

Eighth grade essay winners named

Eight Texhoma 8th grade students have been named as winners of this year's SWRE Youth Energy Essay Contest. Each student received a \$50 cash prize and a certificate of accomplishment from the co-op. The contest winners are as follows:

Emily Boyd, Vernon Middle School. She is the daughter Keli and Mike Boyd. Her VMS English teacher is Misti Dickerson.

Lance Carter, Snyder Elementary School. He is the son of Mandy Carter and Jason Carter. His English teacher is Jessica Carter.

Delia Crawford, Frederick Middle School. Her parents are Ben and Felisha Crawford. Her English teacher is Classie Nolan.

Samuel Don McIlroy, Northside School. He is the son of Lychelle and Don McIlroy. His English teacher is Dianna Brints.

Diana Ramirez, Harrold School. She is the daughter of Rosa Castillo and Timothy Ramirez. Her English teacher is Judy Hardy.

Lizzy Robertson, Blair Middle School. Her parents are Elisha and Wes Robertson. Her English teacher is Kathi Martin.

Shay Williams, Vernon Middle School. Her parents are Teri and Kyle Williams. Her English teacher at VMS is Misti Dickerson.

Mattie Weiszbrod, Navajo School. She is the daughter of Kristin Thompson and Grady Thompson. Her English teacher at Navajo is Brandi Waldroop.



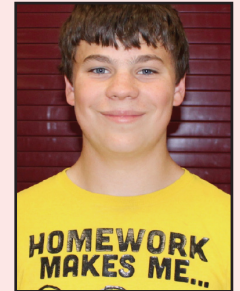
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2017 Contest Theme

"Imagine that you could go backward or forward in time by 100 years – to 1917 or to 2117. What do you think life would be like in those times? How would electricity, or lack thereof, impact day-to-day life?"

That was the challenge that was given to students in this year's contest. Some of the students who wrote about 1917 did research to learn about life on the farm before electricity. Students who wrote about 2117 thought about predictions for the future.

All students were asked to be creative, but to also give careful consideration to grammar, spelling, punctuation, and composition.

"Supporting local education has always been a top priority for

our cooperative's members," said Kenneth Simmons, SWRE's chief executive officer. "We are pleased to be able to recognize these excellent 8th grade students."

The annual Youth Energy Contest is open to any 8th grader who attends school or resides in the SWRE service area.

Mark the date on your calendar!

SWRE Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Ramona Theatre

114 South 9th Street, Frederick

Unique, fun attractions are planned!

Look for the Annual Meeting issue of **SWRE News** (to me mailed in late July) for all the details!

SWRE Manager's Report



Drive safely near utility work crews

Summer months bring warm weather and long sunny days. That means that many of us will be on the roads and highways more than ever, driving for vacation or recreational pursuits.

In summer and every other season, it's important that we all remember to drive cautiously – to watch out for other careless or aggressive drivers, to stay under the posted speed limits, to be alert for slow-moving vehicles, and to plan a few extra minutes to allow for traffic delays. That caution can make the difference in whether we arrive safely at our destination. It can also make a life and death difference for men and women whose work places them alongside the roads that we are driving.

That includes our SWRE linemen.

As part of their jobs, our linemen and crews routinely work along roadways, and that sometimes includes busy highways. It often involves servicing poles or lines alongside the road, but sometimes it is getting fallen electrical lines off the roadway or stringing new lines above the highway. In all cases, our workers are at the mercy of speeding vehicles and careless drivers.

The situation can be especially treacherous at night, in rain or fog, or during extreme weather conditions.

If you are traveling and see one of our crews on the side of the road, please move over to give them a little extra space to work.

When you approach a crew while driving on a four-lane road, and safety and traffic conditions allow, move over into the far lane.

If you come upon a crew while driving on a two lane road, moving over to the next lane might not be an option, but please slow down.

Of course, utility crews aren't the only ones

PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



who need the extra space. Emergency responders such as police officers, highway patrolmen, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, tow truck drivers, and DOT highway workers also endanger themselves daily in their work along the highways.

Far too often these workers have been tragically injured or killed while doing their work.

Texas, Oklahoma, and most other states have "Move Over" laws that direct motorists to drive cautiously around emergency or maintenance vehicles – to slow and "move over" to another lane to provide clearance for worker vehicles. Failure to do so can result in heavy fines.

So... Please drive safe and enjoy your summer. Whether that means a trip to the lake, a family vacation, or visits with family and friends, I hope you make the best of warm weather and the longer summer days.

Please know that SWRE crews and employees will be on the job, working to "keep the lights on... and the AC running!"

"Safety, Service, Satisfaction." That's our goal!

Happy summer!

Kenneth E. Simmons

Hoover to work in SWRE communications

Haley Hoover will join SWRE as the co-op's communications specialist. She will begin her duties in mid-June.

Among her many responsibilities will be production of the SWRE newsletter, the SWRE website, the co-op's social media presence, planning for the annual meeting, and coordination of youth essay contests and related activities.

Haley is a native of Frederick and a graduate of Frederick High School.

She holds an Associates degree in Liberal Arts from Western Oklahoma State College in Altus and a B.A. degree in Public Relations from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

From 2013 to 2016 she served as executive director of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce. During that time she managed all functions of the Chamber, including new uses of social media and online publications. She also wrote a weekly column, hosted a twice-weekly radio broadcast, and coordinated all

chamber events.

In the spring of 2016 she left the Frederick Chamber to pursue a dream to live and work in Australia. As part of her work while there, she served as a resort manager on Kangaroo Island, Australia.



Haley Hoover

"We're pleased to welcome Haley as a new member of the SWRE service family," said Kenneth E. Simmons, general manager and CEO. "She brings solid experience and a great deal of enthusiasm to the job."

In her position, Haley replaces Joe Wynn, longtime communications staff member who recently retired.

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What's Cookin' in the SWRE Kitchen

An easy recipe from Texas Co-op Power's *The Best of Typically Texas Cookbook*.

Black-Eyed Pea Salad

- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar (optional)
- 4 cans (each 15 oz) black-eyed peas, drained

Directions

1. In a small bowl, whisk all ingredients together except peas, until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour over black-eyes peas in a larger bowl, and refrigerate

NOTE: This salad will keep in the refrigerator for several days.

NOTE: This and more than 700 more great recipes submitted by Texas Electric Cooperative cooks are available in a great cookbook. To order it by mail, send a check or money order for \$29.95 to *The Best of Typically Texas Cookbook*, 1122 Colorado Street, 24th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701.

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NOTE: As usual, there will be no July issue of SWRE News. The August annual meeting issue, though, will be mailed to members in late July. Any ads submitted in coming weeks will be posted online at www.swre.com, and scheduled to be printed in the August issue.