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Moyer Appointed to Pioneer Board

The Pioneer Electric Board of Trustees announce the appointment of **JEFF MOYER** to the cooperative's Board of Trustees. Moyer will serve as the representative of District 3 and finish the term of Perry Rubart.

Moyer is a Ulysses native and resident. He graduated magna cum laude from Kansas State University's architecture program and after practicing architecture for a year, moved back to Ulysses in hopes of raising a family. He and his wife, Artrisha, are the proud parents of Jazstyn, a sophomore at K-State Polytechnic; Jett, a senior at Ulysses High School; and Jyntri, a junior at Ulysses High School. He enjoys volunteering as a youth sports coach, a troop leader for Boy Scouts and as a deacon at the Ulysses Church of Christ and balances his community service with his work at Moyer Aviation Inc. and the Jayhawk Gas Plant.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the cooperative," said Martie Floyd, board president. "Jeff's involvement with the board will provide a new perspective for Pioneer Electric. We appreciate him stepping up for this responsibility and look forward to seeing the impact he will make on our cooperative."

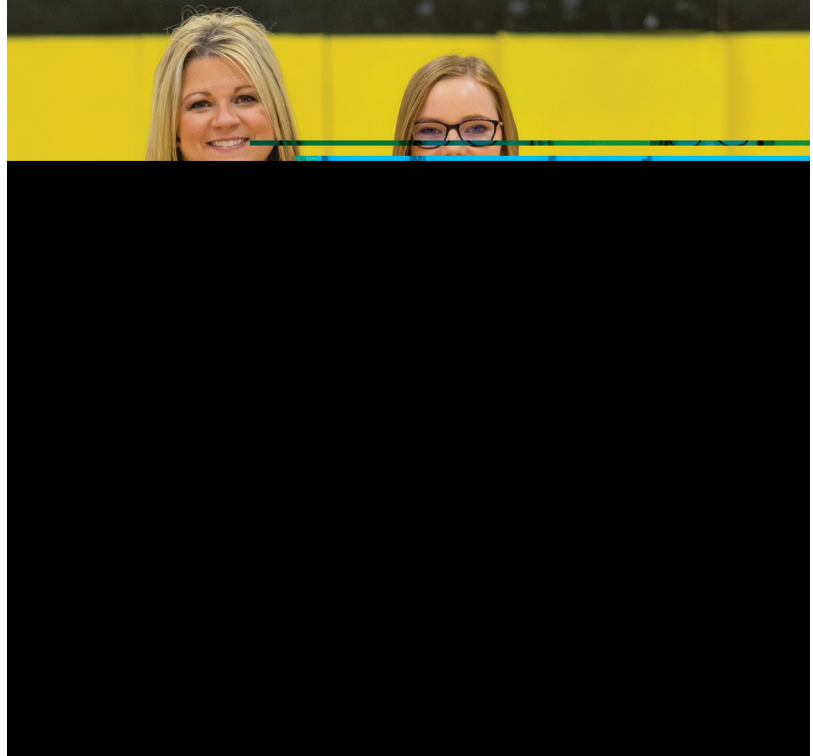
In September 2019, Rubart stepped down from his position as trustee after serving over 34 years with the cooperative. As outlined in Pioneer Electric's member-approved bylaws, the coopera-



Jeff Moyer, Ulysses, was appointed to serve as trustee for Pioneer Electric's District 3.

tive board shall appoint a representative to serve the remainder of the term left vacant by a trustee. Nominees for the appointment met the qualification standards outlined by the cooperative and interviewed with the remaining member-elected trustees. Trustees of Pioneer Electric serve a three-year term with the cooperative, ending with the seat moving into general election. Elections are held at the Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Electric held in March. The last appointment made to Pioneer Electric's board occurred in 1999. For questions regarding the board, Moyer or the appointment process, call Pioneer Electric at 620-356-1211.

#YT2020



CONGRATULATIONS 2020 Youth Tour & Camp Winners

From 26 applicants whittled to four delegates, Pioneer Electric is excited to announce the winners for our 2020 Youth Tour program. **ASHLEY KENNEDY**, sophomore at Moscow High School; **AUDRA LANGLEY**, junior at Rolla High School; **BECCA ROCK**, sophomore at Ulysses High School; and **DANIELA RODRIGUEZ**, junior at Stanton County High School, were selected in November to represent the cooperative. Now the four prepare for new adventures as they will attend all-expense-paid trips during the summer of 2020. Rock and Rodriguez will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Kennedy and Langley will attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

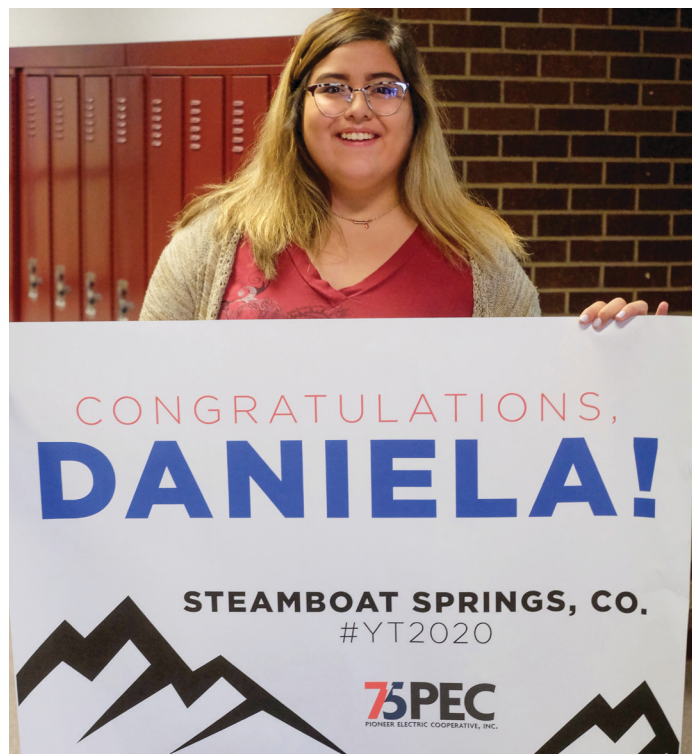
“Youth Tour and Camp are programs that are near and dear to the cooperative, and they represent the bright future these young students will help shape,” said Drew Waechter, program

coordinator and communications coordinator for Pioneer. “Each trip focuses on a different aspect of the cooperative business model and challenges students to find what empowers them.”

Pioneer’s goal is to help the youth attending these trips experience the power of people coming together and expressing their desires to better the lives of their neighbors and communities. Community is the soul of the cooperative. It is what sets us apart as a utility and business.

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., covers the power of democratic control and civic engagement. Students have opportunities to meet with legislators, tour historical monuments and view the history that has shaped our country.

The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp focuses on



giving students tools to better themselves as leaders and learn about the cooperative system. Students interact with various presenters and begin pinpointing their strengths as leaders. This camp challenges students through multiple leadership roles and gives them a chance to look at leadership in completely different ways. At camp, students visit with professionals in the electric cooperative industry, participate in team-building activities, manage their own “candy cooperative,” go rafting and participate in additional activities.

“We want students to start asking those questions of ‘What can I do?’ and ‘How can we change for the better?’ and ignite an interest in engaging with their communities,” said Waechter.

Digital applications opened last fall to area sophomores and juniors. These applications were then reviewed by a

panel of judges from outside of the cooperative. Judges narrowed down the pool of applicants to 20 finalists and each was interviewed. Winning students were then surprised by cooperative employees following the interviews and congratulated for a job well done.

“This is always one of my favorite parts of the program,” said Waechter. “Some of these students have never interviewed with a panel so we want to be sure they get the credit they deserve. For us, it’s a point in which we can formally welcome them into our cooperative family and begin working together to start this new journey.”

Questions regarding either trip, the judging process and requests for details regarding 2021’s program may be directed to dwaechter@pioneerelectric.coop.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications are now open for our 2020 scholarship program! No GPA or ACT requirement! Show us what makes you a bright student by applying online at pioneerelectric.coop by Jan. 28. Applications submitted after that deadline will not be included in this year’s contest.

Hard Hats Off to You

Employees Recognized for Their Years of Service



Steve Epperson, Pioneer Electric CEO (right) congratulates employees for 15 years of service to Pioneer Electric. Recognized this year were Jeremy Garrison, Rae Gorman, Ramiro Garza and Mark Shogren.

In December, Pioneer Electric recognized employees for their years of service to the cooperative. In 2019, seven Pioneer employees and two board members reached milestone achievements for their years of service.

It's important to our cooperative that we continuously recognize employees for their service. Traditionally we celebrate each December, asking employees and their family and friends to join the occasion.

"Thank you for being part of our work family," said Melissa Morales, manager of human resources. "We wouldn't be where we are today without the wonderful group of people we have at Pioneer Electric. Thank you for all the years of dedication and hard work!"

5 Years

Lindsay Campbell, Executive VP - General Counsel

10 Years

Tolan Seger, Crew Foreman

Kevin Kolars, Journeyman Lineman

15 Years

Jeremy Garrison, Staking Technician

Ramiro Garza, Senior Warehouse Person

Rae Gorman, Manager of Energy Services

Mark Shogren, Manager of Purchasing, Materials & Facilities



Trustee, Mike Brewer, was recognized for five years of service with Pioneer Electric. Brewer was elected to the cooperative board in 2014.



Martie Floyd, president of the board, was recognized for 20 years of service with the cooperative. 2019 was Floyd's first year in serving as board president for the cooperative.