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**LANE-SCOTT
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.

Attention High School Sophomores & 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 more than 1,700 young people in Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour **June 9-16, 2016**. They will visit the state capitol in Topeka and Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant before flying to Washington, D.C. There they 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 16-22, 2016**.



Payden Shapland enjoys the view of Elk River during the 2015 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

They will stay at the scenic Glen Eden Resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. At camp, they 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 the services from Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., made our lives better?" **The essay must be in our office by March 15, 2016.**

The winners will also be asked to present a short speech



Alexis Peck (left) and Morgan Tucker stop in front of the Jefferson Memorial while on the 2015 Youth Tour.

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 feel 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.

For more information visit www.lanescott.coop and click on youth information; or call Bob Venters at 620-397-5327.

DANGER! Outlet Overload

Every year, U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated 25,900 home electrical fires. These fires cause an estimated 280 deaths, 1,125 injuries and \$1.1 billion in property loss.

Thirty-nine percent of home electrical fires involve outlets and receptacles, and other electrical wiring. To ensure safety, you should only use about 80 percent of the available current for each electrical outlet in your home.



Are you overloading outlets?

Use this formula to find out:

$$\text{wattage} / \text{volts} = \text{amps}$$

Example: Let's say you are using 2,000 watts of power (for one outlet). Divide the watts by the volts in your home (typically 120), and you come up with 16.6 amps of current being used. With a 20 amp electrical outlet, you are using about 80 percent of the available current.

Payment Drop Box Relocation

Because of moisture damage to paper documents, the Lane-Scott payment drop box has been relocated to the front entry of our Dighton office.

The KIOSK, which you can use to make electronic credit card or check payments, is also located in our entry. For member convenience the front entry can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Will EPA's Clean Power Plan threaten electric reliability?

Effects on transmission grid being studied—report to be released this year

Since the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its Clean Power Plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in August, several objections have been raised—from its effect on the economy to whether it actually has the authority to regulate carbon dioxide emissions.

An especially significant concern came from the organization responsible for making sure our electricity stays on. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), reacting to a 2014 draft of the EPA plan, said in April 2015 that the electric utility industry “needs more time to develop coordinated plans to address shifts in generation and corresponding transmission.”

NERC cited concern about the electric transmission grid, noting that some of the emission reductions would begin in the year 2020, even though, NERC said, “transmission projects require between six and 15 years to engineer, site, permit and construct.”

EPA's final rule released in August responded to that concern by extending the deadline two years, setting a 2022 start date and phasing-in the limits through 2030. Is that enough time? NERC replied in a statement that acknowledged the EPA had changed its deadlines and that NERC will analyze the EPA's final rule and issue a report in mid-2016.

Among those challenging the EPA rules in court is the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), concerned that the Clean Power Plan would hurt electric reliability and raise costs for electric co-op members. “We believe the EPA has overstepped its legal

authority with the Clean Power Plan, and, along with many other interveners, have challenged [the] EPA's rules in the courts,” says Paul McCurley, NRECA chief engineer and acting executive director of Energy and Power. “If the legal challenge is successful, then perhaps we can get [the] EPA to write regulations that address more than just environmental concerns – but also consider economic impacts to consumers and do not threaten the reliability of the electric grid.”



The NERC has raised questions about how the system of high-voltage transmission lines would be affected by the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan to limit greenhouse gas emissions over the next 15 years. NERC is analyzing the EPA rules and plans to release a report by the middle of 2016.