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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.

Co-op Linemen Teach at Kansas State Fair

Lane-Scott Electric, along with the 31 other Kansas electric cooperatives and Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Kansas, are co-sponsored a high-voltage line safety demonstration in combination with the Kansas State Fair, September 10-14.

Lane-Scott linemen volunteered to help spread the message along with linemen from CMS Electric Cooperative, Inc., Midwest Energy, Inc., Nemaha-Marshall Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., and Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc.

Teaching the public to stay safe around power lines was the focus of the electric cooperatives' message at this year's fair. The demonstration, which is part of "Kansas' Largest Classroom," and incorporated a full-size electric safety demonstration, which was on loan from Midwest Energy.

Journeyman linemen from the electric cooperatives demonstrated proper safety precautions and taught viewers what protective gear linemen use and why, what happens to a



Cooperative linemen teach students at the State Fair how to stay safe around electricity.

person when they come into contact with an energized line and why birds can land safely on power lines.

Touchstone Energy and Discovery Channel School "Get Charged" kits were distributed to teachers who pre-registered their fifth-ninth grade classes for the demonstration.

"Kansas' Largest Classroom" is a one-of-a-kind educational event that features various items from crafts to agriculture and animals. This program provides teachers with materials like lesson plans and lists of activities to assist with their trip to the Kansas State Fair.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lane-Scott's Offices Closed

Lane-Scott wishes our members a happy Thanksgiving. Our offices will be closed November 22-23 in observance of the holiday.



Hot Line School Teaches Safety Practices

Lane-Scott joined Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., Lane-Scott's statewide association, bucket truck training school at Pratt Technical College on September 11-13. The school is geared toward all utility linemen, and welcomes those of all experience levels including the vo-tech students.

Around 40 vo-tech students and 37 linemen participated in the two-and-a-half days of hands-on training.

"It's not only a review of established safe work practices, but also the opportunity to view new equipment, technologies and advanced work practices," said Larry Detwiler, director of Loss Control, Safety and Compliance at KEC.

The school focused on working on a simulated energized line. This training is essential for linemen because, while routine maintenance may be conducted with the lines de-energized, a new dependence



Linemen and students from across Kansas gathered at the Hot Line School to train and learn about safety.

on electronics and technology makes this much less desirable.

"More and more jobs will have to be done energized to satisfy the consumer's need for uninterrupted power," Detwiler said.

Cooperatives have provided the necessary equipment and volunteers to keep the school running for the past 40 years.

BEN MANN, a lineman from Lane-Scott, was an instructor at this year's school. He believes this training offers linemen a unique opportunity to further their skills and gain valuable experience.

"They come to the hot line school and try things they wouldn't typically do. The more experience they have, the more comfortable they are, the safer they are and the more efficient they are," Mann said.

In turn, this experience benefits not only the linemen, but also the communities in which they serve.



Lane-Scott lineman, Ben Mann (third from right), was an instructor at this year's hot line school. Here he and his group observe a training demonstration.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Utilities Service that it will comply fully with all the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities.

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