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Holiday Office Closing

The Twin Valley Electric office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 3.

**Have a Safe
Holiday!**

FROM THE MANAGER

Rate Study Part 4: Rate Design

The last three months we have examined the different aspects of a rate study being conducted by the cooperative. The revenue requirement aspect of the study examines test year data to project what the cooperative's revenue and expenses will be in the future.

The cost-of-service study analyzes how the revenue and expenses identified from the revenue requirement aspect of the study are assigned to the different customer classes. This month, we will examine the rate design aspect of the rate study.

Rate design is the procedure that the board of directors uses to develop a strategy for recovering the costs to provide electric service to the members. The overall objective of the rate design process is to set fair and equitable rates for each of the customer classes. Previous aspects of the study identified the costs to serve each customer class and what the nature and function of each cost was. These costs were then assigned to the customer class that contributes to the cost. Rate design now seeks to establish rates for service that will recover those costs.

In addition to purely recovering costs through rates, it is at this stage that the board of directors will examine other factors such as the competitive position of the coopera-

tive in relationship to other energy suppliers, the equitability of rates paid by different classes and the effect of rate changes on each of the customer classes.



Ron Holsteen

While rate design is an art, the board cannot lose sight of the objective of recovering the cost to provide service in doing so through rates in an equitable fashion. At the conclusion of the rate design aspect of the study, the study will be presented to the board of directors for review.

After the board of directors has reviewed the study the board will recommend that notice be provided to the membership of the time and place of the meeting of the board of directors where the board intends to discuss and vote on any suggested rate changes. This notice will appear in these pages of the magazine and you will be given an opportunity to attend the meeting, ask questions, or hear the discussion of the proposed changes by the board of directors.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the cooperative office.

NOTES FROM OPERATIONS

Youth Tour—Truly the Trip of a Lifetime

In June, Twin Valley Electric's billing clerk, Chelse Trollope, and I were fortunate to accompany 37 future leaders on a trip of a lifetime to our nation's capitol. Thirty-four young men and women from Kansas and four from Hawaii were chosen to go on the 2012 Government in Action Youth Tour.

We met up with representative delegates from 42 other states and had an awesome trip. The delegates spent six days touring and exploring the locations of memorials and monuments, sites where history was made and documents that formed this great land we call home. Honestly, I was just as excited as the high school juniors and seniors that we accompanied. All the things that I have read about in books and were taught in school were right in front of me.

Entering the National Archives and seeing the Declaration of Independence, the Magna Carta and the Constitution brought pride in my heart and a lump to my throat.

Walking in the halls of the Capitol building and seeing the people that make the decisions for our future was humbling and very thought provoking.

Running my hand along the wall at the Vietnam Memorial and seeing the names of men and women that gave their all to fight an un-winnable conflict made me feel pride in the sacrifice that many have given.

Observing the changing of the guard at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a moment in time that will forever be etched in my memory. We witnessed all of these great parts of our history and many, many more.

With all that is going on in our country today, and I will try to stay as neutral as possible while writing this:

every American needs to see these glorious monuments and memorials to try to get back to the roots of what our founding fathers dreamed about for this country. At times it seems the vision is lost or at least muddled in our society.

No one gets anywhere by being given anything. Hard work, perseverance, determination and integrity get us through our lives and for the things we want. We live in a society now that wants to give hand outs, not a hand up. I do feel



Yours truly with Senator Jerry Moran (R) Kansas.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., do it. Not only is it an enjoyable trip, I feel it will make you a better American.



The 2012 Kansas-Hawaii delegates help change the flag at Fort McHenry.



William, Chelse and Orren stand in front of the White House.



Pentagon 9/11 Memorial was just one of the many memorials we visited.

this is wrong...and seeing what was written over 200 years ago, I am not alone in this thought. Republican or democrat, conservative or liberal, a lot of things have been lost in our society over the years and it is slowly bringing our country down.

We are the land of the free because of the brave.

The further we get away from the core, founding beliefs, the more we begin to lose the very freedoms for which so many have sacrificed life and limb.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., do it. Not only is it an enjoyable trip, I feel it will make you a better American.

As always, feedback, comments or suggestions are welcome. You can email me at wworthy@wavewls.com. Until next month, keep cool and stay hydrated.

By the way, the Pentagon has 284 restrooms.



The Korean War Memorial.



The 2012 delegation consisted of 33 participants from Kansas and four from Hawaii. Here they pose at Mt. Vernon.

Twin Valley Sends Taylor to US Capitol

ORREN TAYLOR, Oswego, was among the nearly 1,500 high school students from across the country who participated in the electric cooperatives' "Government in Action" Youth Tour held June 14-21 in Washington, D.C.



Orren Taylor poses at the Capitol after a meeting with Senators Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts.

Each year in June, an action-filled week provides high school students opportunities to learn first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, community service, and today's pressing issues.

The students began their trip by visiting Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative in Topeka before flying to Washington, D.C.

The group learned about the U.S. government through visits with Senators Moran and Roberts, as well as Representatives Huelskamp, Jenkins and Pompeo. They also met with youth from other states while touring museums, Capitol Hill, Arlington National Cemetery and the National Archives.

"I think the coolest thing I learned on this trip was that there is not very much difference between our state, national and even local governments," Taylor said.

Youth Tour has been a joint effort in Kansas for 52 years. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, electric cooperatives, such as Twin Valley and their statewide association work together each year to make the trip a success. The Kansas group was one of 42 states to send a youth delegation to the Youth Tour this year.

Taylor was selected from a group of high school students by Twin Valley Electric Cooperative. To win this trip, students were asked to take a test covering information on electric cooperative history, as well as information on the generation and distribution of electricity.

Since 1960, Kansas' electric cooperatives have sponsored the trips of thousands of high school juniors and seniors to visit U.S. congressional members, energy and grassroots government education sessions, and sightseeing in Washington, D.C.



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