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Foster drives away with grand prize

Carl and Dorris Foster drove away with the Kubota RTV 400 at Northwestern Electric's 74th Annual Meeting. "We were thrilled when we heard Carl's name," said Dorris. "We have been thinking about purchasing one. Thank you Northwestern Electric and Arnett New Holland/Kubota for the grand prize."

Over 1,700 members and guests gathered at the Woodward County Event Center on Apr. 9 for a free barbecue meal, entertainment and the Cooperative's business meeting.

The A Bar Bunkhouse Band from eastern Oklahoma entertained the members while they enjoyed the meal catered by Adventures In Catering. Katelyn Cutsinger, Blair Peoples and Austin Ladd sang the national anthem and C. J. Montgomery, Woodward Chamber of Commerce president, gave the welcome.

During the business session, members heard reports on the general condition and financial status of the Cooperative. The meeting concluded with a prize drawing for over 80 items including 21 children's prizes and the Kubota RTV 400.



Kenny Knowles, NWEC board president, congratulates Dorris and Carl Foster for winning the Kubota RTV 400 sponsored in part by Arnett New Holland/Kubota at NWEC's annual meeting.

Congratulations to our 2015 annual meeting prize winners

Carl Foster
Ronnie White
Shawn Luckie
Jim Feerer
Lauries Cafe
Cody Starr
Norman Burns
Phils Forklift Service
Anthony Maness
Norman Solbrack
Chad Oblander
Bob Steinley
J L Pierson
Shane Helton

Beverly Thompson
Rauh Family Farm
John Rice
Charles Bailey
Brad Ashpaugh
John Byers
Donna Gaston
Danny Persons
David Williams
Bob Starr
Jamie McIntyre
Dale Arnold
Charmaine Gardner
Richard Kahoe

Robert D Jones
Robert McCulley
Janet Lively
Charles Dougherty
Kenneth Wright
Shaw Shaw Melius LLC
James Suthers
Bill Devor
Katherine Conatser
Daniel Nielsen
Wayne McDannald
Ervin Whitehead
Pat Clark
Harold Luck

Holloway Partnership
Bessie Nieman
Jarrell Brewer
Eric Peoples
Ditch Valley Sr. Citizens
Delroy Lewis
Sherry Morgan
Larry Ashpaugh
Felix Cenicerros
Robert D Adams
Larry Beates
Donna Boese
Ladina Heatwole
Michelle Case

Lynn Easterwood
Ted Thimling
Marie Hunter
Todd Murlin
J Wayne Pugh
Chuck Touchstone
Tommy Peters
Preston Compton
Seth Cole
Tim Moss
Edith Morgan
Troy Collier

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Katelyn Cutsinger, Blair Peoples and Austin Ladd sang the national anthem at NWEK's annual meeting on Apr. 9. All three students are from Vici.

A special thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes to give away at our 2015 annual meeting:

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| Northwest Transformer | One Moore Embroidery | Marathon Electric |
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February 2015 Operating Report

	2014	2015
Revenue - Billing	3,079,439	2,910,641
Cost of Power	1,856,233	1,757,480
Miles of Lines	4,952	4,973
Members Connected	11,754	11,909
Density per Mile	2.37	2.39
Average Member KWH	2,678	2,489
Average Bill	262	244
KWH Purchased	30,346,145	30,166,257
KWH Sold	31,473,869	29,641,258
Income per Mile	625	591
Expense per Mile	571	547

Putting safety first this month – and throughout the year

It's May – and Northwestern Electric is celebrating National Electrical Safety Month. While safety for our members is top priority year-round, Electrical Safety Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of safety excellence.

This year, we're focusing on electrical safety in the home. Electricity is the cause of over 140,000 fires each year, resulting in more than 500 deaths, 4,000 injuries and 1.6 billion in property damage, according to Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI). (694802001)

There are many measures you can take to ensure the safety of your loved ones. Use these helpful tips from ESFI to safeguard your home.

In the kitchen

- Vacuum refrigerator coils every three months to eliminate dirt buildup that can reduce efficiency and create fire hazards.
- Ensure all countertop appliances are located away from the sink.
- All appliance cords should be placed away from hot surfaces.

Pay particular attention to cords around toasters, ovens and ranges. Cords can be damaged by excess heat.

- The top and the area above the cooking range should be free of combustibles, such as potholders and plastic utensils. Storing these items on or near the range may result in fires or burns.

Light the way to safety

- The wattage of the bulbs you use should match the wattage indicated on the light fixture. Overheated fixtures can lead to a fire.
- Check lamp cords to make sure they are in good condition – not damaged or cracked. Do not attempt to repair damaged cords yourself. Take any item with a damaged power cord to an authorized repair center.
- Extension cords should not be used to provide power on a long-term or permanent basis. Have additional receptacles installed by a professional to provide power where needed.

Be prepared

- Nearly two-thirds of fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be located on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms every month. Batteries should be replaced at least once a year – or sooner if indicated in the manufacturers' instructions. All smoke alarms should be replaced at least every 10 years.
- Talk to your family about an emergency plan in the event of a fire in your home. If you have small children, include them in planning an emergency escape route – they are more likely to remember the plan if they're involved in creating it.

Electrical safety awareness and education can save lives. For more tips and information about electrical safety, visit www.esfi.org.

Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Eugene Davis for recognizing his number in last month's issue. The other number belonged to Josh Miller.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the contest, this is how it works. 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

Creamy Grape Salad

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened**
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream**
- 1/3 cup sugar**
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract**
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes**
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes**
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar**
- 3 tablespoons chopped pecans**



In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until blended. Add grapes and toss to coat.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans just before serving.

Yield: 21-24 servings.

Summer fun on tap for Youth Tour winners

Thanks to Northwestern Electric and its proud tradition of supporting the youth in its service territory, Madison Evans and Morgan Miller won't have to worry about finding something exciting to do this summer.

Madison and Morgan won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., along with a \$500 scholarship. They will spend six fun-filled days in June touring the nation's capital.

Barrett Cosby and Mercy Bhakta captured a spot at the 2016 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit along with a \$500 college scholarship.

Madison is the daughter of James and Lisa Evans of Vici and Morgan is the daughter of Buck and Mary Miller from Buffalo. Barrett is also from Buffalo and his parents are Bret



Madison Evans, Morgan Miller, Barrett Cosby and Mercy Bhakta competed in NWEC's 2015 Youth Tour contest. Madison and Morgan will represent NWEC during this year's Washington Youth Tour. Barrett and Mercy earned a spot at the 2016 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit. All four students will receive a \$500 college scholarship for being one of the finalists.

and Anita Cosby. Mercy's parents are Mahendra and Anna Bhakta of Shattuck.

Congratulations students for a job well done!



NWEC announced the 2015 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship winners during its annual meeting held on Apr. 9. This year's recipients are Corian England, Bailey Poer, Katelyn Cutsinger, Alma Rios, Maci Stuart, Karly Gillispie, Blair Peoples and Macey Ford. Kadee Kenny and Neal Freeman were unable to attend the meeting.

NWEC announces 2015 scholarship recipients

Northwestern Electric is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship. Corian England, Bailey Poer, Katelyn Cutsinger, Alma Rios, Maci Stuart, Karly Gillispie, Blair Peoples, Macey Ford, Kadee Kenny and Neal Freeman will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for one year.

NWEC's scholarship committee members based their selection of the students on their knowledge of electric

cooperatives, citizenship, leadership, and scholastic achievement.

Corian is the daughter of Lance and Tereisa England, Woodward. Bailey's parents are Ben and Kerry Poer, also of Woodward. Katelyn is the daughter of Orval and Rosetta Cutsinger, Vici. Alma is the daughter of Ernesto and Alejandrina Rios, Buffalo. Maci's parents are Rusty and Kristi Stuart, Follett, Tex. Karly is the daughter of Levi and Amy Gillispie, Shattuck.

Blair's parents are Eric and Donna Peoples, Vici. Macey is the daughter of Steve and Erika Ford, Woodward. Kadee is the daughter of Jeff and Lori Kenny of Woodward and Neal is the son of Dwight and Georgia Freeman, Laverne. (7343001)

Northwestern Electric established the scholarship in 2001 in memory of Max Fanning and in honor of Thurman Fussell.