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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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In Case of an Outage

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.

Safety is Always at the Top of the List at Lane-Scott Electric

Lane-Scott Electric is very proud of our safety program. Our goal is to bring our employees home to their families every day and to keep our members and customers safe as we go about our daily work.

Lane-Scott Electric's program is part of Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC), our statewide association, safety program which provides our employees with regular safety meetings. KEC has four certified Loss Control and Safety professionals on staff. These professionals come to our cooperative and present a variety of safety topics to all employees eight to 10 times a year.

When KEC isn't scheduled to meet with our employees, the Lane-Scott Safety Committee sets the

agenda for our safety meeting. In all, we have at least 12 safety meetings that all the employees are encouraged to attend. Safety training and awareness are critical for all of us.

The General Manager is responsible for the overall safety program as directed by the Board of Trustees of Lane-Scott Electric. Lane-Scott Electric Safety Coordinator is David Howard, with Kasey Jenkinson serving as President; Ben Mann serving as Vice-President and Kathy Ballew is currently our Secretary. The responsibilities of our safety committee are to make sure safety meetings are conducted on a monthly basis or more often if necessary, assist the Loss Control and Safety instructor in conducting

Electricity is a dangerous business and we must always be on our guard.

the regular safety meetings, and prepare a monthly safety report to the General Manager.

They also coordinate our Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP), to ensure that accident statistics, including recordable injuries, lost time days, and man-hours worked, are maintained, and to administer the Lineman's Apprenticeship Program.

The RESAP program is a planned safety improvement plan by the cooperative. This safety improvement plan is updated annually and

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Lane-Scott Safety Committee Members



Kathy Ballew



Kasey Jenkinson



Ben Mann

Lane-Scott Offers \$500 Scholarship

Deadline May 15, 2012

Lane-Scott is offering a \$500 scholarship to an individual going into the electric utility field. We support the development of effective leaders through educational opportunities. This scholarship is awarded annually to an eligible applicant.

Requirements

Applicants must be a senior or high school graduate planning to further his or her education in the electric utility field and enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited university or college. Junior, community, and vocational or technical colleges also apply.

Each applicant for the scholarship shall be considered on the criteria without regard to race, age, color, religion, gender, national origin or existence of physical handicap.

The successful applicant will be chosen on scholarship merit based on the following: scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and school. Preference will be given to an individual in the Lane-Scott service territory.

Selection Procedure

The scholarship committee of Lane-Scott will make the selection based on the above criteria. Each applicant must be willing to be interviewed by the committee, if necessary.

Payment

The scholarship recipients shall notify Lane-Scott, in writing of their college enrollment. The cooperative will then pay the institution. Should the recipient withdraw from college, payment of the scholarship monies shall cease and reimbursement of unused monies shall be made to Lane-Scott.

To Apply

Contact the Lane-Scott office for an application. Completed applications must be post-marked and/or returned **by May 15, 2012**.

Mail Applications to Scholarship Committee, Lane-Scott, P.O. Box 758, Dighton, KS 67839. Questions about the scholarship program should be directed to Earl N. Steffens, Lane-Scott, General Manager, at 620-397-5327.

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is recognized by our employees, management and Board of Trustees as our safety goals for the year.

Safety is everyone's responsibility but the immediate job of preventing accidents and controlling work health hazards falls upon the supervisor. To Lane-Scott any employee who

directs the work of others is a supervisor. It is also the supervisor's responsibility to provide this safety leadership, enforce rules and cooperative's safe working practices, inspect tools and equipment and restrict areas that are hazardous to employees or the general public.

Each crew holds a "tailgate conference" before the start of each job, large or small, to make sure all understand clearly how the work is to be done, specific safety practices need to be observed and what is needed to safeguard our members.

Safety meetings include the inspection of vehicles, noting what items need to be fixed; inspection of each outside employee's equipment and tools; office and building safety equipment; and safety stations.

KEC produces a *Safety Summary* each month, which covers a specific safety topic, accidents anfrom around the state and general comments from our safety instructors. KEC also provides a number of classes for linemen, such as hotline school, metering and



Director of Operations Manager, Vic Torson, (left) presents Safety Coordinator David Howard with a No-Lost-Time Accident award for 567,155 hours worked since January 20, 1999, without an accident.

transformers instructions, supervisor training classes and others as needed.

Lane-Scott linemen conduct monthly substation inspections of our 10 substations. These inspections include checking for nitrogen and oil levels in the transformers, birds, lights, weeds, OCR readings, hot connections, signs on the outside of the fence, vandalism (usually shooting insulators or lights), and theft (copper ground wire) and anything else that looks out of the ordinary.

Lane-Scott has its rubber goods (gloves, sleeves and cover ups) checked on a regular schedule. Bucket and digger trucks also have annual dielectric testing and vehicle inspection completed.

Our most recent No-Lost-Time Award was for over 567,000 hours. This dates back to January 1999 when we had our last recordable lost time accident. Safety is never taken for granted by our Board of Trustees or any of our employees. Electricity is a dangerous business and we must always be on our guard.

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Attention High School Sophomores and Juniors

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative offers free trips for up to four children of Lane-Scott Electric members.

Two winners will be chosen to join over 1,500 young people in Washington, D.C., for the **“Government in Action” Youth Tour June 14-21.**

He or she will visit the state capitol in Topeka and Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant before flying to Washington, D.C. There he or she will learn about the U.S. government through visits with senators and congressional delegation, meetings with youth from other states and tours of museums, Capitol Hill and Arlington National Cemetery.

Two winners will be chosen to attend the **Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 14-20.**

He or she will stay at the scenic Glen Eden Resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. At camp, you will join winners from other cooperatives in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Wyoming to form one of the most outstanding leadership camps in the country.

This trip is open to any sophomore or junior whose parents are members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

To apply for this trip, students must submit a 200-word essay that answers the question: “How have



Hannah Speer (left) and Kate Hagans at the US Capitol. They were among the 34 Kansas delegates who took part in this year’s “Government in Action” Youth Tour.

the services from Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., made our lives better?” **The essay must be in our office by March 15, 2012.**

The winners will also be asked to present a short speech on their trip at the Lane-Scott Annual Meeting in July.

Parents, please help your children understand what an amazing opportunity this is and encourage them to participate.

The Board of Trustees of Lane-Scott feels that education of our youth about the operation and

structure of cooperatives is important to their future. The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. The more they are aware of how the cooperative works, the better off our country will be.

If you have any questions or concerns about either trip, please contact our office and ask for Earl Steffens or Bob Venters.



Chad Meyers (left) and Loretta Harmison enjoy the view on top of Lookout Mountain in Colorado.

For Sale by Sealed Bid



Lane-Scott Electric is selling a 2004 Chevy standard cab pickup. Below are details:

- ▶ Vin #1GCEK14T14Z210831
- ▶ 128K miles
- ▶ New transmission at 84K miles
- ▶ Tool box is not included.

It can be viewed at our office at 410 South High Street in Dighton.

Bids may be sent to Lane-Scott Electric at P.O. Box 758, Dighton, KK 67839 and will be accepted **until 5 p.m. closing on March 23, 2012.** We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Air is drawn into your home from low areas, so inspect your foundation for potential air-infiltration points. Fixing these leaks makes a bigger impact on your electric bill than sealing doors and windows! Caulk all cracks and gaps around your home including spaces around wires for telephone, electrical, cable, and gas lines, water spigots, and dryer vents. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com



**I CHANGED MY AIR FILTER.
AND MY WARDROBE.**

**Saving money on my electric bill seemed like a good
enough reason to update my closet. Find out what
you can do at TogetherWeSave.com.**



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