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**LANE-SCOTT  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# Connections

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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.

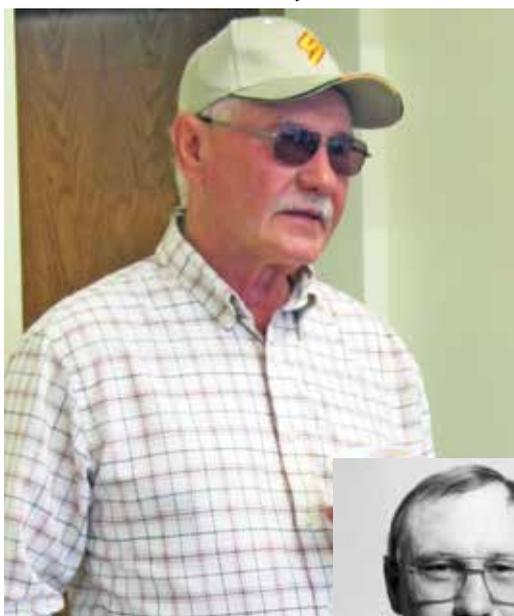
## Vic Torson Retires after 38 years at Co-op

It was the year of the Watergate scandal, the end of the Vietnam War, and when a gallon of gas cost 57 cents. It was also the year **VIC TORSON** began his career at Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

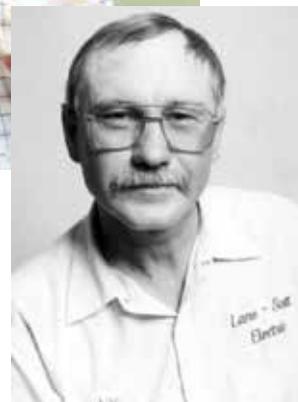
Torson was working for an electric contract crew out of Oklahoma when he was approached by Lynn 'Dink' Hubin to come to work for Lane-Scott. Since October 1, 1975, Torson's job title changed from lineman to maintenance foreman and then to line superintendent/operations manager in September 2004.

After more than three decades, Torson has experienced numerous changes at Lane-Scott. Those changes include building relocations, renovations, and seven different managers, but the biggest change was going from climbing electric poles to the use of the bucket truck.

Memorable moments from the job include taking cats off of power poles.



Vic Torson shared stories and received best wishes when visiting with fellow employees on his last day of work.



A vintage photo of Torson in his early days at Lane-Scott.

"That was a challenge when you had to climb the pole and the cat is not going for it (the rescue)," Torson said.

Then there was the blizzard and ice storm of 2007, that as Torson

## Efficiency Tip of the Month

Like homes and other businesses, farms of all types can lower their electricity bills by turning off or reducing use of lights and small equipment in outbuildings. Timers and sensors can help, too. Regular cleaning, maintenance, and seasonal tune-ups help keep larger equipment running at top efficiency.



Torson (left) and Eugene Wilson, City of Dighton, set poles for Diamond View Estates.

said, “Burned everyone’s brains.”

Now that Torson has retired, he will be splitting his time between his home in Dighton and his ranch in Crookston, NE. He looks forward to working on his ranch; enjoying his cattle, horses and the numerous wildlife roaming in his new front yard.

Succeeding Torson is **NATE BURNS**, who was promoted from maintenance foreman to operations manager. Burns has been with Lane-Scott since August 1994.



Nate Burns was promoted to operations manager upon Torson’s retirement.

## Things to Know When Reporting an Outage

Lane-Scott Electric employees are available to take your outage calls between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An after-hours dispatch service is available for outage calls outside of our business hours. The dispatchers are not employees of Lane-Scott Electric and therefore may not be familiar with all of our consumers and territory.

In order for Lane-Scott Electric to respond in the most timely manner possible, we ask that you provide our

dispatch service with the information below when you call in.

We serve all or part of eight counties, so the more detailed information you give us the better our linemen can respond. We encourage you to call whenever you have an outage, even if you think someone may have already called in, as this helps us isolate the problem. As our members, you are our number one priority, and Lane-Scott is committed to providing you with the best service possible.

### Have an Outage? Things to Know Before You Call

Be ready with the following information when you call 620-397-5327 or 800-407-2217 to report your outage.

- ▶ Your name and a phone number you can be reached at **during** the outage.
- ▶ Provide the address of and/or driving directions to the outage.
- ▶ Know the name the electric account is in, if different from the name of the caller.

Please do not call 911 or the sheriff’s dept if the phone is busy. Just wait a few minutes and try again.

## Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

*Dear Lane-Scott,*

I loved this camp. Thank you so much. I learned so much about how a co-op works at this camp. Hopefully I can go and learn even more in Washington, D.C., next year.

Sincerely,

**Braden Mishler**

*2013 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Participant*

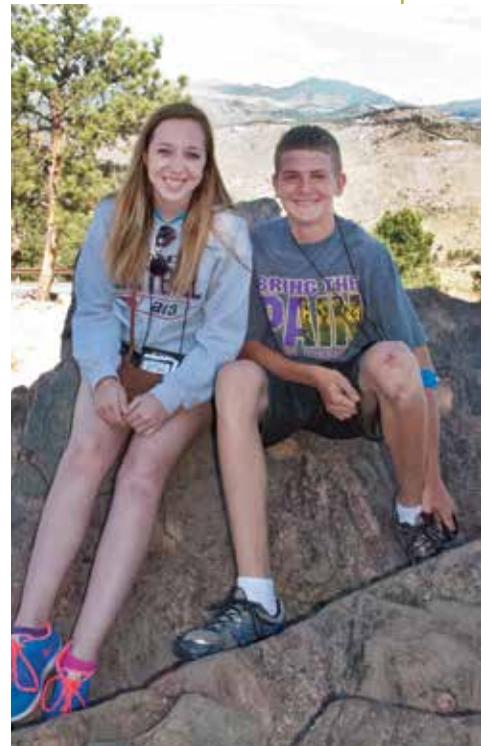
*Dear Lane-Scott,*

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this great opportunity. The friends I’ve made here will last a lifetime. I’ve learned so much and am extremely grateful to be able to be here.

Thank you!

**Lauren Sargent**

*2013 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Participant*



Lauren Sargent (left) and Braden Mishler enjoy the view on top of Lookout Mountain outside of Denver.