



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

In collaboration with area schools, Midstate Electric Cooperative held career days for high school students across our service territory May 16 and 23 at the co-op's headquarters facility. Nearly 60 students learned firsthand about potential careers at rural electric co-ops.

The four-hour curriculum began by explaining that electric co-ops are unique because they are not-for-profit, member-owned electric utilities. They are operated for the benefit of the members, rather than to earn profits for investors.

Students watched videos of the history of electric co-ops and the various career opportunities available. They received handouts describing different professions, skills, education requirements and the day-to-day expectations of the professions.

Students broke out into different career sessions according to their interests. Sessions included accounting, information technology, engineering, mechanic, marketing and linework. The students were engaged throughout the day, and their genuine enthusiasm was quite evident. We tried to give them a well-rounded look at the different professions offered by electric co-ops.

Following lunch, the students learned about electrical safety through MEC's high-voltage safety demonstration provided by the co-op's linemen. Safety around power lines and equipment outside of the home was discussed.

The linemen explained that electricity can jump through the air to conductive objects. This was illustrated as kites, small trees, irrigation pipe and even a squirrel (the fake stuffed-animal kind)

came close to the live wire on the trailer. Many students were startled by the arc that was created. They witnessed the true power of electricity.

We are thankful to Gilchrist, La Pine and North Lake high schools for working with us to encourage students to attend our career days. These are exactly the kinds of community partnerships that will benefit our young people and expand their potential career options.

During the next five years, America's electric co-ops will hire nearly 15,000 employees nationwide. These new hires will replace baby boomers reaching retirement age. These are solid jobs with competitive pay and benefits. This fact has not necessarily been promoted or emphasized to our high school students in the past. If we can inspire just one young person to realize a dream, it is all worth it.

Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed capital credit payments are now and have been available since December 4, 2009, at the office of the cooperative—16755 Finley Butte Rd., P.O. Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739, (541) 536-2126 or (800) 722-7219—to the members listed on our website at www.mse.coop.

Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than Monday, November 13, 2017, the capital credits for patronage dividends earned during the years 1991 through 1997 will be forfeited to the cooperative as permanent equity.

**General Manager
Dave Schneider**