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Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative

## LANE-SCOTT CONNECTIONS

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# Meet the Employees



Gary Lewis began working for Lane-Scott Electric in March of 1978. Starting as an apprentice lineman, he worked his way up to journeyman lineman to his current position of foreman. He has attended numerous schools on metering, transformers, safety, OCR coordination, and the UOM School in Garden City. Gary also completed the Merchant Job Training and Safety program after it was implemented in 1992.

Gary was born in Scott City but has lived in Dighton all of his life, except for the time he spent at Kansas State and in the Service. He enjoys watching racing locally, NASCAR, and going to Manhattan for the Kansas State Football games. Over Gary's 26 years he has worked under four different managers. He likes the variety of the job and the good nature of the members of Lane-Scott Electric. Gary says, "When I started the job it was more physically demanding, but with the implementation of the bucket truck and the new technologies for the different systems, it has made the job a lot safer and easier." Moving into the current building and having heated stalls for the trucks has helped also.

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### Staff

Earl Steffens, General Manager  
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Bob Venters, Resale Manager

### In Case of Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call Dighton, 1-800-407-2217. Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours calls will be answered by the dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

**After Hours & Weekends Call:**  
**1-800-407-2217**

### 24-Hour Electrician Emergency 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. To request after-hours electrician service, call the following number:

**1-800-407-2217**

# Operations Report

Since last month the crew has been working hard on line extensions to new oil wells, new homes, and water well connects. This is in addition to the daily maintenance of our system.

We had our safety accreditation in August. We all thought with a score of 86.7% it went well. The book still needs to be graded to get the final accreditation score.

We have continued to replace meters with AMR meters in the Amy/Grigston area. We will continue to replace meters in the Scott City/Brookover area also.

We are still working on the GIS of our system in the southern part of Ness County. We plan to have this project completed by the end of September.

Demolition of the Quonset north of the Lane-Scott office has been completed as requested by the board. Preparations for our 2006 work plan are under way. We have met with Sunflower Electric and Peak Power Engineering to begin the process.

The line crew and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stan Bray for his 32 years of service to the cooperative, but more so for his eleven years as manager of operations. He has made Lane-Scott Electric a better, safer place to work.

Vic Torson



# One Vote DOES Make a Difference

Your one, single vote can and does make a difference! Just consider how *one vote* in the following years could have changed the course of American history:

1800- One vote elected Thomas Jefferson as President.

1824- John Quincy Adams was elected as President by the U.S. House of Representatives over Andrew Jackson when one representative from New York changed his vote. The election had been thrown into Congress because no candidate received a majority of votes in the Electoral College.

1845- Texas became the 28th state in the Union by one vote.

1868- One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from conviction and removal from office.

1911- An average of only one vote per precinct passed women's suffrage in California.

1912- Less than one vote per precinct, in one state, elected Woodrow Wilson as President.

1948 – Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, became a U.S. Senator by a margin of one vote.

1968- A change of one vote per precinct in three states would have made Hubert Humphrey President instead of Richard Nixon.

2000 – Bush vs. Gore. Florida. Recounts. FAR less than one vote per precinct (537 votes statewide to be exact). Need we say more?

Source: Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division, [TexasVoterGuide.com](http://TexasVoterGuide.com)

Have a SAFE  
and  
Happy  
Halloween!  
Sunday, October 31



*Don't Forget  
to Change  
Your Clocks  
October 31st!*



## Fall Back An Hour In Fall

- ✓ CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN ALL SMOKE DETECTORS.
- ✓ HAVE A PROFESSIONAL CHECK YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY, DO NOT DELAY.

# Resetting Your Programmable Thermostat

A programmable thermostat is simply a clock combined with a thermostat. The clock switches the thermostat temperature back and forth between an energy-saving setting and a comfort setting. Once you have these thermostats set up, you shouldn't need to change them often. Although all programmable thermostats are a little different, most have similar functions.

**Arrow buttons.** Usually there are two arrow buttons, up and down, that are used to adjust either time or temperature. If you change the temperature setting and nothing else, it will usually change the temperature temporarily until the end of the current programming period.

**Clock settings.** Check the time displayed on the thermostat— if you need to change it,

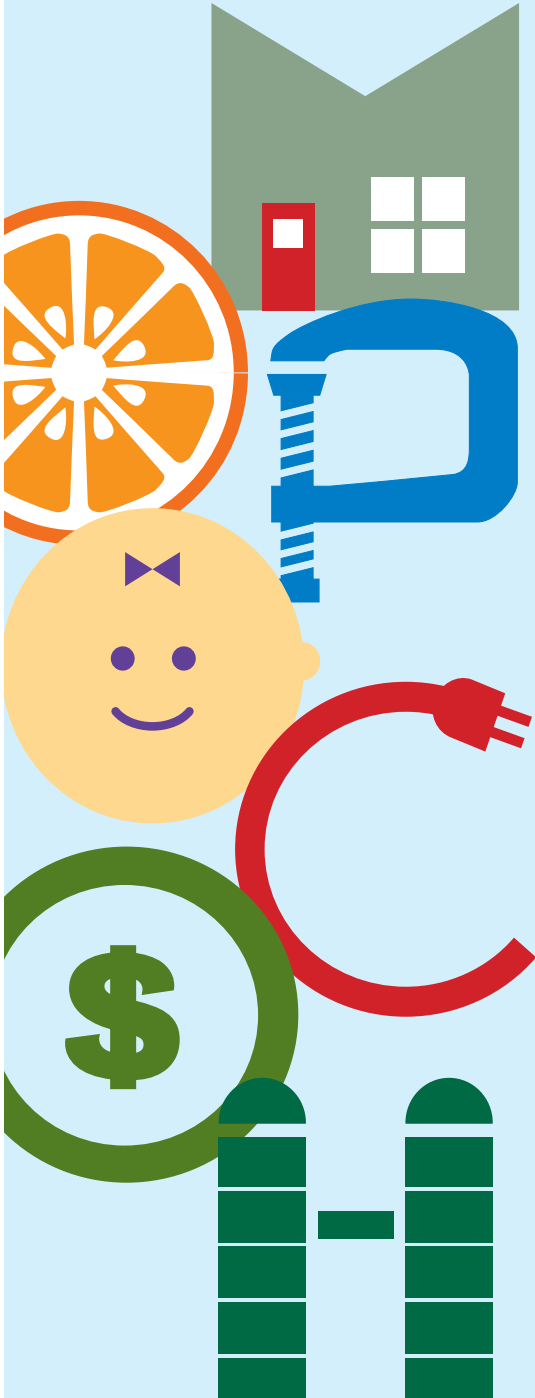
there is usually a button for "Set Time". Set the hour and minute by using the arrow buttons and also select AM or PM. Be sure to set the correct day of week. You usually toggle between these time-set options by pressing "Set Time".

**Program settings.** Most programmable thermostats can change the temperature setting four times a day. Often there are also two types of days: weekdays and weekend days. To look at the program choose Program and toggle through the settings for weekdays and weekends to see how they are now set. The display should say either Wake (or Home), and Sleep (or Away) for each period. The Wake period should show a comfortable thermostat setting for the times when your home is occupied and most people

are awake, and Sleep period should show a setting 10° to 15° lower for winter nights or for daytime periods when no one is home. While you're looking at the setting for any day or time, you can change the time or temperature, using the arrow buttons. If the display says Wake – 6:00 AM – 68° – Weekday, that means the thermostat will set itself to 68° at 6:00 AM each weekday.

**Hold temperature.** If for some reason, you want the temperature to remain the same until you change it again, use the "Hold Temperature" button. This is useful, for example, if you are usually home on weekends but plan to be gone for the day and don't want to heat your home. Later when you want to go back to the program, push the "Run Program" button.

# Community.



Lots of businesses talk about their commitment to community. For cooperatives, it's more than talk. It's what we're all about.

We're owned by our members, and we work in almost every economic sector: housing, retail, financial, health and child care, utilities, and agriculture.

We're in it for the long haul... strengthening communities through jobs, service and community involvement.

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Committed to Our Communities.