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Kansas' 50th youth tour delegation heads to DC

Thirty-one Kansas high school students will attend the 50th annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 10-17. The delegation, sponsored by Kansas electric cooperatives, will join more than 1,500 high school students from 45 states.

Youth Tour delegates will visit popular sites around Washington to learn about cooperatives, history and the government during their week-long trip. They will also visit legislators, and attend educational seminars as part of the tour.

Shana Holsteen, KEC, and Dow Morris, Lane-Scott, are this year's chaperones.

Participating students and their cooperatives are: Carrie Lierz, Brown-Atchison; Leah Smith, Butler; Emily Wolf, DS&O; Stephanie Harp, Heartland; Elizabeth Burgett and Jaeton Martin, Kaw Valley; John Clarke and Sarah Mulville, Lane-Scott; Megan Woods, LJEC; Matthew Fowler and Christina Wilson, Lyon-Coffey; Jeffrey Albers, Hayley Funk, Hayley Taylor, Alexis Whipple, and Erica Wilt, Midwest Energy; Emily Cox, Nemaha-Marshall; Brandon Taylor, Ninnescah; Kayla

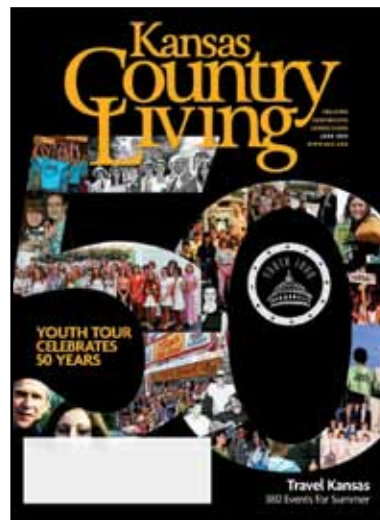
McKinney and Nikia Smith, Pioneer; Melinda Becker, Amanda Diaz, and Jordan Girard, Prairie Land; Jordann Bell, Rolling Hills; Cole Meierhoff, Sedgwick County; Ashley Koester, Sumner-Cowley; Caleb Journot, Twin Valley; Shelby Durler and Rebecca Hornung-Heeke, Victory; and Alex Lantis and Emily Ruder, Western.

The group will also be joined by four students from Hawaii and their chaperones. The Hawaiian delegation consists of:

Beau Acoba, Morgan Azeka, Taylor Langstaff, and Erin-Marie Navarro of Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative. The chaperones include Anne Barnes, Katherine Beer, and Maile Moriguchi.

The June issue of KEC's *Kansas Country Living* celebrates the 50 years of the Kansas' participation in Youth

Tour. Included in this month's issue are articles from youth tour alumni, such as Sheila Frahm; guest editorials from Senator Pat Roberts and the current Youth Leadership Council member Morgan Taylor of Rolla, sponsored by Pioneer Electric.



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KCC to conduct net metering and renewable energy hearings

The Kansas Corporation Commission will conduct two public hearings this month on net metering and on renewable energy standards. The KCC will convene to discuss proposed net metering regulations on Thursday, June 10, and will discuss the state renewable energy standards on Tuesday, June 15.

The net metering hearing will address rules that apply specifically to investor-owned utilities. The proposed rules provide guidance for the implementation of net metering and the inter-

connection of investor-owned utilities' customers, who have generation facilities operating in parallel with the utility distribution system that allows those customer-generators to exchange energy with the utility company.

The proposed regulations on renewable energy standards provide guidance for the administration of renewable energy standards and reporting requirements for utilities – including both electric cooperatives and investor-owned utilities.

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FTC extends enforcement deadline for Identity Theft Red Flags Rule

At the request of several Members of Congress, the Federal Trade Commission is further delaying enforcement of the "Red Flags" Rule through December 31, 2010, while Congress considers legislation that would affect the scope of entities covered by the Rule. If Congress passes legislation limiting the scope of the Red Flags Rule with an effective date earlier than December 31, 2010, the Commission will begin enforcement as of that effective date.

FTC RELEASE – 5/28/10

Open house provides opportunity to learn about Sunflower's expansion project

Sunflower scheduled two open house events on June 7 and 8 in Holcomb and Great Bend, respectively. The purpose of each open house was to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the economic benefits, permitting, emissions, and technology aspects of the project. Information was also available regarding the project participants' renewable projects. Representatives of Kansas trade construction groups and IBEW discussed job opportunities for construction.

SUNFLOWER RELEASE – 6/3/10

Co-op cabin renovations underway at Rock Springs

Have you heard about the renovations at Rock Springs? Over the past few months, crews have been hard at work to renovate both Co-op and Asa Payne Cottages. These two housing areas were originally built in 1959, and were the first permanent, weatherized housing built at Rock Springs. To see photos of the progress, visit the Rock Springs Facebook page.

ROCK SPRINGS – 5/25/10

JUNE

- 10-17 "Government in Action" Youth Tour, Washington, DC.
- 11 KEC Annual Attorneys Meeting, KEC Headquarters, Topeka.
- 18 Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting, Sunflower Headquarters, Hays.
- 24 MDM Meeting, KEC Headquarters, Topeka.
- 29-7/1 Federated Culture of Safety Strategy Labs, Marriott Hotel, Wichita.

JULY

- 13 Lane-Scott Annual Meeting, Fairgrounds, Dighton.
- 14-15 KEPCo Board of Trustees Meeting, KEPCo Headquarters, Topeka.
- 15 Midwest Annual Meeting, Fort Hays University Campus, Robbins Center, Hays.
- 16 Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting, Sunflower Headquarters, Hays.
- 17-23 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, Steamboat Springs, CO.
- 29 MDM Meeting, KEC Headquarters, Topeka.
- 31-8/2 KEC Summer Board Meeting, Marriott Hotel, Overland Park.

annualmeetings

KAMO Power

KAMO Power held its annual meeting on May 20 at the Hilton Southern Hills in Tulsa. Meals were served to the 233 people present.

The members heard reports from Executive Vice President and CEO, J. Chris Cariker and Vice-President, Dr. David Cupps, who has since been elected President after the passing of former president, Carl Long.

Ed Kloeckler, Robert Williams, Martin Youngblood and David Trogdon were re-elected to the board. J.B. Killgore and John Hibdon were newly elected. Tim Smith, Stephen Bryan, Mitch McCumber, Alice Houston and Patrick Prewitt were all elected as Alter-

nate Trustees.

Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins, and staff members from Senator Coburn's and Senator Inhofe's offices also attended the meeting.

Sunflower

Sunflower hosted its 53rd Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting at Western's headquarters on May 21.

Joe Welch, CEO of ITC, presented a report on the history of ITC and the company's perspective on the electric industry. Following the board meeting, the board re-elected Loren Ochs as chairman and Larry Evans as vice chairman.

upcomingtraining

Three training options for trustees at Summer Board Meeting

On Saturday, July 31, trustees will have the option of attending either a Board Leadership Course or a CCD Course. The Board Leadership Course scheduled is *925.1 Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles & Current Issues*, and will be facilitated by both Bob Patton and Ty Thompson. This course is updated and revised from the previous 925 course, however, if trustees have already taken the "old" 925 course, they will not receive additional credit.

The CCD course scheduled is

2600.1 Director Duties and Liabilities, facilitated by John Mashaw.

On Sunday, August 1, trustees may attend the Board Leadership Course *939.1 Applying Governance Concepts to Real Boardroom Challenges*, facilitated by Bob Patton.

Cooperative managers have received more detailed information and the registration forms. Registration deadline is July 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Shana Holsteen at 785-478-4554 or email sholsteen@kec.org.

Cristy Tran joins KEC

KEC recently hired Cristy Tran to fill the position of Communications Intern.

Originally from Wichita, Tran currently attends the University of Kansas as a senior. She aims to obtain a degree in journalism with an emphasis on strategic communication, while also seeking minors in business and sociology. Tran will be assisting the communications staff with various projects involving the *Kansas Country Living* magazine, youth programs and other activities.



Cristy Tran

"This internship is a great opportunity for me to obtain the experience I need to thrive in a professional business. I'm excited to apply what I learn at KEC to my future endeavors," she said.

Tran brings with her experience in writing, editing, design and marketing. She has worked with various advertising groups, and will continue to work for the University of Kansas newspaper in the fall.

"I know this experience will not only provide me with knowledge about rural Kansas, but also help my understanding of communication and what it entails. It will be hard work, but I can't think of a better way to spend my summer."

In her free time, Tran enjoys doing arts and crafts and spending time with friends and family.

Kansas Corporation Commission, cont.

"Although not required to do so by law, nearly all of the electric cooperatives in Kansas have developed, or are developing, net metering riders," said Stuart Lowry, KEC's executive vice president/general counsel.

The cooperative-specific net metering program was designed by a group consisting of Les Evans, KEPCo; Bob Johnson, Sunflower; Michael Volker and Pat Parke, Midwest Energy; and Lowry

and Doug Shepherd, KEC. This group has also filed comments in the KCC rule-making process for both sets of standards. The proposed rules on both the net metering and renewable energy standards were drafted in response to the energy bill that was passed in 2009. For more information about the proposed net metering regulations or the proposed state Renewable Energy standards, visit <http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/>

KEC sponsors State FFA Degree awards at convention

Members of the Kansas FFA Association filled the seats of the McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University on June 4, 2010, to attend the 82nd FFA Convention.

The theme, "Lead Out Loud," set the scene for the inspiring youth of Kansas as a record-breaking 226 members received the State FFA Degree.

Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., sponsor of the FFA State Degrees,

handed out the charms which represent the highest honor that can be given to an FFA member.

To obtain the award, FFA members must have completed several requirements including:

- ▶ Previously receiving their Chapter FFA degree.
- ▶ Earning at least \$2,000 or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agriculture Experience program.
- ▶ Giving a six-minute speech about agriculture or FFA.
- ▶ Participating in eight different leadership activities.
- ▶ Receiving a "C" average or better.
- ▶ Showing a record of outstanding leadership and community involvement.

Among the recipients were several

alumni from the 2009 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Gregory Howard, sponsored by Nemaha-Marshall, and Kaylene Bonjour, sponsored by Rolling Hills, both earned the State FFA Degree at the convention, and acknowledged skills they obtained from their camp experiences.

Bonjour said she learned "confidence, leadership and communication skills" from camp which she can

now apply to her future endeavors.

The FFA Association teaches similar qualities, as its mission is to "Enable the Kansas Agriculture Education and FFA programs to empower future leaders and their passions."

Howard gained

the team building skills necessary to become such a leader at camp, and also credits camp in teaching him how to "make the most out of a situation."

Standing in his official blue FFA jacket after receiving his award, Howard gives one piece of advice to future campers – "participate in everything; if you think it's fun, it will be," – a motto that has gotten him the leadership qualities he holds today.



(From left) KEC's Cristy Tran and Shana Holsteen congratulates an FFA state degree winner and presents her award at the Kansas State FFA Convention in Manhattan on June 4.

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Academy teaches participants to create quality, sustainable communities

This fall, Kansas State University's Center for Engagement and Community Development, with assistance from USDA Rural Development, will host the first-ever Community Development Academy (CDA) targeted toward northwest Kansas. Registration is now open for the CDA, which will be held September 23, September 29 & 30 and October 6 at Fort Hays State University.

The CDA is a participant-centered workshop that engages volunteer teams in the development of community improvement strategies.

Participants are asked to assemble a team from their community to participate in the workshop. During the training, teams will meet over a three-week period. Between sessions, they will be given homework. After the workshop, participants will have a characterization of their community, a community involvement plan and resources to help them reach their goals.

Communities are encouraged to recruit team members who have an active role in housing, community or economic development. Teams are encouraged to include community leaders and youth participants. For teams of five or more, the training costs \$125 per person; for teams of four or fewer, the cost is \$150 per person. For more information, visit www.k-state.edu/cecd/cda.

Wyoming cooperative seeks manager of operations and Engineering

High Plains Power, a distribution cooperative, seeks a candidate with a minimum of 10 years of experience in the Operations/Engineering field and at least five years of supervisory experience. An engineering degree is preferred, but not required.

Must be able to work closely with contractors, consultants and vendors. Responsibilities include directing the Cooperative's construction, maintenance, operations, engineering, metering and purchasing departments. Experience with development and implementation of a work plan and departmental budget is also required. Candidate must have a thorough knowledge of RUS construction specifications and guidelines.

High Plains Power offers an excellent NRECA benefits package with salary commensurate with qualification and experience.

The position will close 5 p.m. on June 11, 2010. Resume and salary history can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: Marlene Morss, Human Resources, High Plains Power, Inc., P. O. Box 713, Riverton, WY 82501. Fax (307) 856- 4207, email mamhpp@wyoming.com.

Two openings at NRECA

NRECA has announced two recent job openings that have come available in its Education and Training Department.

Program Director, Executive and Staff Education

Location: University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Job Description: The program resides at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. A key contributor to the success of electric cooperatives for over 30 years has been the industry-oriented management and professional programs provided by NRECA, that have assisted member-owned electric cooperatives in keeping pace with progressive and effective management knowledge and skills.

Senior Program Planning Manager

Location: NRECA Headquarters, Arlington, VA.

Job Description: This position will direct and manage two to three conferences annually and serve as administrator of the Certified Cooperative Communicator (CCC) program. The incumbent will report to NRECA's Director of Conference Program.

See complete job listings for both the program director of executive and staff education, as well as the senior program planning manager, at Cooperative.com.

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