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MY WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

By Watson Snyder

Pack your bags and get ready to travel with me as I flip through my journal and relive an inspiring week in Washington, D.C. on the Youth Tour. 254048

June 11 — YTDC Travel and Pentagon Memorial

After our 3 a.m. wake-up call, a hail-storm, and a five-hour delay at the airport, we made it to Minneapolis to find out we had the connecting flight to D.C. all to ourselves. We met up with the North Dakota delegation and dropped our bags at our very high-class hotel and were off to our first stop, the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. This time was very sobering. I learned that the granite benches pointing at the Pentagon were for the people on the plane, and the benches pointing away were for the people in the Pentagon who died. One thing that came over me at the memorial was the feeling of thankfulness that we had brave people that were willing to sacrifice for us. These were just ordinary people that had wives, children, and families, and they stood up and gave their lives to keep us safe. It wasn't their job. They didn't have to do it but they did. Another thought that really affected me was learning that some of the passengers would have been my age if they were alive today. Daniel Stark, a fellow tour student questioned in conversation, "Would we be willing to stand up and make that sacrifice if the situation presented itself? We will be running this country in the future, and we need to be thinking about things like that."

June 12 — Newseum, Smithsonian, Jefferson, FDR, Martin Luther King, Air Force Memorial

(Today was a very full day.)

Newseum –

I was pleasantly surprised and impressed time after time by the engaging exhibits. The antenna from on top of the World Trade Center was a part of the 9/11 display. There were also videos with live footage of the attacks, and as I left the theater I found myself fighting

back tears. The FBI section really impressed me with all the bureau does to keep our country safe.

Smithsonian –

I have always wanted to visit the Smithsonian, and even as a kid my Dad nicknamed me Watsonian. Several of my new friends and I spent hours exploring the Air and Space Museum. I don't think we missed an exhibit. The Natural History Museum was also very interesting with the skeletons, sea creatures, mummies and the famed Hope diamond.

Jefferson Monument –

While at the Jefferson monument I was struck with Jefferson's belief, honor and pride in our country.

"We solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states...and for the support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." Jefferson

FDR Memorial –

When we visited this memorial I was surprised at the amount of wonderful quotes credited to one man; some of which I had heard from my grandpa and parents.

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith." – FDR

June 13 — Youth Conference, Mount Vernon, Old Alexandria/fish market, river boat ride and dance

Youth Conference –

The speakers talked about voting and the part we will play in the future of co-ops and our country. The inspirational speaker had been accidentally shot in high school and consequently was paralyzed. He told us about the hardships he had faced, and that

no matter what we were facing, we had no excuse not to make it through. "Just because you can't stand up doesn't mean you can't stand out."

Mount Vernon –

I used every minute of the time we were given to tour the farm grounds, gardens, and buildings. We toured Washington's mansion and saw the wonderful artwork and beautiful rooms.

River boat cruise –

We met the Arizona, Georgia and California delegations at the dock before setting out with them on our river boat cruise. On the boat people played games, danced and relaxed on the deck. I had an awesome time dancing with everyone on the beautiful Cherry Blossom.

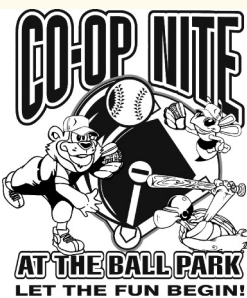
June 14 — National Aquarium, Arlington Cemetery, Cubs vs. Nationals ball game

National Aquarium –

I had a great time getting to know new friends better while looking at the

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amazing aquatic exhibits.

Arlington cemetery –

My imagination of Arlington National Cemetery did not prepare me for its vast size. Although this visit was heavy and sad, it made me very thankful, humble and proud to live in a country where the people stood for what was right and were willing to sacrifice for our freedom. We watched the changing of the guard at the tomb of The Unknown Soldier. I regret not having more time to spend there, and I think even a whole day would not be enough.

June 15 — Library of Congress, Capitol, Ryan Zinke, Steve Daines, farewell dinner/dance

Capitol –

Our day included a guided tour of the Capitol, where we learned about the structure, art work and history surrounding the building. Senator Steve Daines and Representative Ryan Zinke both took time to meet us and answer our questions.

Farewell dinner –

We were treated to a farewell dinner with food from around the world and

ended the evening dancing our boots off.

June 16 — Electric Cooperative speaker, National Zoo, Ben's Chili Bowl, Holocaust Museum, National Mall, Lincoln and Washington Monuments, and Marine Memorial

Holocaust Museum –

This was really beyond words. What can be said about the horror of human torture that took place during the Holocaust?

Monuments –

I had only seen the Washington and Lincoln monuments in pictures, but they were incredible to see in real life.

June 17

Heading home –

It is so sad to leave D.C. and the new friends I have made.

As I close my journal pages, gratitude is all I have for this opportunity I had to travel to Washington, D.C. and represent my electric cooperative. I gained a better understanding of the rich history of my country and cooperatives. This quote that I saw speaks my heart more than my words can.

“The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man, or one party, or one nation... It must be a peace which rests on a cooperative effort of the whole world.”

– FDR



Swap Column

FOR SALE: Regency free-standing gas fireplace, \$1,000 obo. Dennis Schenk, 467-3303.

FOR SALE: Old unusual 24" 10-speed bicycle from Sears & Roebuck, excellent condition, \$200; 2 end tables & matching coffee table with hand-carved cherubs on legs & inlaid roses on the tops, \$450 for set; Skil 8-1/4" worm drive saw, model-825 with case & blades, \$300; Milwaukee 1/2" hammer drill, D handle, Cat. No. 5398, \$150. John Bushilla, 264-5990.

FOR SALE: 8-ft. pop-up, cab-over camper, completely self-contained, in great shape, 3 burner stove, 3-way refrigerator, furnace, sink, 20 gal water tank, sleeps 4, A/C-D/C converter, plus extras. Don McGhee, 467-2387.

FOR RENT: 30 acres of pasture for 10 or 15 head, with creek. Lyle Richards, 463-2445.

FOR SALE: Propane fire-place insert. Dick Schott, 733-6072.

WANTED: Buzzsaw. Dick Schott, 733-6072.

FOR SALE: Railroad ties, at least 10 full-length, along with a dozen or more that have been cut, \$50 for all. Tim Nett, 466-5488.

FOR SALE: 1936 Ford 1.5-ton truck, good paint, engine ready to install, also comes with a metal frame for the box; 1954 1.5-ton truck with hoist and box available, carbide welder. Dennis McOmber, 467-2075.

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