

MY TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. Hunter Wright

I was honored to be awarded the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Youth Tour 2024 Delegate spot and to represent Minnesota on this trip. I was the second student from Laporte Community School District to be selected since this program started. We left on June 18, 2024, and returned on Sunday, June 23, 2024. I met teens from other cooperatives in Minnesota and teens from across the United States.

My favorite part of the trip was when we visited the Holocaust Museum. One of the pictures I would like to share is of a collection of photos spanning two stories of the museum as you walked through the second story of the museum and down to the main floor. The images and objects displayed told the story of the victims of the Holocaust and the museum showcased preserved objects and historical pieces including an actual railroad car, clothes belonging to a soldier from the Axis Powers and the Remembrance Hall.

We also visited the Smithsonian Museums. There was so much to see in each of the buildings that we were not able to see everything, and our time flew by quickly. Some of my favorite exhibits and items included: a signed paper from Public Enemy featured in the African History Museum alongside memorable musicians and producers including Prince and the Ink Spots, too. There was also a Neanderthal with an iPhone 6 in the Museum of Natural History. The Hope Diamond (the biggest known cut diamond to exist) was also amazing to see in the Gemstones Exhibit.

Lastly, it was interesting to see how each of the political parties was able to interact with each other for the betterment of the U.S. The politicians who met with us included Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, along with our delegate group, to share their perspectives on both rural and regional affairs.



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING ME AND AFFORDING ME THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY.

EMPLOYEE UPDATES



CONGRATULATIONS, KEN NORENBURG!

We would like to congratulate Lead Custodian Ken Norenberg on his retirement. Ken retired on Aug. 30, after more than 19 years with Beltrami Electric Cooperative. Ken started his career with Beltrami Electric in January 2005 and has kept our facility clean and running smoothly. Ken lives in Bemidji with his wife, Carmen. In retirement, Ken is looking forward to working on projects around his home, spending more time with family and friends, and hopes to take more time for fishing. Thank you, Ken, for your dedicated service to our employees and cooperative members. We wish you a happy retirement!



WELCOME JEREMY STAY

Jeremy Stay recently joined Beltrami Electric as facilities lead. Jeremy has a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Industrial Technology from Bemidji State University. His previous work experience includes Sanford Health in Bemidji, Minnesota, and Potlatch/Ainsworth. Jeremy lives in Bemidji with his wife, Lisa, and children, Jessa, Emma and Grant. He enjoys fishing, hunting and golfing, as well as spending time at the baseball fields or the hockey rink. Welcome, Jeremy!