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Thank You Members

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding through the billing due date transition.

From now on, you should receive your bill around the 12th of each month. Payment will be due by the 25th. Accounts paid by ACH will be bank drafted on the 25th as well.

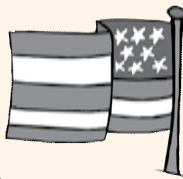
Father's Day



Father's Day is June 17.

Fourth of July

The Bluestem Electric offices will be closed July 4th. Have a happy and safe holiday!



Help Your Swimming Pool or Spa Run More Efficiently

If you have a swimming pool or spa, you may have already learned that they are expensive to operate. The largest expense for most pool or spa owners is for heating the water to a comfortable temperature. However, the cost of operating circulating and filtration pumps can be considerable, too.

Pool and spa pumps use electrical energy to move water. An electric motor turns a pump, and the pump pushes water through pipes, filters, and valves. Some of that energy can be wasted if the motor is oversized, if the piping is too small, or if dirty filters restrict the flow of water.

Modern high-efficiency motors can consume up to 20 percent less electricity than the standard motors used in most pools or spas. If you need to replace an existing motor, be sure to specify

a high-efficiency motor. Motor and pump size are important, too, since it is cheaper to run a smaller motor for a longer period of time than to run a motor that is too large for short cycles. Be sure to size any replacement motors or pumps according to the smallest specification allowed by the pool or spa manufacturer.

Filtration motors run only part of the time and are controlled by a timer that turns the motor on and off only as needed to keep the water clean. You can save a substantial amount of electricity by reducing the time that your circulating motors operate. Try reducing this run time and observe the water quality of your pool or spa for a few days. You may discover that you don't need to run the filter motors all the time. The less the motor runs, the more you'll save.

Bluestem Offers 1966 Chevy Truck For Sale

This 1966 Chevrolet C-80 is for sale in "as is" condition.

The truck has a 366 gas motor, automatic transmission, approximately 114,000 original miles, and a Telelect Commander II digger derrick.

If you are interested, please send your sealed bid to the Clay

Center or Wamego office by July 11, 2007.

Bids will be opened at the July 16, 2007, Board meeting. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

If you have questions, please call either BEC office.



Congratulations 2007 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations are extended to Lora S. Biesenthal, Emily A. Meyer, Paul M. Tackett, Dana E. Oehmke, Megan L. Dague and Adria E. Stamm for being selected to receive a \$500 scholarship from Bluestem Electric Cooperative.

The recipients of the \$250 runner-up scholarships are Kaitlin D. Knapp, Cheyenne K. Barron, Amy E. Nichols and Caitlin J. McVay.

The recipients of the scholar-

ships were selected based upon scores received from an electric cooperative test, application data, and a personal interview in front of six scholarship committee judges.

The scholarship application process allows current high school seniors the opportunity to gain funding for their post secondary education as well as informative knowledge regarding electric cooperative history and

the benefits of being a member of an electric cooperative.

The scholarship judges were impressed with all the contestants and were gratified to know that the future of our country will be in the hands of solid, quality individuals.

The scholarships were sponsored by Bluestem Electric and were available to high school seniors whose parents are members of Bluestem Electric.

Meet the Bluestem Scholarship Winners



Lora Biesenthal

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Lora S. Biesenthal is a graduate of Rock Creek High School in Flush. She is the daughter of David and Della Biesenthal of Wheaton. Lora plans to study Social Work at Washburn University.



Paul Tackett

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Paul M. Tackett attended Wamego High School in Wamego. He is the son of Robert and Rebecca Tackett of Wamego. Paul plans to study Civil Engineering at Kansas University.

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Megan L. Dague attended Washington County High School, Washington. She is the daughter of Murray and Jennifer Dague of Washington. Megan plans to study Marketing/Communications at Kansas State University.



Megan Dague

\$250 Scholarship Recipient

Cheyenne K. Barron, daughter of Greg and Karen Barron of Alma. She is a graduate of Wabaunsee High School. Cheyenne plans to attend Baker University.



Cheyenne Barron



Emily Meyer

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Emily A. Meyer graduated from Linn High School in Linn. She is the daughter of Bruce and Theresa Meyer of Palmer. Emily plans to study Biology and minor in Art at Kansas State University.



Kaitlin Knapp

\$250 Scholarship Recipient

Kaitlin D. Knapp is the daughter of Sterling and Jennifer Knapp of Manhattan. She attended Manhattan High School. Kaitlin plans to attend Brigham Young University in Idaho to study English Education.

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Dana E. Oehmke is a graduate of Linn High School in Linn. She is the daughter of Alan and Marcy Oehmke of Palmer. Dana plans to study English Literature or Mass Communication at Kansas State University.



Dana Oehmke

\$250 Scholarship Recipient

Caitlin J. McVay is the daughter of Kent and Lori McVay of Westmoreland. She graduated from Blue Valley High School and plans to attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study International Studies and Pre-Law.



Caitlin McVay



Adria Stamm

\$500 Scholarship Recipient

Adria E. Stamm attended Washington County High School in Washington. She is the daughter of Anthony and Delma Stamm of Washington. Adria plans to study Horticulture at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa.



Amy Nichols

\$250 Scholarship Recipient

Amy E. Nichols is a graduate of Wamego High School and plans to attend Washburn University to study Advertising/Mass Media and minor in Music. She is the daughter of David and Anita Nichols of Manhattan.