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JONATHON COBB

Youth Tour Winners Selected

Students will travel to Washington, D.C., June 12–21

IN SEPTEMBER 2018, THE NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS approved a request from management to sponsor a student from a high school in the NCEC service area on Texas Electric Cooperatives' Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Letters were sent to the 19 high schools in our service area, and we received responses from six of the schools. Those six were placed in a drawing, and at the November board meeting, Blooming Grove Independent School District was drawn first, followed by Mildred Independent School District as the runner-up. Through a selection process, Blooming Grove ISD chose Kylee Ivey as NCEC's first Youth Tour participant.

In January, NCEC submitted an application to Brazos Electric Power Cooperative and was selected to receive one of the generation and transmission cooperative's sponsorships for a second Youth Tour participant. NCEC notified Mildred ISD about the second sponsorship, and after completing a selection process, the school district chose Jonathon Cobb to receive the Brazos EPC sponsorship.

Each June, electric co-ops across the country send outstanding high school students to the nation's capital as part of Youth Tour. Participants and chaperones visit the city's monuments and historic sites, meet with elected officials to witness their government in action and learn about the cooperative business model.

Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind: to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since the 1960s, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperatives.

So much more than a sightseeing trip, Youth Tour allows students to meet other students from across the country and return home with a deeper understanding of themselves, the world and what it takes to be a leader—and they often put their newly acquired skills to use right away in their home communities.

The trip kicks off in Austin, where students tour the state Capitol and its visitors center and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Next, the students fly to Washington, D.C., and begin a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital, visiting the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more. Activities include learning about rural electrification, seeing a performance at the Kennedy Center, going on a Potomac River boat cruise with dinner and dancing, and meeting elected officials.

The trip lasts a week, but the memories and friendships last a lifetime.

Garretson Completes First Level of Apprenticeship

WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE groundman-apprentice Justin Garretson on completing the first level of five in Navarro County Electric Cooperative's apprenticeship program. Garretson has participated in classroom training, field exercises and eight months of on-the-job training. He has completed first-aid, CPR and automated external defibrillator training as well as training in basic electrical theory, line grounding, equipment operation and pole climbing. Under the leadership of NCEC foremen and senior linemen, he is learning to build electric power lines to provide reliable service to our members.





NCEC Earns Safety Award

NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WAS AWARDED ITS first GE Safety Achievement Award at Texas Electric Cooperatives' Loss Control Conference in March as well as a 10-year No Lost-Time Award and the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program Award.

GE considers a wide range of factors to determine who will receive its prestigious award each year, including driving record, vehicle safety, job training, safety support and the number of times a co-op has received safety accreditation. Receiving this award is a testament to NCEC's exceptional safety record. This past November, the co-op celebrated 10 years—964,655 work hours or 2,735 workdays—with no lost-time accidents. NCEC has been a part of RESAP since 1970 and has passed every inspection.

These safety accomplishments are no small feat in the electric industry. Many of NCEC's employees deal with high-voltage electricity, operate heavy machinery and make repairs in hazardous weather. They also travel thousands of miles, day and night, across NCEC's five-county service area.

We're proud of our employees for the effort they make every day to work safely, and we hope to see the number of no

lost-time days continue to grow for years to come.

We want all of our employees to make it home safely each day, and we're committed to providing the tools, training and time our employees need to work safely. We hold a weekly safety meeting with our employees to discuss potential hazards, near misses and new ideas. They also attend 10 TEC-led safety meetings a year. Office employees attend at least four safety meetings each year.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe! We'd love to bring home the GE Safety Achievement Award again next year.



At the conference, NCEC's Jeff Davis also received an award for 30 years of work with no lost-time injuries.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



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Baked Tater Salad

- 8 pounds red potatoes
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
- 1 pound bacon
- 4 bunches green onions, tops only, or chives
- 4 cups sour cream
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons dried dill weed (or 2 tablespoons fresh minced)
- ½ pound sharp cheddar cheese, finely grated

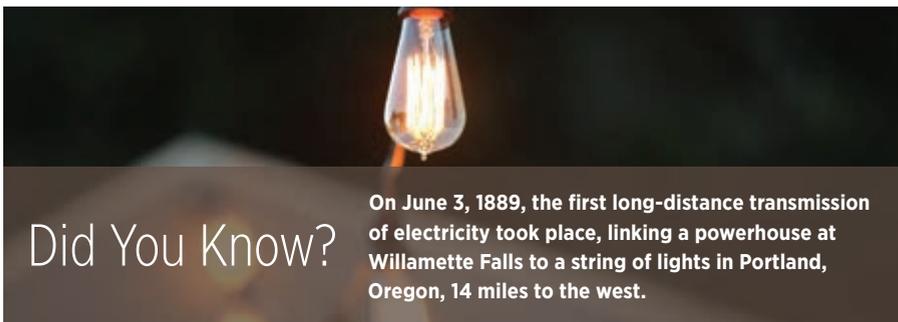
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Scrub potatoes and cut into approximately 1-inch chunks. Place in even layer in large roasting pan, brush with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast in oven 30 minutes, stirring halfway through roasting, or until potatoes are tender.
3. Remove from oven, place in large mixing bowl and allow to cool to room temperature.
4. Meanwhile, render bacon until crisp and drain on paper towels. When cool, crumble into bits and put in mixing bowl.
5. Mince onion tops and add to bacon along with sour cream, mayonnaise, dill and cheese. Mix well.
6. Pour over potatoes and mix until well-coated. Refrigerate until ready to serve. ▶ Makes 35-40 servings.

Apprentices Pass First Hot Line Class

IN MARCH, NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE GAVE A TWO-DAY, HANDS-ON class about working with energized conductors to Level 1 apprentices Myles Patton, Shafter Henley, Isaiah Solis and Jahaziel Luviano.

In this class, students learn how to safely handle energized conductors and correctly use rubber cover-up material, as well as the concepts of electric potential difference and minimum approach distance. In upcoming courses, they will learn how to work safely with voltages ranging from 7,200 to 14,400 volts. This training will help them repair downed power lines, install equipment, build new services and restore service to NCEC members to aid in our effort to provide affordable and reliable electricity to members.

Congratulations to these apprentices for passing their first hot line class. Keep up the good work.



Did You Know?

On June 3, 1889, the first long-distance transmission of electricity took place, linking a powerhouse at Willamette Falls to a string of lights in Portland, Oregon, 14 miles to the west.

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Power Lines and People Don't Mix



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POWER LINES CAN BE DEADLY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. NAVARRO COUNTY ELECTRIC Cooperative does our best to maintain our lines properly so they stay a safe distance overhead, but occasionally people and power lines intersect. That's why it's important to know what to do in case that ever happens to you.

Downed Power Lines

Downed electric lines may cause serious injury or death if contacted. All downed lines, including telephone and cable television lines, must be considered energized and should be avoided. **If you encounter a low-hanging or downed power line:**

- ▶ Stay away and keep other people away; do not approach downed wires.
- ▶ Call 911 and Navarro County EC.
- ▶ If someone is in contact with the power line, do not attempt to rescue them because you could become a victim as well.

Car Accidents

If you're in a car accident involving a power line, the safest thing to do is stay in your vehicle until help arrives. The metal parts of the car might be energized, and if you touch the outside of the car and the ground at the same time, you could get shocked. Stay put until authorities say it's safe to exit the vehicle.

If you absolutely must leave the vehicle due to a safety concern such as fire, hop out with your feet together, making sure to land on both feet at the same time. Be careful not to touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Continue carefully hopping with your feet together in short hops until you're as far away as possible.

Never approach or touch a vehicle with a downed power line on it.

Storms

Extreme weather may reduce or eliminate the normal space between energized electrical lines and the ground. Whether the line is dangerously low or on the ground, call us immediately, stay away and keep others away until repairs are made.

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