


Western Cooperative Electric NEWS



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County Tax Distributions

Western Cooperative Electric is a member-owned cooperative, which not only pays capital credits after margins are accounted for, but also pays personal property taxes.

The beginning formula for the valuation is determined in Topeka and the final apportionments are prorated according to school districts within the counties served.

Below is a listing of the taxes Western paid for 2008 in those counties where electrical service is provided.

2008 Taxes By County	
Ellis	\$58,184.02
Barton	\$56,380.72
Ellsworth	\$82,098.22
Gove	\$95,687.84
Graham	\$56,044.40
Lincoln	\$16,833.60
Ness	\$13,416.02
Osborne	\$14,347.14
Rooks	\$102,906.79
Rush	\$39,228.92
Russell	\$48,581.77
Sheridan	\$37,157.00
Trego	\$174,264.10

Western Welcomes New Employees

Western Cooperative Electric introduces two new employees Bob McCoy and Andy Schultz.

Schultz is employed at the Ellsworth warehouse as a meter reader.

Since his employment with Western, Schultz says he knows every dog in the neighborhood and can usually tell whether he will be received with a wagging tail or a show of teeth.

In his spare time, Schultz enjoys hunting and fishing, especially when he gets to take his favorite hunting partner, his three year old daughter.



Bob McCoy



Andy Schultz

Bob McCoy is employed at the Wakeeney warehouse as the commercial meter reader.

He reads over 1,200 commercial meters in eight counties every month while he enjoys the outdoors.

McCoy is proud of the fact that he has been a local volunteer fire fighter since 1976.

Hunting and fishing are a huge part of his life and McCoy likes to show pictures of his most recent "trophies".

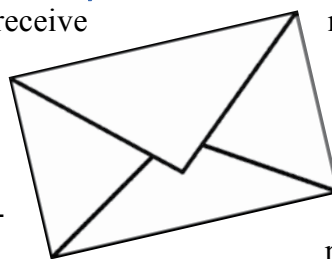
Typically, a smaller outdoors-man accompanies McCoy in his photos, his 18-month-old grandson.

Welcome to the cooperative family!

Attention: Payment Envelope Issue

Each month you receive a billing statement from Western and in some cases along with the statement is a self addressed envelope.

If you do not use the envelope for payment to Western and utilize it for another



mailing, the bar code at the bottom right hand side of the envelope needs to be **blacked out**.

If the bar code remains legible, the mailing comes to Western and NOT to the written destination on the envelope.

Attention High School Juniors

Western will send FOUR students on a FREE summer trip!



Keith Gustin, Hays, (left) and Jake Schlegel, Ogallah, visit the White House, just one of the many stops on the "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



Cas Schultz, Grainfield, (left) and Heather Weber, Ellis, enjoy the view on top of Mt. Werner in Steamboat Springs, CO, during Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

Again this year, Western Cooperative Electric will offer its youth program for eligible high school juniors.

High school juniors are eligible to enter this contest if a parent or guardian is a member of Western Cooperative Electric.

Western is offering four all-expense-paid trips, two students to the Washington, D.C., "Government in Action" Youth Tour, June 11-18, 2009, and two students to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 11-17, 2009.

In addition to the trips, each winner will receive

a \$250 scholarship. An additional \$250 scholarship is being offered as a memorial by the family of past Board Trustee, Darrell J. Brown.

To apply, students submit an application and résumé, take an open book quiz, and write a short essay on a topic to be announced. Based on these items, finalists will be selected for interviews and prize distribution at a time and place to be determined.

Since Western first sponsored the youth program in 1964, we have sponsored 53 students to Washington, D.C., and also two winners each year to the Colorado camp for the last 33 years.

Youth Tour Contest Coupon

For an eligible high school junior to enter the competition, the cooperative office should receive this coupon by January 31, 2009. Mail or bring to: Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. 635 S. 13th St., P.O. Box 278, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Year in School _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____ Electric Account Number _____

Parents' Phone Number _____ School _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. _____

(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2009 Youth Tour competition sponsored by

Western Cooperative Electric, Inc. _____

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)