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Efficiency Tip of the Month

Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it's not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.

FROM THE MANAGER

Supporting Future Leaders

At Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative (LJEC) we are proud of the services we provide our members. We have an expanded portfolio that includes home energy audits, convenient ways to pay your bill and billing options to help meet the needs of our members. We also put on events like the annual meeting and annual Community Health Fair. We strive to provide value-added benefits to our members, and two specific programs we support are for youth.

Each year, LJEC sponsors leadership enrichment activities for three area students.

This year we sent **MADelyn BROXTERMAN** and **CARISSA MCAFEE** to the 2015 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO.

We also sent **EMMA DEMARANVILLE** to Washington, D.C., for the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. DeMaranville was then elected to represent Kansas in 2016 at the NRECA Annual Meeting in New Orleans on the NRECA Youth Leadership Coun-

cil. Everyone at LJEC, especially her grandmother Jonna Shoemaker, is very proud of her accomplishment and we know she will represent Kansas well.

It is so vital we support our younger members to instill in them the importance of cooperatives, and cooperative membership. We hope one day these youth will become community leaders, and possibly leaders in cooperatives.

LJEC is proud to support youth programs like these. You'll find more information about these programs in this month's publication. We are also proud to support local programs that continually enrich students' leadership development.

These programs are about developing future leaders, and in turn improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. It's just one more way LJEC serves our members.



Steve Foss

Alliance Question of the Month—Why is the alliance happening now?

Kaw Valley Electric and LJEC have been working hard to hold down rates by reducing operating costs without affecting our high quality, reliable service.

The greatest cost savings and timing for the alliance center on upcoming employee retirements at both cooperatives. Under the alliance, as employees retire, jobs will be filled internally based on

how we blend our operations to ensure maximum cost savings and operating efficiencies, while providing high quality, reliable service.

Each month we'll address a question regarding the cooperative alliance between LJEC and Kaw Valley Electric. Do you have a question you'd like us to address regarding the alliance? Feel free to submit your question to info@kve.coop or info@ljec.coop.

Seeing History Come to Life BY EMMA DEMARANVILLE



The 2015 Kansas and Hawaii delegates stop in front of the White House for a photo.

I recently had the opportunity to spend one week in Washington, D.C., for the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour thanks to Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative.

Over the course of the trip, I had the opportunity to learn about how rural electric cooperatives work and learn more about our nation's history.

On the first day, we spent time at Kaw Valley Electric in Topeka and saw a demonstration of power lines and got to take rides in a bucket truck. We then had the chance to explore the Kansas State Capitol. (It was fun being the governor for a few seconds!)

When we arrived in D.C., we spent time at the Air Force, FDR, Iwo Jima, Korean War, Lincoln, Pentagon, Vietnam, and World War II memorials, as well as the Capitol, Holocaust Memorial Museum, multiple Smithsonian museums,



Emma sitting at the governor's desk during the Kansas Capitol tour.

Arlington National Cemetery, the National Archives, and we even got to see the White House!

I had never had the privilege to see our nation's Capital until this trip. What I found so interesting was seeing all the history that I have learned about, or heard about, finally came to life. The opportunity to see George Washington's tomb, the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, and the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier all made me realize how rich our young nation's history is.

This trip also gave me the chance to meet with representatives and senators from Kansas.



Emma DeMaranville stops for a photo in front of the Washington Monument.

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They talked to us about how they were helping and supporting our cooperatives and what their jobs entailed. The representatives and senators were very willing to meet with us and answer all of the questions we had.

My favorite part of this experience was being able to meet other young adults from across the state of Kansas, and the nation. It was also exciting to learn that I was elected to the Youth Leadership Council position for Kansas. I am thrilled to represent the state of Kansas and my cooperative through this position. My experience was one of a lifetime and I know these memories and friendships that have been created will remain with me forever.

Thank you to LJEC for providing me with this wonderful opportunity!

EMMA DEMARANVILLE was selected to represent LJEC on the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, as well as represent Kansas on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Council. She will be a senior at Tonganoxie High School. She is the daughter of Heather and Scott DeMaranville, Tonganoxie and the granddaughter of Jonna and Kenny Shoemaker, and Juanita DeMaranville all of Tonganoxie.



The Jefferson Memorial was one of many the group visited.

Broxterman & McAfee Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative selected **MADelyn BROXTERMAN** and **CARISSA MCAFEE** to attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 11-17.

Broxterman and McAfee joined other youth from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. They participated in the camp with 44 participants from Kansas electric cooperatives.

Broxterman and McAfee were selected from a group of high school student applicants through an application process that included a quiz, and personal interview.

"LJEC is proud to contribute in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp and send our youth to experience and develop critical leadership and teamwork skills," said Sarah Farlee, public relations and marketing specialist. "Through this trip, we hope that local students will gain more awareness of how our electric cooperatives operate inside and out and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our community to become the next generation of leaders."

This year at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, the youth attend daily membership meetings, established committees, and elected a General



Madelyn Broxterman



Carissa McAfee

Manager and Board of Directors. During their week at camp the youth toured Fish Creek Falls, Trapper Mine and Craig Power Plant; visited Steamboat Springs; spent a day of river rafting; and enjoyed camp activities such as volleyball, swimming, a dance, and a talent show.

"The students are selected for this camp on the basis of academic achievements, positive attitudes, and their involvement with their communities," said Shana Read, Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC) Director of Communications. "During the week, they will develop their leadership and teamwork skills and learn more of their electrical cooperatives."

LJEC sponsors the trip for two students every year. For more information, contact sarah.farlee@ljec.coop or call 888-796-6111 or visit www.ljec.coop.



FUN FIVE

Get to Know Your Co-op Staff

Jim Holwick

Operations Support Supervisor
13 years at LJEC



Q: If you could have a super power, what would it be?

A: Time travel.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on a Sunday?

A: Stay at home and watch football.

Jim Holwick

Q: What is one thing most people don't know about you?

A: I'm a bail bondsman.

Q: Do you collect anything?

A: Shot glasses from every state or country I visit.

Q: What is the best part of your job?

A: Getting out of the office to GPS power lines.



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7th Annual Health Fair
Tuesday, September 22, 2015
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