is why Northwestern Electric established the Watts Up Kids Camp a couple of years ago. The camp teaches youngsters how to be safe around electricity. The camp provides fun activities and facts about the basics—what is electricity, the need to respect its power and how to avoid accidents.

This year, 16 youngsters attended Watts Up Kids Camp on July 30. The children watched videos and a safety demonstration covering potential hazards like downed power lines, climbing trees near power lines and playing hide-and-seek near the big metal electrical boxes. Jarrod Randall, journeyman lineman for NWECC, demonstrated the various tools he uses to help keep him safe while on the job and he fielded some tough questions from the campers.

While we do our best to educate children about electrical safety at the camp or school safety presentations, we need your help to reinforce those lessons. You can do your part at home by teaching your children about the physical dangers associated with electrical components and how to handle electrical plugs, outlets, switches and other devices.



**A group of 16 eager youngsters attended the 2014 Watts Up Kids Camp. Back row: Sky Eckenrode, Bree Dryden, BrayLeigh Dryden, Zane Wasson, Hana-Kay Chapman, Jackson Crotts, Chandler Persons and Easton Persons. Front row: Joshua Crotts, Melodii McGee, Reese Adams, Tristyn Burgess, Brianna Marengo, Parker Zwink and Savannah Pierce. Not pictured: Emma Chapman.**

As we all know, kids will be kids. Getting them to show interest in some of these lessons won't be easy but remember what your children learn from you today can be a lifesaver later when they encounter potential hazards. (9574002)

Gather your youngsters around the kitchen table or on the front porch—some of the best teachable moments about electrical safety can happen in and around your home. Look around. There are plenty of opportunities to demonstrate safety that are as close as the electrical outlet on your living room wall. For example, show young children how plugs

work, and let them know that even if they are curious about the slits of an electrical outlet, nothing else should be placed inside. Each year about 2,400 children end up in the emergency room after suffering injuries caused by inserting objects—paper clips, pens, screws, nails, forks, hair pins, coins and more—into electrical receptacles. That's about seven children a day who sustain injuries ranging from electric shock to burns.

But this isn't the only electrical mishap that impacts youngsters. Our reliance on electronics and gadgets have left both youngsters and their

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# Low interest loan available for energy efficient improvements

**N**eed to replace your heating and cooling system, install energy efficient windows or add more insulation to your attic? Northwestern Electric can help you make those improvements by offering our low interest loan. (19026001)

The Energy Resources Conservation (ERC) Loan can be used to finance the following energy saving measures:

- caulking & weatherstripping
- water heaters
- insulation
- storm windows & doors
- attic ventilation fans
- heat pumps

Northwestern Electric will finance 80% of the total cost up to \$10,000 for an energy efficient air source heat

pump or geothermal system and 80% of the total cost up to \$3,000 for other energy efficient measures on a single family dwelling. You can take up to 84 months to pay on loans over \$3,000 and up to 60 months on loans totalling \$3,000 or less. The interest rate is based on the current prime rate at the time the loan is made and will not exceed 5 percent.

Loan requests must be made in advance and approved before the work is started. In order to qualify for the loan, members must have good credit with the Cooperative and an energy audit must be performed to support the energy conservation measures. For more information, call Jonna Hensley at 580.256.7425 or 800.375-7423.



## Closed for holiday

**Northwestern Electric  
will close on  
Monday, Sept. 1,  
in observance of Labor Day.  
If you have an emergency, call:  
1-877-9NOPOWER  
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### June 2014 Operating Report

	2013	2014
Revenue - Billing .....	2,708,826	3,153,382
Cost of Power .....	1,511,859	1,751,028
Miles of Lines .....	4,938	4,956
Members Connected .....	11,662	11,791
Density per Mile .....	2.36	2.38
Average Member KWH .....	2,518	2,584
Average Bill .....	232.28	267.44
KWH Purchased.....	31,476,390	31,040,277
KWH Sold.....	29,360,078	30,472,130
Income per Mile.....	551	640
Expense per Mile .....	560	610

## Teaching children about electrical safety

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Jarrod Randall demonstrated the various tools he uses on the job to the Watts Up Kids Camp attendees.

parents at risk when they overcrowd electrical outlets, continue to use frayed wires, place devices near liquids or leave electronics on for long periods of time. Some of the same guidelines Northwestern Electric offers to protect adults also help protect children. We should all set good examples for our youngsters.

If you need ideas to help with the lessons, try the Electrical Safety Foundation International ([www.esfi.org](http://www.esfi.org)). It is among the many national organizations offering free kits, videos and interactive online tools that make learning and practicing electrical safety fun for you and your children.

And remember, as your children grow older, keep teaching them about the power of electricity and how to use it safely. It could save their life!

## Hot dog time at the county fair

County fair time is just around the corner. Thoughts of a county fair bring back memories



to many people of fun times—sack races, showing a calf, winning a blue ribbon, visiting with friends, carnivals and the best tasting hot dogs in the world.

NWEC will help fair-goers recapture that feeling as we feed free hot dogs to those attending the Dewey, Ellis, and Harper County fairs.

### Friday, September 5

Dewey Co. .... 5-6 p.m.

### Saturday, September 6

Ellis Co. .... 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Harper Co. .... 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Aunt Shirley's Playhouse for recognizing her account number in last month's issue. The other number belonged to Dustin Ruttman.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. The numbers will always be enclosed in parentheses and will look similar to this example (XXXXXX).

If you recognize your account number, all you have to do is give us a call on or before the 8th of the current month and we'll give you a credit on your bill for the amount stated.

This month's numbers are worth \$25 each. Happy hunting!

## Country cooking

### Squash Corn Bread

- 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 c. cooked squash, mashed
- 1 c. grated cheese
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper



Preheat oven to 350°. Combine muffin mix, eggs, squash, cheese, butter, onion, salt, and pepper. Beat on medium speed until well mixed. Pour into greased 9" baking dish. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until brown and firm in the center.

## Looking for missing members

If your name is on our missing member list for capital credits, please submit a Capital Credit Update Form. If you are the heir or executor for someone listed below, please submit an Estate Refund Form. These forms are available at [www.nwecok.coop](http://www.nwecok.coop). Click on the Capital Credit tab under Account Services, or you can request a form by contacting our office at 800.375.7423, 256.7425 or emailing [cc@nwecok.coop](mailto:cc@nwecok.coop). All requests must be made in writing. This is a partial list. More names will be published in upcoming issues.

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