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Lauren McKee and Kyle Harper win Kiwash Electric Youth Tour Contest



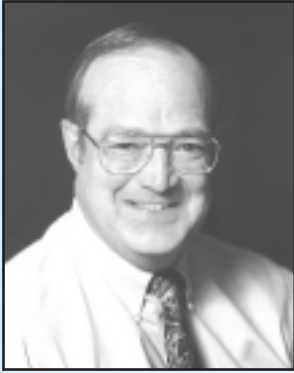
Hard work has paid off for two high school juniors as they make plans to tour the nation's capital this summer. Lauren McKee and Kyle Harper, both of Cordell High School took top honors in the Kiwash Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Contest. Each of these winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C.

Lauren is the daughter of Greg and Terry McKee of Cordell. Kyle is the son of Jackie and Tricia Harper, also of Cordell. Lauren and Kyle have an exciting fun filled week ahead of them during June 18-23. The two juniors will have an opportunity to become acquainted with other prominent young people from all across Oklahoma, as well as those from other states. Not only will they learn about rural electric cooperatives, they will have a better insight of American history and government. The students will meet Congressmen and Senators and tour historical sights in and around Washington D.C.

Runner-up in the contest was Hilda Hernandez from Clinton High School. Hilda is the daughter of Hilda and Juan Hernandez of Clinton. The runner-up received \$50.00 cash.

In order to reach the finals, the contestants had to be one of the three highest scores on a written test that had been given to approximately 65 juniors that attend a school within Kiwash Electric's service territory. The contest concluded with a banquet at the Washita County Activity Center in Cordell, honoring the top three contestants and their families. Following the banquet, a panel of three judges conducted interviews. The contests were scored on knowledge of the subject, speaking ability, poise and personality, and appearance.

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives has been an active sponsor of the Youth Tour since 1963. More than 2,000 students have been sponsored on trips to the nation's capital in the last thirty-seven years. Kiwash Electric Cooperative has been offering the Youth Tour Program for the past 22 years.



Managers Monologue
By Dennis Krueger



Member-Benefit Program Brings Value to Community Residents and Businesses

As your electric cooperative, it's important for Kiwash Electric Cooperative to provide its member-owners with safe, reliable power. Yet our service goes beyond the wires. It's also important that we offer additional value that has an enormously positive impact on everyone in the community. And as a Touchstone Energy® co-op, we strive to meet that goal on a daily basis.

That's why Kiwash Electric in conjunction with the other Touchstone Energy co-ops serving 17 million member-owners nationwide, has launched the Co-op ConnectionsSM program. This new card-based member benefit program is designed to deliver added value to our members — residential and business — by offering valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. And it's free.

Whenever a Co-op Connections cardholder — whether from **KIWASH** or from one of the hundreds of Touchstone Energy co-ops across the country — shows the Co-op Connections card at a participating business, they receive a discount. Equally, those businesses benefit from increased customer visits by co-op members participating in the program. And it's easy to spot which local businesses are participating. Look for the Co-op Connections stickers in their windows, or simply log on to Kiwash's website, www.kiwash.coop and check out the list of participants.

Kiwash Electric Cooperative members will receive Co-op Connections cards in the mail in the coming weeks. Once a member has signed the back of the card, it's ready for use at participating businesses locally and nationwide.

So while our number one priority is keeping the lights on, Kiwash Electric Cooperative is committed to bringing additional value to our members and the communities we serve. The Co-op Connections program is just another way to accomplish that goal. That's the cooperative difference.



Jordan Davis



Eric Linn



Kayla McLaughlin



Levi Mathis

Kiwash Electric Cooperative Awards Four \$500.00 Scholarships

Congratulations to Jordan Davis, Eric Linn, Kayla McLaughlin, and Levi Mathis. They are the winners of this year's essay contest that is sponsored through Kiwash Electric Cooperative's Youth Program. The theme of this year's essay contest was "How Have Electric Cooperative's Changed America." The four winners will each receive a \$500 scholarship to be used toward 2005-2006 college tuition.

Jordan is a senior at Burns Flat-Dill City and the daughter of Jim and Debbie Davis of Foss. Eric, the son of Jimmy and Gayla Linn of Dill City is also a senior at Burns Flat-Dill City High School. Kayla is a senior at Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Allen and Andre McLaughlin of Clinton. A senior at Thomas-Fay-Custer High School, Levi is the son of Stan and Tammy Mathis of Custer City.

Kiwash Electric has been offering the scholarship program for the past 20 years. The scholarship program is offered to all Kiwash Electric Cooperative members' children who will be a high school graduate from a school within KEC's service area. Essays are judged on the student's understanding and knowledge of the subject, originality, creativity, composition, neatness, and grammar.

Discover the value of co-op membership!



Kiwash Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy® cooperative, is pleased to introduce Co-op Connections, a new program that helps you obtain discounts on products and services from participating local and national businesses.

You get your Co-op Connections card free, simply because you're a member of your local electric co-op.

Watch your mail in the coming weeks for your Co-op Connections card, and discover the benefits of being a cooperative member.

WFEC Board of Trustees 2005-2006 Officers



Max Ott, Alfalfa Electric manager (second from right), was re-elected as WFEC Board President for the 2005-2006 year during Friday's (April 15) Annual Meeting. Re-elected as vice president was Leslie Hinds, Kiwash Electric Trustee (far right). Ray Smith, a Trustee from Northwestern Electric (left) was re-elected to the assistant secretary-treasurer post. Two new member representatives were also names to the Board of Trustees, including Rusty Grissom, Oklahoma Electric, and Gary Crain, Canadian Valley Electric.

Chocolate Dipped Bananas

Ingredients

5 bananas
8 popsicle sticks
8 c good quality chocolate bar
8 T butter, cut up

Toppings

Chopped nuts
Toasted coconut
Cookie crumbles
Colored sprinkles
Mint chocolate candies or mini semi
sweet chips for chocoholics
Granola

Directions

Peel and cut bananas in half cross-wise, so that you have 8 pieces. Place peeled bananas on sticks. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. Place bananas on the cookie sheet in the freezer, keep them in there as long as possible, at least 10 minutes. Heat chocolate bits with butter in a double boiler over low heat until chocolate melts and butter is incorporated. Dip the chilled bananas in chocolate and roll with your favorite topping. Chill or freeze until ready to serve.



Invest in renewable wind energy

KEC members can participate in a clean, renewable wind power program by purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates through WindWorks. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) serve as a receipt for every 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of renewable energy delivered from the Blue Canyon Wind Farm to the transmission grid. Each REC costs just 50 cents per month and represents the environmental advantages of clean, renewable Oklahoma Wind Power. By purchasing just one REC each month, you will provide the same environmental impact as planting half an acre of trees.

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What's Happening In Your Community

June 3-5, 9-11 – Smoke Joe's Café, Southwest Playhouse Fine Arts Center, (580) 323- 4448

June 4 – The Art Show at ACME Brick Park

June 17 – Heartland Cruise Car Show, Welcome Party & Downtown Cruise 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., Centennial Park in Weatherford.

June 18 – Heartland Cruise Car Show, Crafts, Food Vendors, Car Corral and Swap Meet at Rader Park in Weatherford.

July 2 – Krazy Dayz and Independence Day Celebration in Downtown Hobart

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To report the events in your community, or for more information, call Kiwash Electric Cooperative.

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