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If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 800-407-2217. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After-hours calls will be answered by the dispatch and standby personnel.

24-hour Electrician Service

If you are without electricity or have an electrical emergency on your side of the meter, we have a master electrician on staff available 24 hours a day.

FROM THE MANGER

Members Vote for Self-Regulation

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of self-regulation, giving Lane-Scott's Board of Trustees more decision-making authority. This allows us to self-regulate rates, rate design, and operational regulations, whereas this responsibility was previously held by the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Furthermore, this decision will assist Lane-Scott by enhancing local control, improving efficiency, eliminating unnecessary regulatory costs, as well as placing us in a better position for future opportunities.

Voting took place throughout the month of June. A total of 991 votes were cast, with over 38 percent of the membership submitting their ballots. There were 860 "yes" votes which equates to more than 86 percent of

voters approving of self-regulation. I believe the high level of participation exemplifies how strongly our members feel about this issue.

The Board of Trustees and management would like to thank our members who voted in the election. I would also like to thank our trustees and employees that helped carry the message to our members, explaining the benefits of self-regulation.

Once again, thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact me or stop by our office and I will be happy to visit with you.



Ed Wiltse

Thank you for your support!

In Memory of Assistant Manager Dow Morris

Assistant Manager **DOW MORRIS** passed away on July 15 from complications due to pneumonia.

Morris began his duties as Assistant Manager with Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative on March 1, 2006.

He received his bachelor of science degree in Accounting from Illinois State University in 1981.

Morris enjoyed working for the co-



Dow Morris

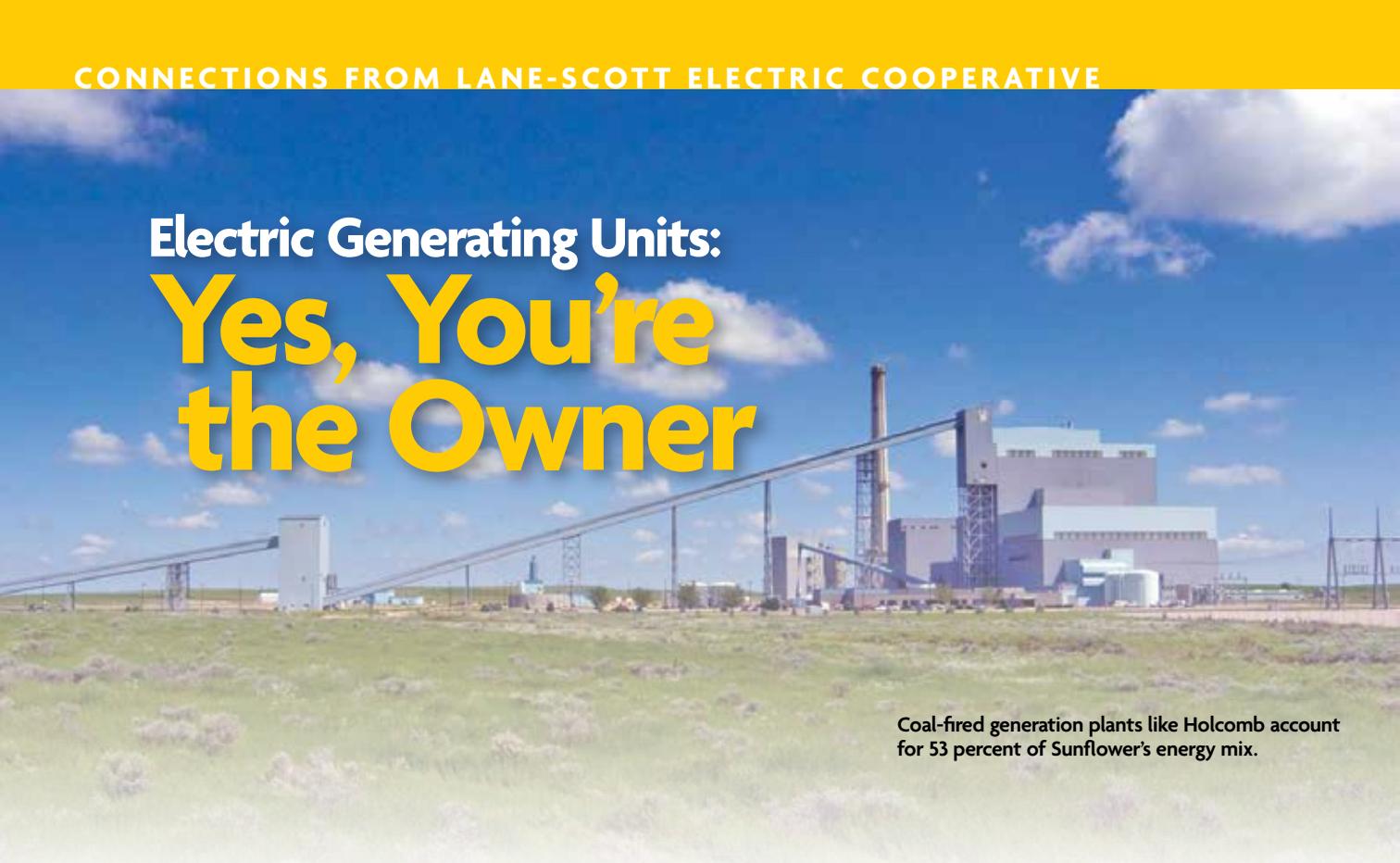
op and participating in company events including chaperoning the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

In his spare time, Morris enjoyed golfing and rooting for all the Illinois sports teams.

He was an important part of the Lane-Scott family for the last eight years and will be missed. Our thoughts are with

his friends and family during this time. Memorial information can be found at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

Electric Generating Units: Yes, You're the Owner



Coal-fired generation plants like Holcomb account for 53 percent of Sunflower's energy mix.

Visit www.action.coop to let the government know that you support an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy.

As a member-owner of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, you're more than a customer because you have a voice. Each year, you have the opportunity to elect fellow members to the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees. Through the election of trustees you allow yourself to have a seat and a voice for each decision made.

Lane-Scott is an owner of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC—both were formed to provide wholesale generation and transmission services to Lane-Scott.

What does this ownership mean for you? Among other benefits, it means you have ownership in a diverse electric generation portfolio, comprised of coal, natural gas, and renewable resources. The law of supply and demand dictates that as demand for a product increases so does its price, and by having access to more than one generation fuel resource it helps protect you against rising costs.

Consider this, when a mover transports 2,000 boxes across country, it is more efficient to use a diesel semi-tractor trailer rig and make one trip than it is to use a small cargo van that makes 20 trips. Likewise, when a mover transports 100 boxes across the state, it is more efficient to use a cargo van than it is to use an eighteen wheeler. And when moving a

few packages within a city, the transportation of choice might be an electric vehicle with technology that benefits from frequent stops and slower speeds.

Just as vehicles are designed to meet varying delivery scenarios, electric generating units are also designed with different configurations to best meet energy demands; for example:

Like an eighteen wheeler, coal units are designed to run for extended periods at high loads. This plentiful and affordable domestic fuel source amounts to approximately 53 percent (on a nameplate basis) of the Sunflower and Mid-Kansas generation portfolio.

Generation facilities fueled by coal are typically considered baseload resources because they usually run all the time and generate large amounts of electricity to serve the base electric demand. Coal resources can also be dispatched when necessary to meet energy demand.

Another important advantage of this fuel source is affordability, as your G&T participates in long-term contracts to protect against price fluctuations.

While some oppose coal-based generation, Sunflower and Mid-Kansas take great pride in being environmental stewards, operating all assets in a way that meets both state and federal environmental requirements. Your democratically elected Sunflower and Mid-

Kansas Boards of Directors understand the advantages of this fuel and will continue to advocate for reasonable environmental regulations that keep coal in the mix.

Like cargo vans, natural gas units are usually smaller in size and offer flexibility to the generation portfolio. Approximately 40 percent (on a nameplate basis) of the Sunflower and Mid-Kansas system is natural gas-based generation. Natural gas units that utilize a steam cycle are typically considered intermediate resources, as they usually come online during periods in the year when electric demand is above average. Natural gas-fired combustion turbines are considered peaking units, as they usually come online for a few hours at a time during days that have the highest electric demand. Natural gas-fired reciprocating engines offer a flexible alternative that can be used for a variety of purposes.

Like coal resources, natural gas resources can be dispatched when needed. However, since long-term contracts are not available for natural gas, the price is more volatile and higher than the price of coal.

Since the goal of your G&T is to provide its members with reliable energy at the lowest possible cost, coal and natural gas units are dispatched based on their production costs to ensure the most economical blend of generation is used to serve the demand while maintaining system reliability.

More easily ramped up and down than a coal unit, natural gas units are also used to follow the

natural fluctuations of wind energy.

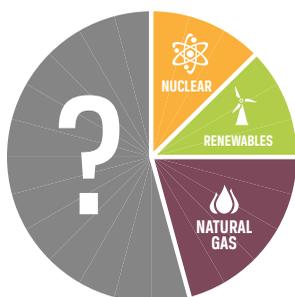
Like electric vehicles, wind resources can bring benefits, but this resource also has drawbacks. The remainder of the system's generation portfolio is comprised of contracts for renewable energy. Just as electric cars are limited to travel distance or duration based on battery capacity, wind resources can only be used when the wind is blowing.

Unfortunately, the demand for energy in the Sunflower and Mid-Kansas service area is highest on hot summer days, not on spring and fall nights when Kansas experiences its windiest weather conditions.

Still, when available, wind energy benefits the system when it replaces energy produced from higher-priced natural gas. For that reason, Sunflower and Mid-Kansas have strategically entered into wind energy contracts that will benefit the system without sacrificing reliability or affordability.

The Sunflower and Mid-Kansas Boards of Directors strongly believe in the benefits of a diverse generation portfolio and have made decisions to advance and protect these assets at a time when fossil-fuel generation is facing restrictive federal regulations. We hope that you, too, will join in the grassroots movement to protect your generation resources.

Visit www.action.coop to let the government know that you support an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy, which will allow your G&T to continue utilizing its generation assets in a way that best benefits all members.

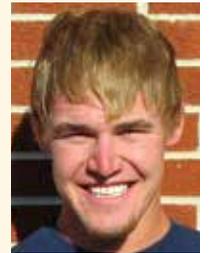


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Torson Awarded \$500 Scholarship

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that **DIRK TORSON** has been awarded the 2014 \$500 scholarship for studies in the electric utility field.



Dirk Torson

Torson will be returning to Pratt Community College in the fall to complete the electric lineman program. He is completing his summer internship requirement by working at Lane-Scott Electric.

Thank You Notes

Dear Lane-Scott,

Hello from beautiful Washington, D.C. This trip has been amazing! I never knew I would have such a good time and learn so much! We have only just begun, as well. I'm super excited to see what else is in store!



Regan Foos

Once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Regan Foos

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you for letting me have this awesome opportunity. Today I went to the Smithsonian and have seen the capitol. Washington D.C. is an amazing city. Thanks again.



Payden Shapland

Sincerely,
Payden Shapland

Foos & Shapland Visit Washington, D.C. on Youth Tour

Teaching 35 high school students about electric cooperatives, as well as helping to develop their leadership skills, was an important objective of the 54th annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 12-19.

REGAN FOOS and **PAYDEN SHAPLAND** were selected from a group of high school applicants by Lane-Scott Electric. To win this trip, students were asked to submit an essay.

“Lane-Scott Electric is proud to support the Youth Tour program and send our youth to experience government in action,” said Ed Wiltse, Manager. “Our hope is that local students will gain some awareness of how our political system works and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our community.”

The trip, sponsored by Kansas’ electric cooperatives, began in Topeka with several guest speakers at the kick-off banquet. Bruce Graham, Kansas Electric Cooperative’s CEO, led the event and introduced Brant Laue, Chief Counsel for Gov. Sam Brownback, who attended youth tour in 1978; Steven Johnson, Kansas House of Representatives District 108, who attended in 1983; Kyle Hoffman, Kansas House of Representatives District 116, who attended in 1989;

and Travis Couture-Lovelady, Kansas House of Representatives District 110, who attended in 2000.

Before leaving Kansas, the students visited Kaw Valley Electric where they learned how electric cooperatives work and rode in a bucket truck. They also toured the Kansas State Capitol and Brown vs. Board of Education historic site.

Once in Washington, D.C., the group visited with Senators Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts, and Congressman Tim Huelskamp, allowing the students to learn about the nation’s government and talk with their elected officials. For many students, meeting their representatives was inspiring and motivated them to set

leadership goals.

“Meeting the senators and legislators really inspired me,” Shapland said. “It was awesome to get a feel for our government.”

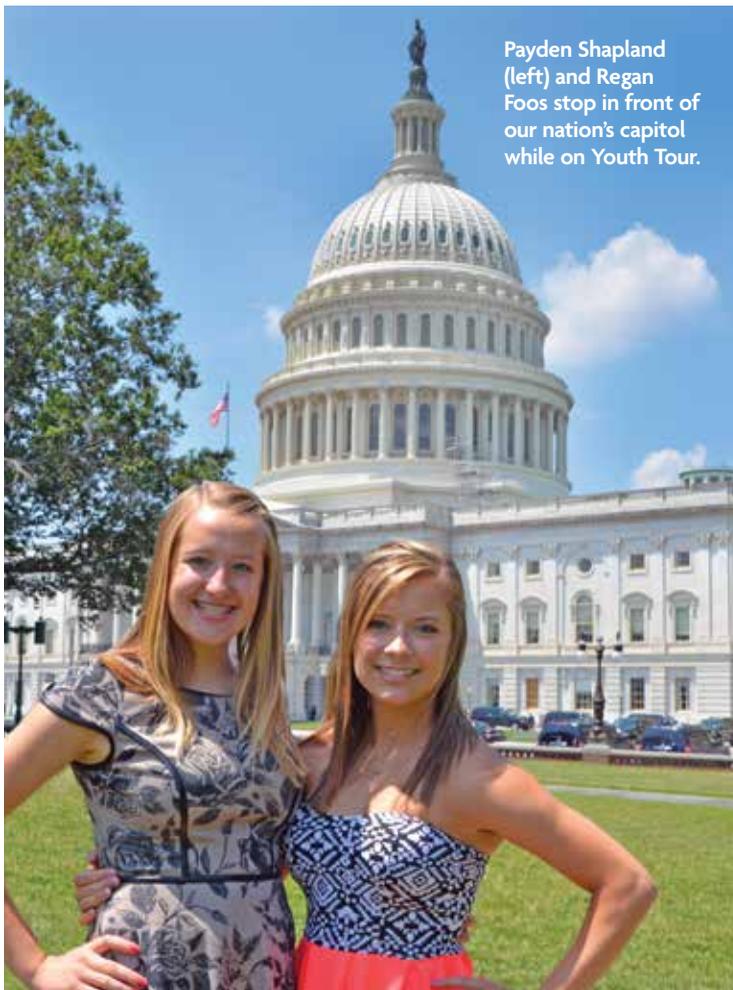
Despite flight delays and cancellations upon departure, the youth were still able to tour the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian museums, Mt. Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, several memorials, along with seeing the Disney’s *The Lion King* at the Kennedy Center. The delegates also attended the NRECA Youth Day, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of NRECA coordinating Youth Tour.

“Arlington National Cemetery and the military sights we have been to have made me respect the men and women that are serving and have served for our country even more,” Foos said.

“KEC promotes this trip as the trip of a lifetime, and that certainly isn’t an exaggeration by any means,” said Shawn Powelson from Wheatland Electric, who chaperoned the trip. “The experience is one I will not soon forget. Kansas and its electric co-ops were represented well. I can’t imagine a better investment than in these young people, the future leaders of Kansas and our country.”

Many of the students expressed how this trip has changed their view on the world, and also their view on themselves.

Lane-Scott Electric sponsors the trip of two students each year. For more information, contact Bob Venters at 620-397-5327.



Payden Shapland (left) and Regan Foos stop in front of our nation’s capitol while on Youth Tour.