

Taylor Report



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Opportunities to Grow at 2024 Youth Leadership Conference

The 2024 Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) took place July 16-18 at UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI with about 70 future leaders from electric cooperatives across the state in attendance including Owen Klussendorf, son of Taylor Electric's Secretary/Treasurer Cheri Klussendorf and her husband, Ryan of Medford. Teens ranged in age from freshmen to seniors in high school.

YLC is aimed at building leadership skills while ensuring attendees leave with a solid understanding of what electric cooperatives are, and the potential career opportunities they offer. They also have the opportunity to enter WECA's essay contest for scholarship funds.

This year the teens were split into six districts and competed against each other in various challenges, including a TikTok challenge, where they each created a video demonstrating electric cooperative principles. There was also a web presentation and Q & A session with lineworkers from Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative about their recent work with the Light Up Navajo! Project, which was an effort to electrify rural homes on the reservation for the first time in history.



One of the highlights of the event was a presentation by current and past attendees who spoke about the experiences they had at YLC, serving as members of the YLC board, traveling to D.C. with the NRECA Youth Tour, and more, which helped form their path to electric cooperative careers.

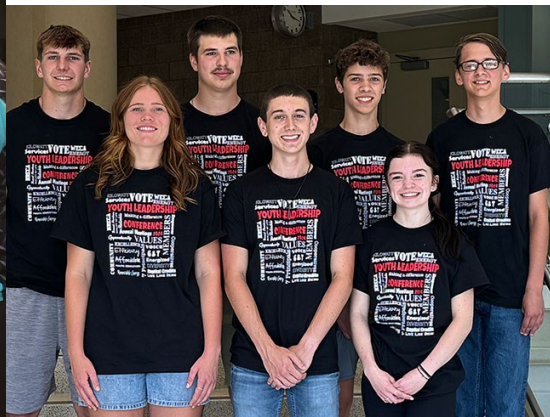
YLC Board Elections are also a main event. This year thirteen teens threw their hat in the ring in the hopes of securing one of six coveted seats on the board. They each delivered an energetic speech with their own creative influence demonstrating their personality, co-op knowledge, and leadership skills. Taylor Electric's Owen Klussendorf earned a spot as an alternate on the Youth Board and will be involved with many activities over the next year.

The YLC Board members will work to educate peers about electric cooperatives and will be invited to travel to the nation's capital next summer for the 2025 NRECA Youth Tour. They will also be instrumental in planning the 2025 YLC. One board member will be selected to represent Wisconsin at NRECA's 2025 PowerXchange in Atlanta in March.

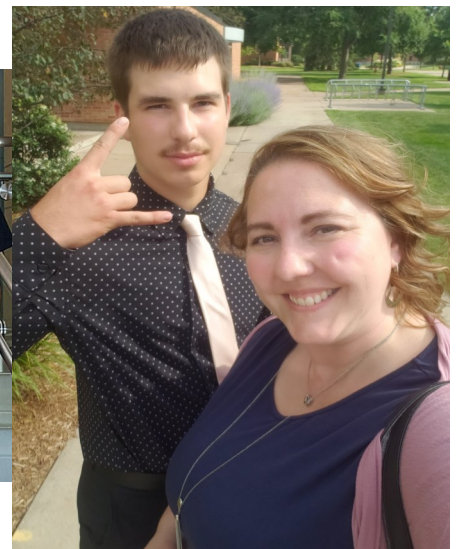
— excerpts from the WECA Condenser, July 19, 2024



Owen participates in motivational speaker Craig Hillier's presentation.



The 2024 YLC board: Back row, left to right: Ashton Brusveen, Owen Klussendorf, Dillan Sztuczko, Garrett Schneider. Front row, left to right, Amber Lund, Jarrett Rueth, Piper Blanch



Owen and his mom, Cheri, Taylor Electric Sec/Treasurer. Cheri attended and chaperoned the event.

Board Report – June 2024

- Approved May disbursements totaling \$741,157. 17 new member applications, and May 2024 construction in the amount of \$6,081.
- Reviewed the financial results for year to date through May, showing Operating Margins of \$220,713 and Total Margins of \$237,053.
- There were 20 outages in May, with an average YTD outage time per meter of .6445 hours.
- Three applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$5,509 to be paid out at the net present value of \$1,906.
- 24 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the June 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$9,795.
- Other topics covered included the budget process, easement conveyance, strategic plan review, and annual meeting review

For safety's sake, do not mess with a meter

For your safety, never try to tamper with or pull (remove) a meter. Only electric utility crews should access an electric meter.

Illegally accessing a meter can cause an arc flash bright enough to result in blindness and powerful enough to launch fragments of red-hot, shrapnel-like debris, according to the Cooperative Research Network.

Serious injury or death from electrocution, explosion or fire is often a result of meter tampering. Individuals may attempt to tamper with a meter to bypass it, create an illegal connection to a power line, electrify fences or attempt to reconnect or disconnect the power, often with disastrous consequences.

More on meter safety

Tampering with a meter is illegal in Wisconsin.

- Meters should only be installed, maintained or removed by electric utility crews.
- Accessing the backside of a meter can generate high voltage; pulling or tampering with a meter can cause electric shock, sparks, surges, explosions or fire.
- Electricity should always be connected or disconnected using a transfer switch or a dedicated disconnection point.
- There is no guarantee that a structure is deenergized by pulling a meter.
- Keep the meter free of any debris that would prevent access for our crews.

Always call Taylor Electric Cooperative at 715-678-2411 for any repairs to your meter or concerns you have.

**CALL 811
BEFORE
YOU DIG**



Safe
Electricity.org

National Safe Digging Day, or 811 Day, is upon us. Easy to remember because of its 8/11 date, the day is a good reminder to get underground utilities marked prior to breaking ground. Simply dial 811 at least 3 days prior to your scheduled work.

TIPS TO BEAT THE SUMMER PEAK

When we all work together to lower energy use during peak hours, we can lock in lower electricity rates, so everyone saves. Here are a few simple ways to save during peak summer hours.

- 1** Raise the thermostat a few degrees.
- 2** Use ceiling fans (in occupied rooms) to feel cooler.
- 3** Avoid using major appliances.
- 4** Close drapes and blinds to block heat from the sun.
- 5** Turn off and unplug non-essential electronics and lights.

