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## Cully wins top prize at annual meeting

John Cully drove away with the Kubota RTV 400 at Northwestern Electric's 75th Annual Meeting. "I was astonished and a bit overwhelmed when I heard my name," said John. "I told my wife I didn't think I would win anything tonight because I wasn't feeling lucky. I want to say 'thank you, thank you, thank you' to Northwestern Electric and Arnett New Holland/Kubota for the grand prize."

Around 1,700 members and guests gathered at the Woodward County Event Center on Apr. 7 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. Boomer Expressions small ensemble 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 79 items including children's prizes and the Kubota RTV 400.



**Kenny Knowles, NWEC board president, congratulates John Cully for winning the Kubota RTV 400 sponsored in part by Arnett New Holland/Kubota at NWEC's 2016 annual meeting.**

## Congratulations to our 2016 annual meeting prize winners

|                          |                        |                        |                       |                      |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Eugene/Patsy Irvin       | Geraland/Karen Bond    | Judith Ann Grace       | Seth Cole             | Shahn/Kortney Norman |
| Kevin Cansler            | O'Hair Autobody        | Lester/Ladonna Neill   | John C Cole           | Mary Ann Butler      |
| Fred Stephenson          | Woof Pet Rescue        | Rodney A Pshigoda      | Robin Brown           | Suzy Kruckenberg     |
| Michael Hughen           | Richard D/Trissa Brown | Delroy Lewis           | Thurman Fussell       | Raymond/Becky Morris |
| Virgie Morris            | Bruce Barnes           | Alma A Lewis           | Jeff/Lori Kenny       | Norman/Helen Bay     |
| Nightmare in the Country | Jonathan/Michelle Case | Brian S Ruttmann       | Jason /Wendy Crotts   | Duane/Stephanie      |
| Debra Reichwald          | Colyn McLaren          | Dale Waugh             | David/Romona          | Gillenwaters         |
| Kylie Templin            | Louis Gardner          | Robert L Cain          | Petermann             | Shirley Weiszbrod    |
| J G Dowler               | Tommie R/Edith Meier   | Larry/Marilyn Nickeson | James/Betty R Chapman | Bill Fanning         |
| Neil/Debbie Watson       | Lanette D/Harvey K     | Slapout Community      | Rodney L Donley       | Jo Ann Dewald        |
| Lora Garrett             | Rutherford             | Center                 | Jack R Stout          | Dwight Hughes        |
| Mickey Wise              | Joy White              | Carl Newton            | Richard Kahoe         | Brad D Pittman       |
| Church of the First Born | Kimberly Heatwole      | Snake Creek Ranch      | John's Water Company  | John Cully           |

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**Woodward High School Boomer Expressions small ensemble performed the National Anthem at NWEK's 2016 annual meeting. The students singing in the ensemble are Aurora White, Alyssa Zinn, Brittany Berry, Jennifer Berry, Jack Day, Chris Irvin, Makenzie Williams, Anastacia Garcia, Caitie Modena and Marisa Lee.**

***A special thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes to give away at our 2016 annual meeting:***

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Ameripride                    | Devines/Radio Shack  | NW Transformer      |
| Arkansas Electric             | Ditch Witch          | R&R Powerline       |
| Arnett New Holland/<br>Kubota | ESC                  | Riggs Tree Service  |
| Baldwin Pole                  | Futura Systems       | SEDC                |
| BancCentral                   | High Plains Tire     | Seedorf             |
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| Cotton Electric Services      | McFarland Cascade    | Wesco               |
|                               | Merriman's Furniture | Western Farmers     |

**— Closed for Holiday —**

**Northwestern Electric will close on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. If you have an emergency, call: 1-877-9NOPOWER — 877.966.7693**

***February 2016 Operating Report***

|                          | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue - Billing .....  | 2,910,641   | 2,544,055   |
| Cost of Power .....      | 1,757,480   | 1,444,399   |
| Miles of Lines .....     | 4,973       | 4,985       |
| Members Connected .....  | 11,909      | 11,953      |
| Density per Mile .....   | 2.39        | 2.40        |
| Average Member KWH ..... | 2,489       | 2,313       |
| Average Bill .....       | 244         | 213         |
| KWH Purchased.....       | 30,166,257  | 27,132,942  |
| KWH Sold.....            | 29,641,258  | 27,643,929  |
| Income per Mile.....     | 591         | 515         |
| Expense per Mile .....   | 547         | 518         |



## Practical pointers for National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Northwestern Electric Cooperative is joining with the Electrical Safety Foundation International to raise awareness about potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical safety.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average home today has a minimum of three televisions, two DVD players, at least one digital camera, one desktop computer, and two cell phones.

“Modern homes run on electricity, but if you don’t properly maintain your electrical products they can create hazards,” warns Jonna Hensley, NWEC member services and communications coordinator. “The good news is that eliminating electrical hazards from your home doesn’t have to be difficult or expensive.”

Many homes and their electrical systems were built before most modern-day home electronics and appliances were even invented. Today’s increased demand for energy can

overburden an older home’s electrical system.

NWEC offers the following tips to help identify and eliminate electrical hazards to protect yourself, your family, and your home:

- Make sure entertainment centers and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.
- Use extension cords as a temporary solution, and never as a permanent power supply.
- Do not place extension cords in high traffic areas, under carpets, or across walkways, where they pose a potential tripping hazard.
- Use a surge protector to protect your computer and other electronic equipment from damage caused by voltage changes. (5738001)
- Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed by a qualified, licensed electrician.
- Keep liquids, including drinks, away from electrical items such as televisions and computers.



**Avoid overloading power strips. Have a licensed electrician install more outlets to meet your needs.**

Electrical safety awareness and education among consumers, families, employees, and communities will prevent electrical fires, injuries, and fatalities.

*The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May to increase public awareness of the electrical hazards around us at home, work, school, and play. ESFI is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety. For more information about ESFI and electrical safety, visit [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org).*

### Hidden account number contest

Last month’s numbers went unclaimed. They belonged to Ben Richard and Larry Beavers.

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 \$50 each. Happy hunting!

### Country cooking

#### German Chocolate Upside Down Cake

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|--|--|
| <b>1 cup sweetened flaked coconut</b>  | <b>1 (18 ounce) box German chocolate cake mix (with pudding)</b> |
| <b>1 cup pecans, finely chopped</b>    | <b>1 1/4 cups water</b>  |
| <b>3 1/2 cups powdered sugar</b>       | <b>1/3 cup oil</b>   |
| <b>1 cup margarine, melted</b>         | <b>3 eggs</b>  |
| <b>8 ounces cream cheese, softened</b> |  |

Preheat oven to 375°F Grease and flour 13x9 inch pan. Sprinkle coconut and pecans evenly over the bottom of the pan and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, mix cake mix, water, oil and eggs as directed on the box. Carefully pour batter over coconut and pecans in prepared pan.

Mix melted margarine, cream cheese and powdered sugar in large bowl on low speed for 30 seconds, or until well mixed. Increase mixer speed to medium and beat 30 seconds more, or until smooth.

Spoon cream cheese over batter, leaving a 1 inch border of batter around the sides of the pan, and smooth with spatula.

Bake for 43-48 minutes, or until the cream cheese mixture has turned golden brown and the cake springs back when touched lightly.

Remove from oven and set cool for 20 minutes. Run a sharp knife around the edge of the cake and invert it onto serving platter. Let rest for 20 minutes more, then slice and serve.

## Summer fun on tap for Youth Tour winners

Thanks to Northwestern Electric and its proud tradition of supporting the youth in its service territory, Shayla Miller and Molly Landers will spend six fun-filled days in June touring the nation's capital.

Shayla and Molly won the all-expenses paid trips to Washington, D.C., along with a \$500 scholarship, in Northwestern Electric's 2016 Youth Tour contest. (18550001)

Andrea Hopper and Taylor Stoll captured a spot at the 2017 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit along with a \$500 college scholarship.

Shayla is the daughter of Larry and Cynthia Miller of Woodward. Molly is from Arnett and is the daughter of Jamie Landers and Hugh Landers. Andrea's parents are James and Terri Hopper of Mutual. Taylor attends



Shayla Miller, Andrea Hopper, Taylor Stoll and Molly Landers competed in NWEC's 2016 Youth Tour contest. Shayla and Molly will represent NWEC during this year's Washington Youth Tour. Andrea and Taylor earned a spot at the 2017 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit. All four students will receive a \$500 college scholarship for being one of the finalists.

school at Arnett and is the daughter of Kelley Gall and Todd and Marie Stoll.

Congratulations students for a job well done!



NWEC announced the 2016 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship winners during its annual meeting held on Apr. 7. Pictured are Darian Nance, Madison Evans, Braxton Kornele, Morgan Miller, Kylie Templin, Laura Givens, and presenter Thurman Fussell. Justyce Barnett, Chesley Comstock and Darci Sander were unable to attend the meeting.

## NWEC announces 2016 scholarship recipients

Northwestern Electric is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship. Darian Nance, Madison Evans, Braxton Kornele, Morgan Miller, Kylie Templin, Laura Givens, Justyce Barnett, Chesley Comstock and Darci Sander 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.

Darian is the daughter of Andy and Kimberly Nance, Vici. Madison's parents are James and Lisa Evans, also of Vici. Braxton is the son of Kevin and Amy Kornele, Fort Supply. Morgan is the daughter of Buck and Mary Miller, Buffalo. Kylie is the daughter of Travis and Amanda Templin, Seiling. Laura's parents are Weston and Ruth Ann Givens, Arnett.

Justyce is from Mooreland and her parents are Sonya and Dustin Donley and Jeff and Valerie Barnett. Chesley is the daughter of Scott Comstock, Woodward. Darci's parents are Kyle and Helen Sander, Seiling.

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