



Texoma students who participated as finalists in SWRE's 2019 Youth Tour Contest are: (back, l to r) Mia Aleman, Chillicothe HS; Lindsey Sawin Texas runner-up, Northside HS; Maci Sanders, Snyder HS; Paula Hickerson, Snyder HS. Other finalists are (front, l to r) Chris Lopez, Oklahoma runner-up, Frederick HS; Bethany Gilstad, Navajo HS; Lily Anne Newell, Texas winner, Chillicothe HS; Zac Chitwood, Oklahoma winner, Tipton HS. Photo by Jennifer Grice.

2019 Youth Tour Winners

Lily Anne Newell of Chillicothe High School and Zac Chitwood of Tipton High School have been named winners of Southwest Rural Electric Association's 2019 Youth Tour Contest.

As Youth Tour winners, Lily Anne and Zac will receive all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. this summer with delegations of other co-op students from their respective states.

Lily Anne is the daughter of Amy Potts of Chillicothe.

Zac is the son of Tony & Gail Chitwood.

During their trip to Washington, D.C., the two Texoma youth will visit the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon, the capital city's many memorials and museums, and Arlington National Cemetery. They will also have the opportunity to visit with numerous elected officials.

Runners-up in the contest are Chris Lopez, Frederick High School, and Lindsey Sawin, Northside High School. Chris is the son of Arcadio

and Frances Lopez, Frederick. Lindsey is the daughter of Lynn and Brice Sawin, Vernon.

As runners-up, Chris and Lindsey will have the opportunity to represent SWRE at the 2020 high school Touchstone Leadership Summit to be held next spring in Oklahoma City.

Other 2019 contest finalists were Maci Sanders, Snyder High School, daughter of Mandi Hefner; Paula Hickerson, Snyder High School, daughter of Paul and Teresa Hickerson; Mia Aleman, Chillicothe High School, daughter of Paula Aleman; Bethany Gilstad, Navajo High School, daughter of Michelle and Gregory Gilstad.

SWRE also recognized three semi-finalists: Kade parsons, Tipton High School, son of Sonya and Donald Parsons; Ryan Knowles, Chillicothe High School, daughter of Misty and Erik Knowles; Kaziah Crane, Frederick High School, daughter of Lorena Johnson. Each semi-finalist

received \$50 as a prize.

All finalists received certificates and \$250 cash prizes.

The SWRE Youth Tour Contest is open each year to all 11th grade students who live or attend school in the SWRE service area.

Students were required to research and write a 500-750-word essay on the topic of "Power for the Future." Nine contest finalists were chosen based on their essays. Eight finalists presented their essays as extemporaneous speeches at a dinner held Thursday evening, February 7, at SWRE headquarters in Tipton. A panel of judges determined contest winners based on the presentations.

The annual SWRE Youth Tour Essay Contest for high school juniors is an annual tradition that began in 1964.

Contest essays were received this year from students in thirteen Texoma schools.

CEO Message



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Investing in Texhoma's Youth

// With May comes a deepening of spring, warmer weather and let's not forget, the season for youth camps. Youth camps have been a longtime tradition at SWRE. We value programs such as Energy Camp, Youth Tour and Youth Summit for many reasons. If I tried to list all of the reasons I would fail, so here are just a few.

We recognize that by investing in our youngest members, we're investing in the future of not just SWRE, but the future of Texhoma communities as well. The young minds who attend these prestigious camps are quite often the community and cooperative leaders of the future. Who knows who might grow up to be a Journeyman Lineman, an Electric Engineer or even Mayor of their hometown.

Not only do we invest in these future leaders through programs and scholarships like those mentioned previously, but we also keep these young trailblazers in mind as we run the day-to-day operations of our co-op. It's no secret that we are constantly looking for better ways to serve our members. Through

innovation and technology, we are able to provide more reliable, more efficient and more affordable service to those we serve.

Things like the Operation Round Up, the recent change to a single billing cycle and our SWRE app are all future-focused programs and resources that help us prepare our co-op for the shifting tides of the future environment and the evolving needs of our members.

As a community-minded co-operative, our main priority is and will always be to provide the best service for all of our member-owners. Adaptation of new and beneficial ideas is only one way we continuously accomplish this mission.



Ken Simmons
Manager/CEO

Energy Tip

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary.

Source: energy.gov



FREDERICK, NORTHSIDE STUDENTS ATTEND OKLAHOMA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



Left, Jamie Jannaman of Frederick High School holds her Youth Summit Certificate. Right, Kaitlyn Thomas at Northside HS celebrates as well. Photo by OAEC.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Thirty students, representing Oklahoma’s Electric Cooperatives, attended the 2019 Oklahoma’s Electric Cooperatives Leadership Summit on March 18, 2019, at the Oklahoma State Fair Grounds. Among these students were Southwest Rural Electric Association’s (SWRE) representatives, Jamie Jannaman, a senior at Frederick High School and Kaitlyn Thomas, senior at Northside High School.

Jannaman and Thomas were selected as the 2019 SWRE Youth Summit delegate due to their outstanding scores in the finalist portion of 2018 Youth Tour contest. The students’ essays and speeches won them a \$250 prize from SWRE and a participant spot in the 2019 Youth Leadership Summit program, Thomas and Jannaman also received an additional \$500 scholarship each at the event.

This annual event is designed to excite and motivate high school students to become leaders of their communities. Almost 500 Oklahoma high school students have been recognized for their leadership abilities by having the opportunity to attend one of the previous leadership summits.

The program featured Oklahoma natives, Rhett Laubach and Kelly Barnes, who collectively spent over 40 years sharing leadership messages with students and adults in the education, agriculture, insurance, health, transportation and sales industries. The students learned how to focus on how to make the most of the service and growth opportunities today and in the future. The program helped increase the students understanding of how leaders create change, overcome obstacles and serve others through behavior and attitude.

“I had so much fun. I learned a lot and made great friends. I think everyone should take steps to get here!”, said Thomas.



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YOUTH POWER ENERGY CAMP

Congrats 8th Grade Energy Essay Contest Winners!!

These AMAZING 8th grade students were anonymously selected as the top 8 essays out of all the submissions from schools in SWRE territory.

The top student from each state was chosen to represent SWRE at Youth Power Energy Camp this month in Hinton, Oklahoma.

Bethany Beavers,
Frederick Middle School

Matthew Brooks,
Northside Schools

Hannah Dunson,
Northside Schools

Abigaile Floyd,
Vernon Middle School

Adrian Gaytan,
Frederick Middle School.
Oklahoma Camp Winner

Ryder Jack,
Tipton Middle School

Shelby Stevens,
Tipton Schools

Kinsey Weatherly,
Vernon Schools
Texas Camp Winner

Grannie's Candied Sweet Potatoes



Ingredients:

5-6 good-sized sweet potatoes
1 stick real butter (with salt)
1/2 C warm water
3 C sugar
1 t vanilla

Directions:

1. Peel and wash sweet potatoes; slice about 1/4" thick.
2. Melt butter over medium heat in a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add warm water.
3. Add sliced sweet potatoes to the pan. Gently stir in all the sugar.
4. Reduce heat to LOW and cover with a lid.
5. Cook until the potatoes are almost falling apart (about an hour).
6. Stir in vanilla, remove from heat.

This recipe was submitted by our Technology Specialist, Chandler Lingle. It's his favorite recipe!

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