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Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Annual Meeting 2008



When: Wednesday, May 14th

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Catered meal served at 6 p.m. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Where: Western Cooperative Electric Office

I-70 exit 128 and Hwy 283, 635 S. 13th Street, WaKeeney

Door Prizes
Prize Drawings

Trustee Elections
Ice Cream

We hope to see you there!

Outside Payment Box



Do you need to leave a payment at Western's office after hours? If you were accustomed to leaving a payment in the payment box attached to the building, it is no longer available, but a new box has been placed to the southeast of the office. This box is accessible and very easy to make payments as you drive through the front section or east area of the parking lot.

Construction in Progress



Above: Crews broke ground on the new addition to Western's office in January. Below: The new addition will also include a basement for extra storage.

Work has begun on an addition to Western's office building in WaKeeney. This 60 foot addition will include a basement on the south side of the existing building for office space and storage. The project is expected to be finished this fall.



Western Cooperative Electric Announces Youth Winners

Western Cooperative Electric's annual youth contest was held March 9, 2008.

The contest winners were selected by a combination of interview, quiz, and essay. Each contestant was given a personal interview by a panel of three judges consisting of Anthony Gabel, Hays; Anna Foley, Norton; and Charlotte Wanker, WaKeeney.

In addition to their interview, each contestant took a quiz over information about cooperatives on the local, state, and national level. Each contestant also wrote a one page essay on renewable energy.

The top five youth in this year's contest are listed in order: Keith Gustin, Hays, son of Brent and Clare Gustin; Jake Schlegel, Ogallah, son of Elmer and Myrna Schlegel; Kara Hackney, Ellis, daughter of Barbara Rupp and the late Jerry Hackney; Cas Schultz, Grainfield, son of Doug and Ronna Schultz; and Heather Weber, Ellis, daughter of Mark and Lisa Weber.

Scholarships were awarded along with trips to Washington, D.C., and Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The contestants chose from the available prizes according to placing.

Keith Gustin and Jake Schlegel will join 28 Kansas youth and travel to Washington, D.C., June



Keith Gustin
"Government in Action"
Youth Tour
Washington, D.C.



Jake Schlegel
"Government in Action"
Youth Tour
Washington, D.C.



Cas Schultz
Cooperative Youth
Leadership Camp
Steamboat Springs, CO



Heather Weber
Cooperative Youth
Leadership Camp
Steamboat Springs, CO



Kara Hackney
\$400 Darrell Brown
Memorial Scholarship

12-19. They will join about 1,500 other youth seeing the United States "Government in Action". They will visit their Congressmen, various government agencies and sites of historical significance.

Cas Schultz and Heather Weber will join approximately 100 youth from a four-state area participating in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 12-18.

During their stay, the youth will become acquainted with energy challenges, and tour one of the largest electrical generating plants in the Rockies.

Kara Hackney will receive the \$400 Darrell Brown Memorial scholarship. Along with the trips, Keith, Jake, Cas, and Heather will also receive a \$250 scholarship. These scholarships will be sent directly to the college of their choice upon enrollment.

The alternates in this year's competition were Nathan Felder, Brownell, son of Mike and Rita Felder; and Hayley Harvey, Collyer, daughter of Brad and Karen Harvey.

These individuals are given the opportunity to receive any forfeited prizes.

Western extends congratulations to the winners and thanks all contestants for participating.