Mikaela Colby – Alchesay High School
Mikaela was a member of the Student Council, FCCLA, Book Club, Volleyball Club, and Softball Club. Mikaela volunteers during the summers at the local NAU campus as well as nearby schools. She spends her spare time enjoying her hobbies which include playing softball, basketball, volleyball, running, skiing, snowboarding, and reading. Mikaela is an inductee to the National Native Honor Society. Her plans after high school are to obtain a certification in medical assisting and a four year college degree in mechanical engineering.

Naomi DeLao – Reserve High School
Naomi is a member of her school volleyball, basketball, and cheer teams. She also served as her class President. In her spare time you could find her participating in the Decorating Committee, Letterman’s Club, and was a Natural Helper.

Naomi Embrey – Sequoia Village High School
Naomi enjoys volunteering for her church, blood drives, Sue’s Crew, as well as at her school helping other students, teachers and staff. She enjoys cooking/baking, family & friend time, as well as playing sports. She is attending Northland Pioneer College to get her associates degree, and has already accomplished receiving her C.N.A. through the NAVIT program. She is the Student Council Vice President and she is looking forward to enjoying the school year.

Kyler Owens – Show Low High School
Kyler achieved the honor of being the Student of the Year for the 2015-2016 School year as well as receiving the Good Neighbor Award. He is a member of the Optimist Club, STEM Club, Robotics Club and Hiking Club. During his spare time he enjoys reading, building, and hiking. Kyler plans on going to college after high school where he wants to get his degree in robotics and engineering and would then like to start a search and rescue robotic business.

Caitlynn Tessay – Cibecue High School
Caitlynn is an Honor Roll student who is on the volleyball team. She also enjoys reading and cooking. Caitlynn is known by her teachers and peers as a person who has courage and recognizes the importance of having a good work ethic, persistence, diligence and the ability to work well with others and in group situations. Caitlynn plans on going to a university to pursue a degree and career in Archaeology.

CONGRATULATIONS to these students!

2020 Washington D.C. Youth Tour Recipients

These students went through a rigorous application process filled with essays and interviews to be awarded our annual WDCYT trip. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, the NRECA cancelled this event along with many others. Our CEO, Chuck Moore, wanted to make sure that the students still received recognition. Chuck worked with the NEC Board to explore various options and the Board decided to award these students with a $2,500 scholarship to use towards their educational goals. Students are also encouraged to apply for the annual NEC scholarships during their senior year.
Kaleb Capps – Round Valley High School
Kaleb was very active with the soccer team and had the honor of being the JV Captain for 2 years and then the lead varsity Captain for one year. He was also selected by the AIA to be on the All Regional 2nd team. Kaleb served as the Student Body Secretary and the French Club President. He is a member of the French National Honor Society and has received the Excellence in French award. Kaleb was awarded his schools Leadership Award. When not in school Kaleb is proud to be an Eagle Scout and work with others on projects to help better his community. Kaleb also has worked while he has been attending school at jobs that include landscaping, chopping wood, building playgrounds and dishwashing for a local bar & grill.

Reichen Cooke – Show Low Low High School
Reichen was a member of the Cross Country Team, Basketball Team, Track and Field. He served as Captain for his Cross Country and Track teams. Reichen also enjoyed participating in the Running Club and the Construction Club. Reichen has received the Arizona School Counselor’s Scholarship for writing and essay on Leadership. He also received the AIA Scholarship which was only awarded to two students in Arizona for his essay on sportsmanship. Reichen has been attending the NAVIT Welding program and the Construction IV Dual Enrollment program with Northland Pioneer College. In his spare time Reichen enjoys volunteering with St. Rita’s Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Shelbie Coker – Blue Ridge High School
Shelbie has contributed to various community service project through the Girl Scouts as well as with the St. Mary’s Youth Group. Shelbie is a member of the JV/ Varsity Cheer team and served as the Senior Class Secretary. She received 1st Place in the FAC Skills day as well as the Principals Award. In her spare time Shelbie works part time at Denny’s. Shelbie’s plans are to obtain her BA in Communication allowing her to pursue her career goals to go into the graphic design and marketing fields.

Sharlimar DeClay – Alchesay High School
Sharlimar enjoyed being on her schools Softball Team. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Sharlimar looks for opportunities to help out in her community and has volunteered to pick up trash in her neighborhood, has taken in homeless dogs and cared for them, and has given out treats during the Christmas holiday. She has worked part time at Walmart during the summer. Sharlimar participated in the Dual Enrollment program with Northland Pioneer College and is planning on attending ASU and major in Sports Science and Performance Programming.

Marissa Farley – Cibecue High School
Marissa enjoyed being involved in her schools politics and student leadership. She served as the Junior Class President and was a member of the High School Executive Council. She was selected to attend the LEAD Conference in Washington D.C. with her Principal, School Counselor, and three other participants. Marissa received the Principals Award twice and is a member of the National Honor Society. Marissa also participates in the Clean Up Drive in her community. She has been described by teachers as a natural leader, dedicated, a hard worker and an inspiration to others.

Makayla Hinton – Reserve High School
Makayla earned the honor of Salutatorian for the Reserve High School Class of 2020. Makayla was a member of her schools Volleyball, Track, and Basketball teams where she served as the team Captain for the Volleyball and Basketball teams. She has served in varying class officer roles including President of the Student Council as well as Vice-President and then President of her class during her Freshman through Senior years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Association for High School Scholars. Makayla also participated in the Teen Science Academy and Natural Helpers. She has received multiple Don Tripp Awards. In her spare time when she isn’t working at her part time job, Makayla likes to volunteer in her community and has been involved in the School Beautification Project, Communities of Care Group, State Teen Health Awareness Team, and Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Risk Team.

Emily Weber – Mogollon High School
Emily enjoyed being a member of the first ever Basketball Championship team. Emily also traveled to Guatemala with the Spanish Club and is a member of the Mogollon High School Orchestra. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society, Northland Pioneer College Deans List, and the Superintendents List. Emily is also pursuing her cosmetology certification through the NAVIT program in addition to her normal classes. She enjoys volunteering in her community and has participated in activities with the Salvation Army, Wood for Widows, Youth for America Program, Trunk-or-Treat, serving as refer for youth sports, and personal progress workshops. Emily also works part time when she is not at school/school related activities or volunteering. Emily plans on going into the cosmetology field and will have completed her certification as she graduates from Mogollon High School.

Hannah (Rosie) Wiltbank – St. Johns High School
Rosie enjoyed being a member of her schools Volleyball and Basketball teams. She is an excellent student with a 4.123 GPA and has received and Excellence in Geometry award, Physics Student of the Year award, Round Valley Rodeo Queen title, Florence Junior Prada Rodeo Queen title, and was named the Miss Teen Rodeo Arizona runner up. She has also worked part time while attending school as a horse trainer, horse riding instructor, nanny and as a cashier/greenhouse worker. Rosie also enjoys volunteering when she has extra time and has participated in various church and community service organization activities.
The winner of the $50 Paperless Billing Credit for July 2020 is Shirley Barney.

Congratulations!

Navopache Electric Cooperative

To help our members save money wherever they do business, NEC offers valuable savings with our Co-Op Connections® Program.

Visit www.navopache.org for more information

Navopache Electric Cooperative is dedicated to enhancing our members’ quality of life by strengthening the economy throughout our service territory since 1946.

July Co-Op Business of the Month

The Truck Stop

5549 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Between Show Low & Lakeside in Wagon Wheel

The Truck Stop welcomes Co-Op Connections card holders to stop in for savings!

Co-Op Connections® Card

Notice of 74th Annual Meeting

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Navopache Electric Cooperative
Will be held at 2:00 pm
Saturday, September 12, 2020
St. Mary of the Angels, Pinetop, AZ

Registration begins at 1:00 pm and closes at 2:00 pm
Members must be registered in order to win a prize

Tips to Prevent Wildfires

Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure you completely extinguish the fire when you’re done. Drench the fire with water and stir the ashes until cold.

When burning yard waste, follow local ordinances. Avoid burning in windy conditions, and keep a shovel, water and fire retardant nearby to keep fires in check.

Play it safe when using fueled lanterns, heaters and stoves. Lighting and heating devices should be cool before refueling. Keep flammable liquids and fuel away from appliances.

Never discard cigarettes, matches and smoking materials from moving vehicles, or anywhere on park grounds. Completely extinguish cigarettes before disposing of them.

Source: National Geographic

threeonesixfourzeronine
Baked Cornflake Chicken

1 tsp. garlic powder
2 1/2 c. buttermilk, divided
1 tsp. celery seed, divided
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper, plus a pinch, divided
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 small chicken drumsticks, skin removed

4 small bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
1 c. all-purpose flour
4 c. cornflakes cereal, crushed
Sliced dill pickles, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine garlic powder, 1 1/2 cups buttermilk, and 1/2 teaspoon each celery seed, cayenne, and salt in a bowl. Add chicken and marinate in refrigerator for 30 minutes.
2. Fit a rack over a large rimmed baking sheet lined with heavy-duty foil. Combine flour, pinch of cayenne, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon celery seed in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Place remaining 1 cup buttermilk in a second bowl; season with salt and pepper. Place cornflakes in a third bowl.
3. Remove chicken from marinade, letting excess drip off; discard marinade. Coat chicken with flour mixture, dip in buttermilk, then coat with cornflakes, pressing gently to help adhere. Arrange chicken on prepared baking sheet. Bake until cooked through, 25 to 27 minutes.

Chorizo and Eggs Breakfast

Submitted by member Gerald Keller

1 Lb Package of Chorizo sausage
1 cup Portobello Mushrooms
1 cup chopped Yellow Onions
4 large eggs
2 cups of Mexican Style grated Cheese

• 1 bag microwave popcorn
• 8 ounces white bark coating
• Patriotic sprinkles
• 4 packets red Pop Rocks

1. Pop microwave popcorn according to package directions.
2. Line a baking sheet with wax paper.
3. Pour popcorn onto baking sheet.
4. Melt white almond bark according to package directions. Drizzle evenly over popcorn. Using your hands, coat the popcorn as evenly as possible.
Sprinkle Pop Rocks and sprinkles over popcorn. Wait for white chocolate to set before serving.

Recipes

Share Your Favorite Recipes
Navopache Electric Cooperative would love to share some of your favorite recipes with our readers. Send in your favorite recipes along with your name and the town you live in (so we can give you credit) to:
Navopache Electric Co-op
Attn: “hiLites” Editor
1878 W. White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside, AZ 85929
or e-mail it to jwade@navopache.org

Firecracker Popcorn

• 1 bag microwave popcorn
• 8 ounces white bark coating
• Patriotic sprinkles
• 4 packets red Pop Rocks

1. Pop microwave popcorn according to package directions.
2. Line a baking sheet with wax paper.
3. Pour popcorn onto baking sheet.
4. Melt white almond bark according to package directions. Drizzle evenly over popcorn. Using your hands, coat the popcorn as evenly as possible.
Sprinkle Pop Rocks and sprinkles over popcorn. Wait for white chocolate to set before serving.

Navopache Electric Cooperative

Recipes

Energy Efficiency “Tip of the Month”
Spending more time at home? Try an online energy audit to assess the overall efficiency of your home. visit www.energystar.gov, then enter “home energy yardstick” in the search box to get started!