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Electric Cooperatives of Oklahoma select team to electrify Guatemalan village

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) has selected a group of volunteer linemen to electrify a remote village in the northwestern part of Guatemala this coming October. One of the team members selected is Jake Collier from Northwestern Electric Cooperative.

“We are proud to send Jake as an ambassador to help bring electricity to those who have not been as fortunate as we have,” says Northwestern Electric Cooperative’s CEO Tyson Littau. “It speaks to the value of the cooperative difference that transcends borders.”

The announcement comes after a successful electrification project that took place in the country of Bolivia in the year of 2016, when volunteers from Oklahoma and Missouri’s electric cooperatives brought electricity to two Amazonian villages.

“Bringing electricity to remote areas in developing countries takes electric cooperatives back to their roots,” says OAEC General Manager Chris Meyers. “It reinforces our com-

mitment to improve the quality of life for local communities in our home and abroad.” (9265002)

The OAEC International Committee, comprised of trustees from the statewide association, selected a team of 13 volunteers.

“We are grateful for the overwhelming response of Oklahoma co-op linemen who are willing to leave their homes for an extended period of time to empower far-away communities,” says International Committee Chairman Jimmy Taylor. “Access to electricity will bring economic empowerment, better access to health care and enhanced safety for these villagers. It’s a life-changing gift.”

The electrification project will be coordinated through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s (NRECA) philanthropic arm, NRECA International Foundation. The project site is located in the department (state) of Alta Verapaz, in northwest Guatemala. The name of the isolated village is Chiis. The project will provide electricity to nearly 45 homes and will consist of 2.8 km of primary line (approximately 1.74 miles) and 2 km of secondary line (1.2 miles). The village of Chiis is isolated and economically vulnerable and mainly produces beans and corn for self-consumption.

Along with Jake, the following volunteers were selected to serve on the project: Jason Blalock (Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative, Stigler-Okla.), Jason Childress (East Central Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Okmulgee-Okla.), Daniel Franco (Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, Seminole-Okla.), Darren Frazier (Choctaw



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Electric Cooperative, Hugo-Okla.), Heath Gossen (CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Binger-Okla.), Team Leader Damon Lester (Indian Electric Cooperative, Cleveland-Okla.), Tim Jenlink (Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Cherokee-Okla.), Rodney Johnson (Cimarron Electric Cooperative, Kingfisher-Okla.), Clint Mobley (Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Norman-Okla.), Andrew Pool (Central Electric Cooperative, Stillwater-Okla.), Tyson Potter (Cotton Electric Cooperative, Walters, Okla.), and David Sheets (TCEC, Hooker-Okla.)

Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support this cause. All contributions are tax-deductible. To learn more, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/energytrails>.



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“NWEC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”



Northwestern Electric’s board president, Kenny Knowles, extends a hand of congratulations to Richard Maness. Richard represented the Harper County Rural Water District No. 1 at NWEC’s 2017 annual meeting. The Water District won the grand prize of a Kubota 54” zero-turn mower sponsored in part by Arnett New Holland/Kubota.

— Closed for Holiday —

Northwestern Electric will close on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. If you have an emergency, call:
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February 2017 Operating Report

	2016	2017
Revenue - Billing	2,544,055	2,551,401
Cost of Power.....	1,444,399	1,402,290
Miles of Lines	4,985	4,999
Members Connected	11,953	11,855
Density per Mile	2.40	2.37
Average Member KWH	2,313	2,215
Average Bill	213	215
KWH Purchased.....	27,132,942	25,465,681
KWH Sold.....	27,643,929	26,258,044
Income per Mile.....	515	515
Expense per Mile	518	432

Summer fun on tap for Youth Tour winners

Thanks to Northwestern Electric and its proud tradition of supporting the youth in its service territory, Amber Clearwater and Jaqueline Guajardo will spend six fun-filled days in June touring the nation's capital.

Amber and Jaqueline won the all-expense paid trips to Washington, D.C., in Northwestern Electric's 2017 Youth Tour contest. Allison Knowles and Bailey Robertson captured a spot at the 2018 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit. All four finalists also won a \$500 college scholarship.

Amber is the daughter of Keith and Tracy Clearwater of Arnett. Jaqueline is from Laverne and is the daughter of David and Gloria Guajardo.

Allison's parents are Randy and Cathy Knowles of Arnett, and Bailey is



Bailey Robertson, Allison Knowles, Jaqueline Guajardo and Amber Clearwater competed in NWECE's 2017 Youth Tour contest. Jaqueline and Amber will represent NWECE during this year's Washington Youth Tour. Bailey and Allison earned a spot at the 2018 Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit. All four students will receive a \$500 college scholarship for being one of the finalists.

the daughter of Jason and Shelli Robertson, also of Arnett.

Congratulations students for a job well done!

Special thanks to the following businesses for donating prizes to give away at our 2017 annual meeting

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| Anixter | Custom Powerline | Merriman's Furniture | Techline |
| Arkansas Electric | Ellis Co. OSU Extension | Riggs Tree Service | Wesco |
| Arnett New Holland/Kubota | ESC | SEDC | Western Farmers |
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Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Robert Davis and Rick Gatlin for recognizing their account numbers in the March issue.

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!

PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



NWEC announced the 2017 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship winners during its annual meeting held on Apr. 6. Pictured are presenter Thurman Fussell, Anna Blasdel, Shayla Miller, Grace Meinders and Logan Long. Zac Quinby was unable to attend the meeting.

NWEC announces 2017 scholarship recipients

Northwestern Electric is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Fanning-Fussell Scholarship. Anna Blasdel, Shayla Miller, Grace Meinders, Logan Long and Zac Quinby 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. (988251001)

Anna is the daughter of Brad and Kandi Blasdel, Buffalo. Shayla's parents are Larry and Cindy Miller, Woodward. Grace is the daughter of John and Ingrid Meinders, Woodward. Logan is the son of Everett Long Jr. and Katy Long, Woodward. Zac's parents are Alan and Tonya Quinby, also of Woodward. Zac was unable to attend the meeting. He serves as a national officer for the Technology Student Association and was attending the state conference in Norman.



Zac Quinby

Congratulations to our 2017 annual meeting prize winners

Stan Born
Albert Laverty
Joe Woods
Terry Maphet
Gregory Turner
Scott Vincent
Manuel Rivera
Robert Brockhohn
Larry Gore
Shawna Crockett
Shelby Jones
Walter Klassen
Ryan Shaw
Wayne Hayes
Jeff Hall
Gina Smith
Thurman Fussell
John Mitchell
Chad Lewis

Joe Cheap
David McKay
Loreta Dye
Ann Hamaker
Katherine Conatser
Kenneth Waugh
Ray Perkins
Zelda Norman
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Michael Bristol
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Children's Prizes:
Joanna Torres
Taggart Lewis
Weston Lewis
Kaelan Gaines
Bray Bryant

Drake Jordan
Ally Stidham
Colten Lair
Kaylor Lingle
Jarrett Pope
Emerson Rinehart
Jackson Rinehart
Hayley Klassen
Haylee Clyden
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