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## Energy Camp provides exciting summer fun *Northwestern Electric sends four teens to annual event*

What happens when you bring together almost 80 excited eighth-graders at a camp designed to teach them about electric cooperatives? You get a powerful good time at Youth Power Energy Camp.

The students come from all across the state and are chosen by their electric cooperatives to participate in the four-day fun-filled adventure at Canyon Camp just east of Hinton. The students representing Northwestern Electric at the 2017 camp were Aiden Thomas, Abby Eller, Ella Mophet and Baylor McGaha.

The four students submitted their winning essays about what they would miss without electricity and why back in March. After waiting two long months, they met early in the morning on the Tuesday after Memorial Day at Northwestern's office in Woodward. Once they loaded their belongings in the Suburban, they were off to have some summer fun.

After they arrived, the campers got settled in their cabins and then gathered together to meet their new friends, hear a few rules and listen to a presentation about cooperatives.

After a break to enjoy a little bit of free time swimming, playing volleyball, basketball, crazy games and dinner, the campers gathered again to hear about the cooperative legacy and to form districts. The seven districts met individually to choose a symbol, flag, song and chant based on one of the seven cooperative principles assigned to each group. (16910002)

The next couple of days were just as jam-packed as the first. Everyone got to try their hand at strapping on a



**Aiden Thomas, Abby Eller, Ella Mophet and Baylor McGaha represented Northwestern Electric at the 2017 YouthPower Energy Camp.**

set of lineman's hooks and belt to try and climb a utility pole. They also watched a high-voltage demonstration and took bucket truck rides high up in the air.

Even more fun was in store for the young teens as they made the annual trek to Celebration Station for an afternoon of go-carts, arcade games, miniature golf, water bumper boats, and pizza. Back at camp, they held district meetings and elected board members (one from each group). And the final evening of camp ended with a pizza party and dance.

On the last morning, the campers wrote thank you notes and prepared

to say goodbye to their new friends. After lots of hugs, a few tears, and exchanging cell phone numbers, they each went their separate ways.

Aiden had a lot of fun and is thankful he was given the opportunity to attend Energy Camp. Abby had a great time and says she would highly recommend this camp to other kids. Ella enjoyed meeting new people and made life-long friends. She hopes the co-op continues doing this for future eighth-graders. Baylor says this is a fun camp that teaches you about electricity, co-ops, and how to work together with other districts all while having fun.

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**“NWECC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”**

**Free camp for children of NWECC members**

**N**orthwestern Electric’s Watts Up Kids Camp is a camp for 1st through 3rd graders which will be held at our main headquarters in Woodward on August 2. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The camp is free for the children of NWECC members. The three-hour session includes a variety of learning tools, games and activities to help kids learn about electricity, where it comes from and how to be safe around it.

To enroll your child, fill out the form and return it by July 15. For more details, call Jonna at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423. Space is limited (first 30 kids) so enroll today!

**Watts Up Kids Camp**

**Wednesday, August 2**

Student’s Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail form to: Jonna Hensley  
Northwestern Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 2707, Woodward, OK 73802



**Happy Fourth of July**

**Northwestern Electric will be closed  
on Tuesday, July 4.**

**For emergencies, call 877.966.7693.**

**April 2017 Operating Report**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Revenue - Billing .....	2,394,485	2,521,943
Cost of Power .....	1,396,824	1,474,590
Miles of Lines .....	4,988	5,000
Members Connected .....	11,942	11,832
Density per Mile .....	2.39	2.37
Average Member KWH .....	1,966	2,016
Average Bill .....	201	213
KWH Purchased.....	24,082,527	24,241,704
KWH Sold.....	23,472,302	23,848,552
Income per Mile.....	482	507
Expense per Mile .....	495	535

## McMakin retires after 25 years with NWECC

Rhonda McMakin is ready to begin the next chapter in her life after 25 years of dedicated service to Northwestern Electric. Rhonda began her career with Northwestern Electric on Feb. 17, 1992, as the manager's secretary and benefits administrator. Over the years, her position evolved into the staff assistant/human resources administrator.

Rhonda has seen a lot of changes during her 25 years with NWECC. She says she has gone from doing every part of her job manually, including filling out long forms, to doing almost everything electronically. Rhonda has also seen big changes in the employment laws and employee benefits.

One of the funniest things Rhonda remembers happening on the job is when Wally Haub set her desk on fire. She also remembers the clever costumes the employees used to dress up in on Halloween.

Rhonda's last official day with Northwestern Electric is June 14. "I have enjoyed helping employees with their benefits and working with the board of directors," said Rhonda. "I also appreciate the support management gave me to continue my education and the opportunities to travel and network with others in the co-op world."

When asked what she will miss the most after retiring, Rhonda said she will miss working with and assisting the employees with benefits and retirement planning and whatever else they may have needed. (10566003)

Rhonda has two children, Kristy and Brad, and two granddaughters, Avery and Emily. She enjoys traveling, camping, reading and OU football. Her plans for the future are to move to Ft. Worth, Tex., spend more time with her granddaughters and travel with Murffy (her dog) to places she's never been.



Northwestern Electric honored Rhonda McMakin during the May safety meeting. Rhonda is retiring on June 14 after 25 years of dedicated service to the co-op.

### Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Jerry Hale for recognizing his number in last month's issue. The other number belonged to B. J. Symons.

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, 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

#### Restaurant Style Coleslaw

- 1/3 cup white sugar**
- 1/2 teaspoon salt**
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper**
- 1/4 cup milk**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise**
- 1/4 cup buttermilk**
- 1 1/2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar**
- 2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice**
- 8 cups finely chopped cabbage**
- 1/4 cup grated carrots**



In a large bowl, whisk together the sugar, salt, pepper, milk, mayonnaise, buttermilk, vinegar and lemon juice until smooth. Add cabbage and carrots and mix until blended with the dressing. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

**Yield: 8 servings**



## What's Yours, What's Ours

### Who's Responsible for Your Electric Service

Our members sometimes ask who is responsible for maintaining and repairing the equipment that provides electricity to their homes. Northwestern Electric Cooperative's meter policy states the point of service shall be the load side of the meter lugs in standard installations. To put it in simple terms, NWECC is responsible for providing service to the meter, not for maintaining the equipment or appliances using the service. The member is responsible for installing, maintaining and repairing all equipment beyond the service connection point.

NWECC owns the following equipment and is responsible for maintaining:

#### Overhead Electric Service

- The wires from the transformer to the meter pole and the electrical connections on those wires.
- The meter pole, guy wire and ground rod.
- The meter loop, including the meter socket, and electric meter.

#### Underground Electric Service

- The cable connecting the underground electrical transformer to the meter.
- Locating faults that occur on cable connecting the underground electrical transformer to the electric meter and the connections.
- The meter and meter socket. (Member is responsible for meter socket if located on the building)

The member owns the following equipment and is responsible for maintaining:

#### Members Overhead Electric Service:

- Fuses and/or breaker panel, including disconnect switches.
- Secondary service wires leaving the meter pole and connecting to other buildings/locations and the connections to those wires.

#### Members Underground Electric Service:

- Location and repair secondary service wires extending from the meter to other buildings and those connections.
- Any disconnect switches, fuses and/or breaker panels at the meter.
- The meter socket if it is located on the building.

