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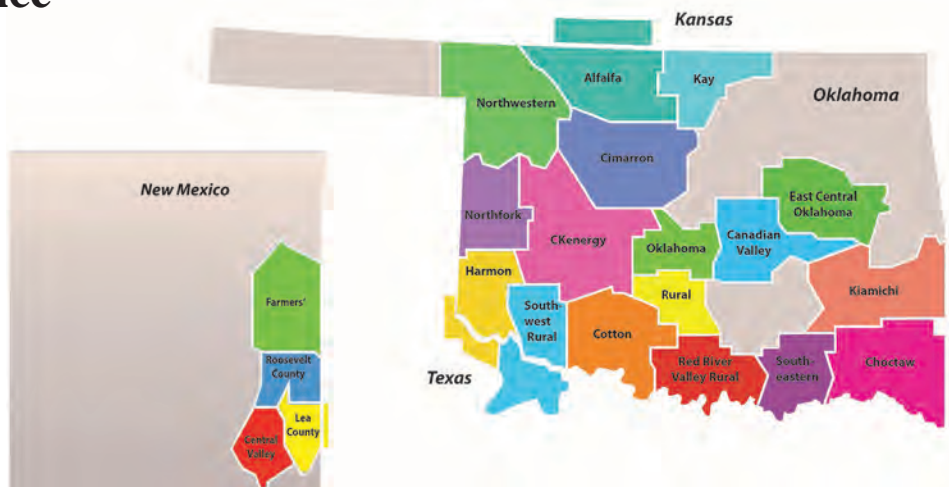
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WFEC's new 44,000 square foot Moore Office, located at 3000 S. Telephone Road in Moore, opened for business in late April, with some 40 to 50 WFEC employees moving into the facility. (Photo by Sondra Boykin)

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Moore Office construction complete; vision becomes a reality for WFEC

<< Metro office represents a step towards future growth for G&T >>

What once was just a vision for the future is now a reality for Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), as the newly constructed Moore Office opened for business in late April, with some 40 to 50 WFEC employees moving into the facility.

Previously, WFEC employees were officed in an adjacent building, located in Suite 120 of Riverwalk Place at 2900 S. Telephone Road in Moore. WFEC shared this office building with several other tenants. The new 44,000 square foot building is located at 3000 S. Telephone Road.

From Vision...



WFEC is currently utilizing the second floor of the building, with the first floor to be leased to other tenants, or, if future growth dictates, WFEC employees will be officed in a portion of the first floor.

Background

The initial Moore Office project was based on a WFEC Board directive, approved in March 2016, with a quick move-in date in July of the same year. Management was hopeful of utilizing this location as a recruiting and retention tool for hiring skilled positions from the metro areas, and potentially a larger pool of applicants.

“Even now we can see how the facility is paying dividends by attracting qualified people that would have otherwise not been applicants,” commented Ron Cunningham, executive vice president, Power Delivery & Technology.

Article & Photos by Sondra Boykin

Also, many Anadarko-based employees have the option of moving to this new facility, which would open some offices at the Anadarko headquarters. When the Moore Office was under construction, the Anadarko facility was nearing its capacity level for office space.

In announcing the office expansion, WFEC Chief Executive Officer Gary Roulet commented, “Our intent is to have there (Moore) – what we have here (Anadarko).” He added that it would be an extension from the headquarters. “It is not our intent to move our headquarters facility, but rather have two locations,” Roulet added.

After evaluating this initial expansion to Riverplace Walk in Moore, WFEC’s Board of Trustees instructed WFEC staff to take the necessary action to begin and complete the construction process of a new Moore Office facility. WFEC’s Board determined that it was in the best future interest of WFEC to authorize this construction.

...to Reality



In December 2016, a groundbreaking ceremony was hosted by WFEC at the site of the future Moore Office. WFEC Board members, staff and employees, along with City of Moore

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Moore Office Complete

representatives and other project participants took part in this event. At that time, completion of the new facility was expected for January 2019. However, inclement weather, plus a few other factors, delayed the completion until April.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, WFEC Board President Charles Hickey noted that WFEC had been considering a new building project for many years. “This addition is simply another step for WFEC,” Hickey said, adding that the Board and management of WFEC are always looking for growth opportunities.

“It has been very enjoyable to help fulfill the Board’s vision of having a presence in the Oklahoma City metro area,” Cunningham said. “The visibility from I-35, having electric service from one of our members, close proximity to the airport, restaurants and hotels were all important criteria (in choosing a location),” Cunningham noted.

New Office Building

Once construction was complete, the transition into the new facility was smooth, with deliveries of

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Executive Vice President, Power Delivery & Technology at WFEC



The past three monthly meetings of WFEC's Board of Trustees have been hosted at the new facility in Moore. (Photo by Maria Crowder)

furniture, supplies and equipment all going well, noted Dave Sonntag, vice president, Special Projects.

The new facility features an “open floor plan”, with identical workstations located in groups of four across the second floor. Employees from each department are spread out among the cubicles to allow neighboring employees the chance to get to know each other and learn about their respective department, explained Sonntag.

“Among the workstations, there really isn’t a bad seat in the house,” Sonntag pointed out. Effort was taken to mask sounds for privacy, he said, adding that there are also a few offices and locations that are soundproof for meetings and/or calls. Vacant workstations are also equipped with supplies and are “ready to go” as new employees are hired.



Sarah Shenold, Financial Services supervisor (left), goes over information with Kristen Hicks, accountant III, at one of the new workstations in the Moore Office.

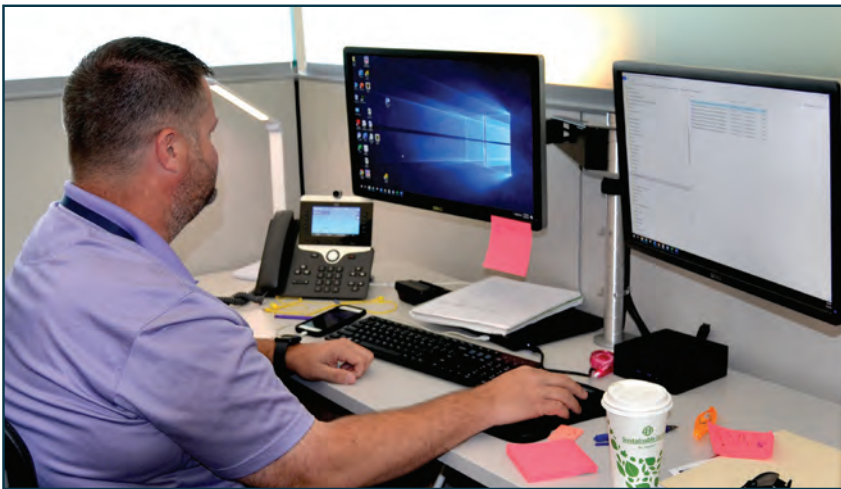
Surrounding these workspaces are offices for management, in addition to several unassigned office spaces and conference rooms that can be checked out for use, as needed. A large conference room is along the middle of the second floor and can be one large conference room or two smaller rooms, divided by a partition.

WFEC’s Board of Trustees has met for three monthly meetings in this large multipurpose room that can be configured many ways – both tables and chairs. Moore staff is still working on configurations for the room for occasions such as board meetings. Audio visual equipment is located



(Top photo)

There are 48 covered parking spots, plus additional parking is also available. And, there are eight electric vehicle (EV) chargers installed at the Moore Office, as WFEC begins adding EVs to its fleet of pool vehicles for employee checkout. Several WFEC employees also own electric vehicles and can utilize these charging stations as well.



(Left photo)

Shane Keenan, compensation analyst, Human Resources, utilizes two large monitors in his workstation for comparing and evaluating data. The new facility features an “open floor plan”, with identical workstations located in groups of four across the second floor.

in each conference room, including a large monitor to allow for video conferencing and presentations.

Sonntag pointed out that the Board of Trustees seem to be receptive to the new office.

The Moore facility was designed to be extremely energy efficient, with geothermal systems installed to serve the heating and cooling needs of the two-story building. All lights are LED, which also help increase the efficiency.

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Both small and large conference rooms are available for check-out at the Moore Office. There are also several vacant offices and workstations that can be utilized by WFEC employees visiting from other locations, such as Anadarko, Hugo and Mooreland.

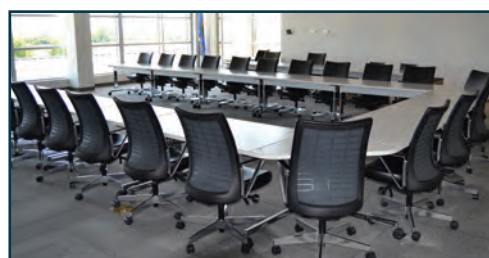


Table and chair setup is flexible for the larger conference rooms.

Safety training provides vital skills for dealing with workplace hazards

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) takes workplace safety very seriously. One wrong step or action could be the difference between life and death in some cases. Working around power lines, substations and power plants, as well as chemicals and other environmental hazards, is simply the nature of the business, which is why a comprehensive safety training program is necessary to help control the risks of workplace hazards.

WFEC takes pride in maintaining a safe workplace, which takes a combined cooperative effort of all involved. A safe work environment is not always enough to control all the potential electrical hazards, so extreme caution is always encouraged. Proof of the safety program's success, as well as the positive support of employees, is indicated by the high ratings received from the company's Workers' Compensation provider. Also, one of WFEC's power plants has an impressive safety record of more than 6,280 days without a lost time accident, which is a little over 17 years. Mooreland Plant management and employees take great pride in maintaining this record.

WFEC's safety program is driven by safety committees from each plant location, in addition to Transmission & Distribution (T&D) crews based in Anadarko, as well as outpost facilities. Each committee meets together on a regular basis, explained Jeff Smith, safety & security coordinator. The two safety & security coordinators at WFEC, including Smith and Austin Towne, take turns meeting with these committees and visiting all WFEC facilities and plants on a regular basis.

The safety committees at the Anadarko, Hugo and Mooreland Power Plants are

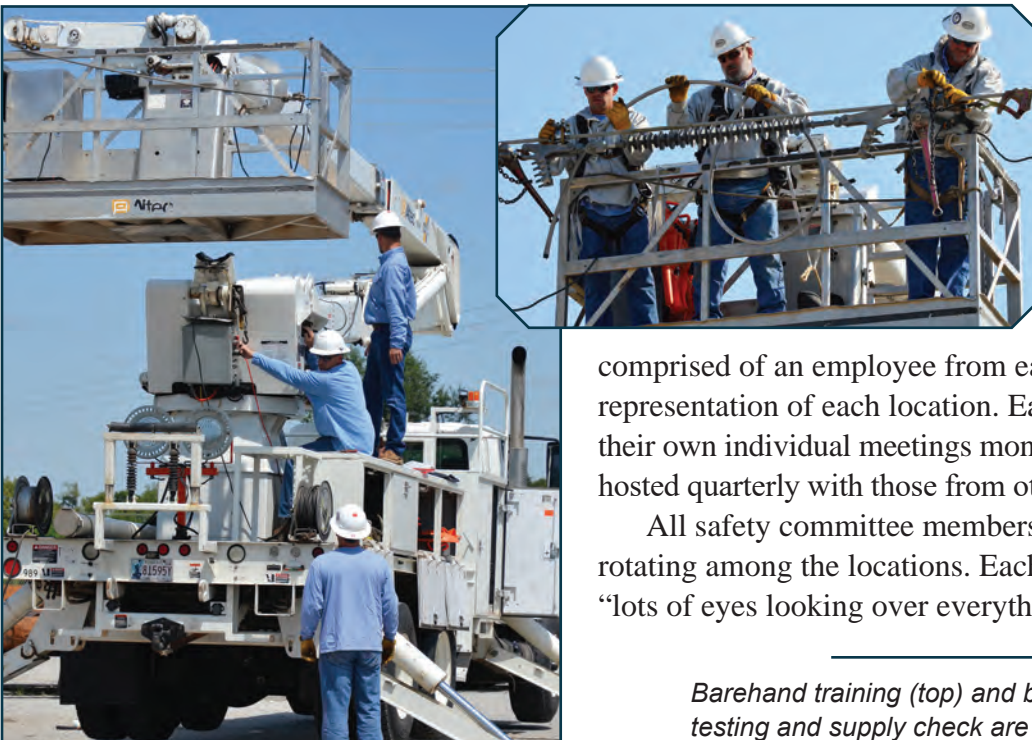
comprised of an employee from each department for an overall representation of each location. Each of these committees have their own individual meetings monthly, as well as group meetings hosted quarterly with those from other locations.

All safety committee members visit one plant each year, rotating among the locations. Each of these annual visits have "lots of eyes looking over everything – from general hazards

*Article by Sondra Boykin
Photos from WFEC sources*



Switch training with new WFEC and member distribution cooperative power line employees is hosted annually.



Barehand training (top) and bucket truck equipment testing and supply check are also conducted.

to safety-related issues,” Smith said. He noted that these visits are valuable as each of the plants have different processes for supplying power, which, in turn, allows safety committee members to view and evaluate safety issues for different energy sources.

All T&D crews participate in two-day biannual training sessions that involve a variety of topics. Meeting topics vary based on the season, such as thunderstorm and tornado safety to ice storm recovery. From time to time, topics will target specific areas such as fire extinguishers, substations or transmission lines, and bucket trucks and pole climbing and rescue. There are also classes on various certifications, including defensive driving, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.

Also, on regular occasions, equipment checks, plus hearing and pulmonary tests are conducted. It is a very tight schedule for these two days, as all crews are in Anadarko for these sessions, Smith explained.

As for internal employees, there are courses and tests offered online through Safety U that are required each year. Safety U covers various timely safety-related topics, such as first aid and CPR; portable fire extinguisher safety; bloodborne pathogens; colds, flu and transmissible illness prevention; sexual harassment and discrimination; violence in the workplace; fatigue and stress awareness; and active shooter response.

Workers’ Compensation

WFEC, along with each cooperative in the state, is a member of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperative’s Self-Insured Fund (OAESIF or Fund), qualified under the Oklahoma Workers’ Compensation Law. This Fund was built by the cooperatives for its members and employees in 1982, with the concept that each cooperative employee is a valuable resource, and Worker’s Comp coverage is needed to keep those valuable assets in service, as stated in its annual report. Because the Fund is self-funded, it is not-for-profit, and any reserves stay in the Fund.

In the recently released OAESIF 2018 annual report, WFEC ranked as the lowest modifier with a .68, which is really a great score, Smith noted. “We are fortunate to be where we are (as far as claims),” he added. “This is 32 percent below the industry average.” The industry standard modifier is 1.0. A modifier of less than 1.0 indicates a company has less than the national average of Worker’s Compensation claims for its industry.

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Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid are practiced for handling possible emergency situations when in the field. Training is also provided on the use of a portable heart defibrillator.



Classroom sessions are also included along with the safety training. Various topics are discussed during these meetings. Standing at side is Austin Towne, one of two safety & security coordinators at WFEC.

WFEC safety training

A modifier greater than 1.0 indicates a company has more than the national average of Worker's Compensation claims for its industry.

This number helps determine premium costs for others in the plan. Each year, the modifier is based on individual cooperative experience modifiers, prepared by an independent actuary and the state. Additionally, a 25 percent premium discount is given for modifiers less than 1.0, with a 15 percent premium discount offered if the modifier is over 1.0.

Overall, based on the 107 claims in 2018 from a group of some 2,400 employees in Oklahoma's program, strains, lacerations and sprains topped the nature of injury list, with an overall total of 63 percent. These three were also among the leading injuries in 2016 and 2017. Fractures and contusions ranked fourth and fifth in 2018.

The most expensive by nature claim during 2018 in Oklahoma was shock, which totaled \$705,000. Following were carpal, strain, sprain and fracture that ranged from \$52,000 to \$54,000, according to findings listed in the OAESIF 2018 Fund Year Summary.

Since 1992 (when tracking began), WFEC has had 537 claims at a cost of just over \$3.3 million for that 27-year timeframe. The average cost for WFEC claims is almost \$6,200. Overall, WFEC was ranked first in the cooperative experience category with a .70 average, as indicated in the OAESIF report.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Among the other many responsibilities of the safety & security coordinators include, coordinating all activities related to hazard control and analyzing accident reports to identify program deficiencies. Participation in accident investigations and record-keeping with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other safety-related state and local regulatory compliance organizations are also a part of their job duties.

OSHA has several designations for types of workplace injuries, which determine if an injury/illness is recordable according to their standards. Some injuries may require a one-time treatment and follow-up visit for the purpose of observation. These typically include minor scratches, cuts, burns, splinters, or other minor injuries. Some may not even require medical care.

Many workplace incidents may look like recordable injuries, but they do not meet the criteria. One of the criteria for recordable injuries is that the work-related injury must require medical treatment beyond first aid.

A work-related injury or illness is recordable if it meets any one of the following basic requirements: death, days away from work, restricted work days, transfer to another job, medical treatment beyond first aid, or loss of consciousness. Reporting workplace injuries is important due to OSHA required reporting time lines and record keeping requirements. A workplace fatality must be reported to OSHA within eight hours of the incident. A workplace injury causing an in-patient hospitalization, amputation or eye loss must be reported to OSHA within 24 hours of the incident.

So, knowing how to respond in an emergency could mean the difference in life and death, which is a vital key to WFEC's workplace safety program.

**Safety is no Accident!
Prevent it....
then Manage it!**



Professional training for dealing with vicious animals has also been offered at safety meetings.



An Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter crew from Weatherford provided landing zone training at a T&D bi-annual safety training event. Pictured at right is Jeff Smith, a safety & security coordinator at WFEC.

WFEC Relay for Life Team raises record amount for American Cancer Society

By Maria Crowder

WFEC's Power the Cure Relay for Life Team raised \$7,374 during the 2018-19 year. This was the second highest fundraising amount raised in the Grady/Caddo County Event, which was hosted on June 1. More than \$43,000 was raised at this year's event.

WFEC's Relay for Life Team set a new record and raised the most money ever for the American Cancer Society. WFEC employees have always donated generously at each event.

Several meals and events, including a Pizza Lunch/Halloween Costume Contest, Chili Cookoff, Indian Taco Meal and an Employee Showcase Auction were planned throughout the year. Also, T-shirts, flowers and beef jerky were sold, along with Thirty One Bag Sales. A March Madness Bracket Challenge was also offered to employees this past year as a fundraiser for Relay for Life.



WFEC's 2018-19 Relay for Life Team included, (from left) Cyndi Nichols, Sylvia Ho, Tina Adams, Maria Crowder, Becky Lynch, Sondra Boykin and Howie Jackson. Not pictured are Joyce Black, Lorre Ervin, Justin Howard and Dan Hammons.



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Stormy spring leaves its mark

<< Tornadoes, strong thunderstorms, high winds & flooding strike state >>

Spring 2019 will likely be remembered by its unusually powerful weather conditions across much of Oklahoma. Paths of widespread destruction resulted from strong thunderstorms, tornadoes and historic flooding that occurred during a storm outbreak starting in mid-May and continuing for several weeks throughout June. April also had its short-lived severe weather outbreak in portions of Oklahoma, but primarily across central and midwest states.

Weather forecasters noted early on that this year's spring season was predicted to be the most active tornado season that Oklahoma has seen in years. On numerous occasions, the Storm Prediction Center issued enhanced and heightened risks for the development of supercell tornadoes. Their predictions were true in many cases, as Oklahoma was among the hardest hit in the southern plains during the outbreak.

Overall, based on the turbulent weather, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) was fortunate as damage could have been more extensive, explained Transmission Services Superintendent Ricky Allen.

He noted that during the storm outbreak, WFEC lost a total of 37 transmission structures. In some cases, it was one or two structures or poles on a line, while some areas, particularly along the Arapaho to Taloga line, where 10 structures were downed. Other lines with multiple structures overpowered by the tornadic winds and storms,

included the Brady Junction to Wynnewood, with seven; the Speermore Junction to Speermore, and the Washita to Hydro line, both of which had four structures downed or damaged.

Flash flooding also proved to be a widespread hazard across portions of the state, from Oklahoma City, northeast to Tulsa, where up to eight inches of rain fell in a short time. Roads were closed, and numerous high-water rescues were required. Many roads were closed and deemed impassable, with high water rescues being performed from homes and vehicles.

Even after the heaviest rain had passed, flood warnings remained in place over northeast Oklahoma as water levels were still rising along area creeks, streams and rivers.



(Top Photo)

WFEC crews faced muddy conditions when making repairs to the downed structures across the service area. In some cases, trucks had to be pulled from pole to pole. Crews are working on the Ashland to Lone Oak - 138 kilovolt (kV) line, near Hartshorne.

(Left Photo)

Several structures were twisted or downed by flooded creeks and rivers, which took longer for final repairs until water levels were lower and lines were rerouted. This 138 kV - line is located on the Anadarko to Washita line, near Washita.

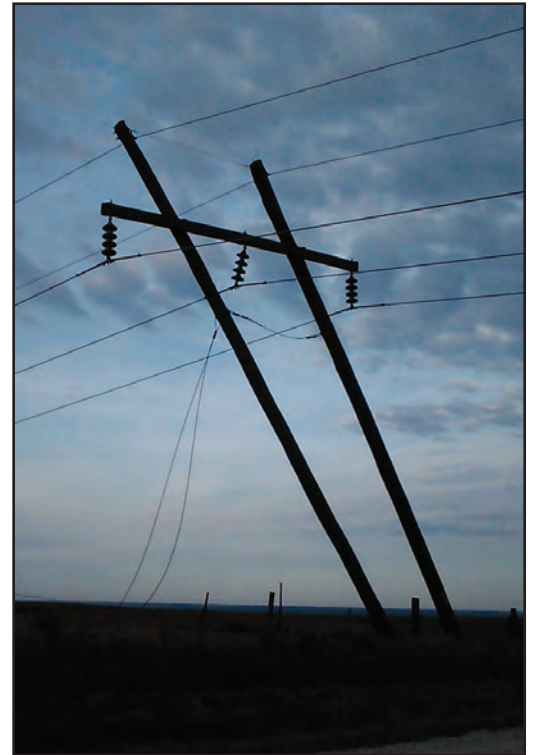
(Photos by WFEC line crews)





(Top Photo)

WFEC crews prepare to remove a damaged structure along the Ashland to Lone Oak -138 kV line, near Hartshorne. WFEC had a total of 37 structures damaged and/or downed in a storm outbreak that lasted from mid-May through June across Oklahoma.



(Right Photo)

Ten transmission structures were downed or damaged along the Arapaho to Taloga line. This 69 kV line is located near Arapaho. This stretch of damage was possibly a result of a tornado that was reported in the area.

The below information provides numbers and intensities of tornadoes that have occurred in Oklahoma over the past five years. With only six months data for 2019, numbers already exceed the four previous years. (Source: National Weather Service website)

Year	EF?	EFU	EF0	EF1	EF2	EF3	EF4	EF5	Total
2019	16	17	27	44	9	3	0	0	116
2018	0	4	18	18	2	0	0	0	42
2017	0	30	16	33	6	0	0	0	85
2016	0	10	12	26	5	3	1	0	57
2015	0	0	59	38	10	4	0	0	111
Total	16	61	132	159	32	10	1	0	411

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	0	0	0	22	86	8							116
2018	0	0	0	0	23	1	0	2	0	12	4	0	42
2017	0	0	3	10	57	2	0	4	0	9	0	0	85
2016	0	0	5	27	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	57
2015	0	0	7	5	83	1	3	0	0	0	9	3	111
Total	0	0	15	64	273	12	4	6	0	21	13	3	411

Mural at Anadarko Post Office featured on new postage stamp

Article & photos by Maria Crowder

The small town of Anadarko (population 6,000) recently made national headlines, as the U.S. Postal Service unveiled five new "Forever" stamps of post office murals, including one from the Anadarko Post Office. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) has been a staple in Anadarko since the early 1950's. WFEC's first office was opened in a residence in Anadarko in 1951, and the Anadarko Power Plant soon began producing electricity a few years later. The Anadarko location is now home to more than 210 employees.

As with a number of communities in the late 1800's, the local post office was important for area residents as a source of communication and other services. The first post office in Anadarko was established in 1873. A consensus among historians is that the name came from the Nadarko (Nada co) Indians, a branch of the Caddo, with the "A" added by a clerical error. The Anadarko Post Office that stands today was built in 1935, and served both as a post office and the Kiowa Indian Agency. In 1936, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) provided for the murals that can still be seen there today.

The WPA was a government agency established during the New Deal era of the 1930's, funded as an effort to hire millions of unemployed Americans for the purpose of building public buildings, roadways and other facilities. Among the many projects overseen by WPA, there was a strong focus on the arts, which is why murals were painted in more than 1,000 post offices across the United States during the 1930's and 1940's. These works of art were also designed to help boost the morale of Americans during the Great Depression.

The 16 murals in the Anadarko Post Office were painted by Stephen Mopope, one of the "Kiowa Five", assisted by James Auchiah and Spencer Asah. Stephen Mopope was the oldest member of the group and was the great nephew of the famous Kiowa artist, Silver Horn, and Fort Marion ledger artist Ohetoint. Mopope was also the most prolific of the "Kiowa Five", known not only for his artwork, but also for his "fancy dancing" and flute playing. Music often appeared as a motif in his works. He has been described as being kind and compassionate and very humble.

The "Kiowa Five", included six artists: Spencer Asah, Jack Hokeah, Stephen Mopope, Lois Smoky and Monroe Tsatoke with James Auchiah the last to join the group at OU in 1926. They were all self-taught artists and were known for their flat, two-dimensional style and their depiction of powwows and Native American life on the plains.

The members of the group attended a mission school operated by St. Patrick's Catholic Church and received art instruction from Sister Olivia Taylor, a Choctaw nun. The Kiowa Agency Field Matron, Mrs. Susie Peters, soon took notice of their talents and arranged for Mrs. Willie Baze Lane, an artist from Chickasha to teach painting classes for the young Kiowas in Anadarko.

Peters then persuaded Oscar Jacobson, a Swedish artist and director of the University of Oklahoma's art department to create a program just for the young Kiowas. In 1926, they moved to Norman where Jacobson provided them with studio space, promoted their work and arranged showings with major museums and expositions throughout America and Europe where they received international acclaim.



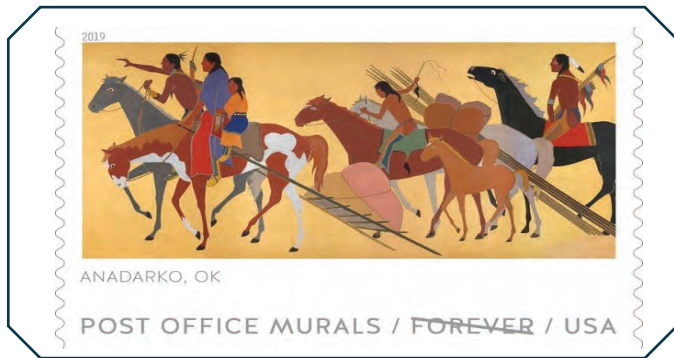
The Kiowa Five (pictured, from left) include James Auchiah, Spencer Asah, Jack Hokeah, benefactor Oscar Jacobson, Stephen Mopope and Monroe Tsatoke. (Courtesy Photo)

The pane of 10 stamps was unveiled in April of this year and features five different murals, including (from left) "Air Mail" (1941), Piggott, Ark.; "Kiowas Moving Camp" (1936), Anadarko, Okla.; "Antelope" (1939), Florence, Colo; "Mountains and Yucca" (1937), Deming, N.M.; and "Sugarloaf Mountain" (1940), Rockville, Md.



A well-attended reception was hosted in late April at the Anadarko Post Office to celebrate this honor and group of artists. If ever in the Anadarko area, make sure to stop by the Anadarko Post Office to see the vibrant beautiful murals these artists created.

WFEC employs two descendents of Stephen Mopope, including Accounts Payable Coordinator Michelle Head, who is a great-granddaughter and Auxiliary Operator Steve Mopope, who is a great nephew of the famous artist.



Kiowa Tribal Members and family members of Stephen Mopope, Donna Jean (Mopope)Tsatoke (niece) and Vanessa Jennings (granddaughter), both of Anadarko, stand with the USPS Oklahoma District Manager Julie Gosdin, as Anadarko Postmaster Darren Bartosovsky and Anadarko Mayor Kyle Eastwood unveil the portrait of the stamp featuring Steven Mopope's mural of Kiowas Moving Camp as the new stamp was dedicated at the Anadarko Post Office. (Photo by JoNell McBride Thomas, Anadarko Daily News)



The Black Leggings Warrior Society, honor guard of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, served as color guard at the dedication of the stamp on April 30. (Photo by JoNell McBride Thomas, Anadarko Daily News)



The Anadarko Post Office and Kiowa Indian Agency sign is still visible today. (near top)

Sources: Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Anadarko Daily News, The Oklahoman, The Jacobson House, Wikipedia and the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce

16 murals on display at the Anadarko Post Office

The descriptions of the Anadarko Post Office murals (shown below & on next page) are based on interviews with the artists in 1937. Each painting had a special meaning and significance.



Two Men In Council - The man holding the ceremonial fan is Chief of the Sun Dance, held each summer, when the annual buffalo chase is planned, to ensure a bountiful supply of food and shelter during the winter.



Two Eagle Dancers- The ceremonial Eagle Dance was performed each spring and fall. The dancers wore breech cloths, moccasins, fancy headdresses and an ornamental strip representing eagle wings and carrying an eagle bone whistle.



Fancy War Dancer with Cedar Flute - The dancer is in full blue costume, complete with beaded belt, arm and leg bands and war bonnet. This dance was held when the warriors were preparing to go on the war path. Between dances, the young men would get advice and listen to deeds of valor from the older men and receive good wishes from friends and relatives.



Scalp Dance - This dance was performed upon the return of a successful war raiding party. Under the direction of a Drum Chief, a number of drummers furnished the music for each occasion. The men would tell of each other's deeds and this would help to establish their tribal standing.



Individual War Drummer (Sitting) - After the Drum Chief started his song, other drummers and singers joined him. The drum could be in the center or at the edge of the dancing group. The older men told of their deeds or those of others and urged young boys to become skilled with bow and arrow, shield and tomahawk and go forth to bring renown to the family, band and tribe.



Indian Mother and Child in Cradle - The Indian mother placed her baby in the cradle shortly after birth and kept it there until the child could walk. Each day the baby would be taken out for exercise, bathing and care, then replaced for safety. The erect posture of many Indians was due to this start in life.



Eagle Whip and Flute Dancers - This ceremonial dance was given in honor of visiting tribes. Eight or more men might take part. The two principal parts were taken by those who held the eagle whip or flute. This dance was taken from the Taos Pueblo Indians to the west of the Plains region.

Two Women and Child Watching Dancers - The women and child are watching the Eagle Dance in Eagle Whip and Flute Dancers. Women spectators sat on blankets around the dancing ground and watched the dances they did not participate in. Chairs were unknown to these early Indians and this seated posture was very common.





Buffalo Skull With Crossed Arrows - The vultures and coyotes have removed all meat from this skull and the scene is desolate. The season has come when the buffalo have moved southward and the hunters must follow the herd. Black horns, empty sockets and grinning teeth symbolize winter desolation.



Kiowas Moving Camp - The Kiowas are moving south to establish their winter camps. Two warriors are mounted as guards, a woman on horseback with her daughter is dragging a buffalo hide tepee; a boy on horseback is leading a pack horse dragging the poles for the tent. The tribe carried their homes and followed the buffalo south looking for a suitable place to establish their camps.



The Deer Hunter - He comes into camp mounted on his favorite horse, carrying an eight point buck. He tells the Chiefs that he has gone far into the mountains and the deer and game are very scarce and the tribe must depend upon the buffalo for its winter food and clothing. While he has killed this buck with the first arrow and his quiver is full, he knows that venison will be a luxury.

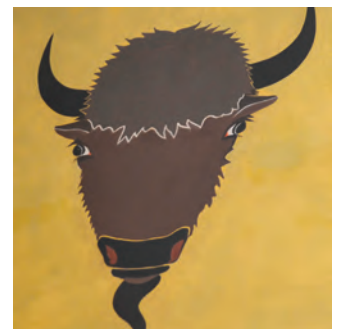


Buffalo Hunting Scene - Three hunters, one with a bois d'arc spear and two with bows and arrows, have found four full grown buffalo. The prospect for food, shelter and clothing is bright. The prairie dog holes are intended to show dangers to the hunter and his mount. The Plains Indians followed the herds north in the spring and south in the fall, because they were dependent on buffalo for sustenance.



Kiowa Camp Site - Five buffalo hide tepees, some highly ornamented are featured. Hung on poles are a shield and jerked meat in the manner it was dried and preserved. Boys wrestle, a woman tans a hide, two men prepare arrows for the hunt and a warrior starts out to scout in order to locate the herds or spot enemies. Other warriors, prepared for quick action, watch the boys at play.

Medicine Man's Shield and Lance - The Medicine Man takes the sacred emblems from their coverings and engages in the ceremony of deep study to determine what his band should do. After reverie, he proclaims that summer has ended and the Chief must order his people to start their fall trek to the south before the winter. (right)



Fresh Buffalo Head - In the summer, this fresh buffalo head is an emblem of plenty which indicate food and shelter for all.



Buffalo Hunter's Shield - The successful hunter prepares his shield with two buffalo facing the rainbow, as an emblem of success and the bright winter, which confronts his household after his fortunate hunt, chase and kill. (right)

WFEC represented

Volunteer cooperative linemen to build electric service in Guatemalan village

A team of volunteer linemen from electric cooperatives across Oklahoma will be heading overseas in late August to help bring electricity to the isolated, mountainous village of Sillab in north-central Guatemala. This rural village has never had access to electricity.

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) selected this group of linemen for the electrification project – dubbed Energy Trails – which will be a joint effort between Oklahoma and Colorado’s electric cooperatives. The mission will be coordinated through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s (NRECA) philanthropic arm, NRECA International Foundation. Providing oversight to the project is the OAEC International Committee, comprised of nine trustees from the statewide association board, which represents 30 electric cooperative member-systems.

This project marks the fourth electrification project that Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have sponsored in Central and South America. In the past, linemen from distribution cooperatives have made up the volunteer teams. This trip will mark the first time that a lineman from a Generation and Transmission (G&T) cooperative has participated.

This group will spend almost three weeks working on this project, leaving Aug. 24 and returning Sept. 12.

WFEC Representation

Chance Turpin (pictured), a lead power line technician at Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), was selected as a team member this year, after serving as an alternate last year. He is the first to

represent WFEC. Also, several other team members are from WFEC’s member distribution cooperatives.

Prior to making a final decision to take part in this adventure, Turpin noted that he talked it over with his wife and family, and they agreed that it would be a “once in a lifetime opportunity”.

Project location

The project site is located in the department (state) of Alta Verapaz, near the border with Belize. The volunteer linemen will work for a period of three weeks wiring poles and homes to receive first-time electricity. Upon completion, some 60 homes, one elementary school and four churches will benefit from access to electric power, as the group will be working on a stretch of six and one-half miles in mountainous terrain to wire 60 poles and install four transformers.

The villagers of Sillab grow corn for self-consumption and generate most of their income from the production of cardamon seeds, peppers, and coffee as well as a variety of other spices.

Decision to Make Trip

Overall, there are several reasons leading to why Turpin wanted to make this trip, some of which deal with the experience itself, while others involve making a difference. “There is so much separation among countries lately. People need help, and I am proud to provide support in a country in which many residents are poor and struggling,” he commented.

For Guatemalans, this project will open new opportunities to make their lives better, he pointed out. “They have never had the advantage of flipping a light switch, which is second nature to us.” There are



likely some elderly people (residing in Alta Verapaz) who have never had electricity. “Just think what it will mean for them to have light and for those kids who will have light to do their homework,” Turpin commented.

Turpin pointed out that he is also proud to be working on a project that really means something worthwhile and is excited to make the trip.

“I want to show my kids how this team of linemen is able to help people who don’t have the luxuries that we have in our country,” he said. Turpin added that he also hopes they understand the importance of his career from the standpoint of helping others, plus simply making a difference in the lives of others.

“We are grateful for the overwhelming response of Oklahoma co-op linemen who are willing to leave their homes and families for an extended period of time to empower far-away communities,” says International Committee Chairman Jimmy Taylor. “Access to electricity will bring economic empowerment, better access to health care and enhanced safety for these villagers. It’s a life-changing gift.”

In addition to Turpin, the following volunteers were selected to serve with the project: Bryan Kimminau (Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Cherokee); Heath Gossen and Dusty McNatt (CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Binger); Jarrod Hooper (Cotton Electric

Cooperative, Walters); Dakota Gilbert (Northfork Electric Cooperative, Sayre); Trevor Howard (Northwestern Electric Cooperative, Woodward); Nate Hulse (Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Norman); Team Leader Mike Wolfe (Southwest Rural Electric Association, Tipton); and Kyle Weber (Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Hooker). Alternates are Clint Robinson (Central Electric Cooperative, Stillwater) and Shane Stiger (Indian Electric Cooperative, Vinita).

“Bringing electricity to remote areas in developing countries takes electric cooperatives back to their roots. It is an honor to pay it forward,” says OAEC General Manager Chris Meyers. “This mission reinforces our commitment to empower generations by improving the quality of life for local communities at home and abroad.”

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-- Chance Turpin --
Lead Power Line Technician



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About WFEC...

Editor's Note: While WFEC and its power plants and facilities are familiar to most, some newer employees may not realize the overall size and service territory of the cooperative.

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) is a generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative that provides electric service to 21 member cooperatives and Altus Air Force Base. These members are located primarily in Oklahoma and New Mexico, with some service areas extending into parts of Texas and Kansas.

WFEC was organized in 1941 when western Oklahoma rural electric distribution cooperatives found it necessary to secure an adequate power supply at rates farmers and rural industrial developers could afford.

Today, WFEC continues to deliver safe, reliable and competitively priced wholesale energy across its large service territory, while strengthening the organization, its member cooperatives and its employees. Strong member support and unity ensure mutual success.

WFEC is led by an experienced management group, with years of industry experience, and is governed by a 22-member Board of Trustees.

Now in its 78th year of operation, the Anadarko-based G&T has seven generating facilities, located at Mooreland, Anadarko and Hugo, Okla., and Lovington, N.M., with a total power capacity of almost 2,500 megawatts (MW), including hydropower allocation, accredited solar and wind, and other contract power purchases.

With a well-balanced and diversified portfolio of generation resources, WFEC is able to reduce exposure to changing market conditions, which helps to keep rates competitive. This blend reflects a mix of technologies and fuel types, including owned facilities and capacity, in addition to energy provided through contracts and power purchase agreements (PPAs).

WFEC owns and maintains 3,776 miles of transmission line to more than 330 substations and switch stations across the service territory.

As future technological advances become a part of the electric utility industry, WFEC will keep "plugging along" to serve its members.

Anadarko Headquarters



Location: Anadarko, Okla.
First Office at New HQ Site: 1954
New Building Addition: 1968
Four-Story Addition: 1980
Employees at Headquarters & Transmission & Distribution Crews: 191

Moore Business Office



Location: Moore, Okla.
New Office Building Complete & Ready to be Occupied: April 2019
WFEC Office Opened for Business in adjacent building: 2016
Employees at Moore: 45

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Generation Facilities

Anadarko Plant



Location: Anadarko, Okla.
In-Service Years: 1953-1959
Capacity: (3 units) 40 MW
Fuel: Gas Steam

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In-Service Year: 1977
Capacity: (3 units) 289 MW
Fuel: Gas Combined Cycle

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Employees at Anadarko Plant: 46

Mooreland Plant



Location: Mooreland, Okla.
In-Service Years: 1964-1975
Capacity: (3 units) 329 MW
Fuel: Gas Steam
Employees at Mooreland: 33

GenCo Plant



Location: Anadarko, Okla.
In-Service Year: 2001
Capacity: (2 units) 92 MW
Fuel: Gas Combustion Turbine

Hugo Plant



Location: Hugo, Okla.
In-Service Year: 1982
Capacity: 436 MW Fuel: Coal
Employees at Hugo: 83

Orme Plant



Location: Anadarko, Okla.
In-Service Year: 2009
Capacity (3 units): 141 MW
Fuel: Gas Combustion Turbine

LCEC Generation Plant



Location: Lovington, N.M.
In-Service Year: 2012
Capacity (5 units): 43 MW
Fuel: Gas

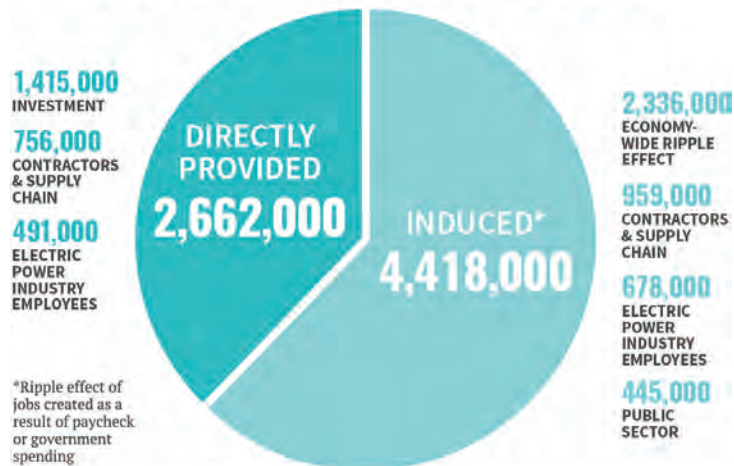
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