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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.

## Small Changes Add up to Big Savings

Sometimes the little things in life mean a lot. Simple steps such as turning off lights when you leave a room, unplugging appliances when you're not using them, and raising the temperature on your thermostat as our weather warms up, when done together, can help your family rack up big energy savings.

At Lane-Scott Electric, we're always looking for ways to help you, our members. With energy costs rising due to a growing demand for electricity, higher power plant costs, and federal regulations, energy efficiency remains a key part of our efforts to keep rates affordable. Best of all, energy efficiency—simply making the electricity you use do more—saves you money.

Because we're part of the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives network, you have access to a valuable resource that not only identifies simple energy-saving tasks but also illustrates the real-dollar savings they produce, specific to your home. TogetherWeSave.com uses real savings calculations—based on our co-op's rates and climate zone—to motivate and inspire small changes in behavior.

Intrigued? Check it out at [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com). You'll be asked for your zip code; this helps us provide accurate electricity rates for your home.

The Virtual Home Tour provides a good starting point. As you move through each of



Lane-Scott Electric encourages you to see how making little changes can add up on your electricity bill by visiting [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com).

the six rooms, clicking on areas highlighted in yellow prompts you to take various interactive energy-saving measures and shows how these changes translate into savings on your electric bill.

A visit to the attic, for example, recommends adding insulation. Slide the arrow up the scale to add extra inches of insulation and watch the exciting end result. Adding nine inches saves up to \$143 a year. Add 15 inches, and that figure jumps to \$241.

Now head downstairs to the living room. Most folks enjoy watching television and playing Wii or Xbox games, but you don't need these gadgets on 24 hours a day. By unplugging entertainment center devices when they're not in use, you could save up to \$174 every year. Seems simple enough—and every small step adds up to big savings. In fact, just lowering your thermostat one degree in winter could save \$82.

The Web site uses calculations targeted for our co-op's kWh electric rate and geographic location. In short, it gives you an accurate reflection of what your potential savings could be if you implement suggested steps.

Finding ways to help you save energy dollars during tough times is important to us. Valuable tools like TogetherWeSave.com are just one more way we at Lane-Scott Electric are looking out for you.

## Lane-Scott Offers \$500 Scholarship to Seniors Application Deadline is May 15, 2010

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative will offer a \$500 scholarship to an individual going into the electric utility field.

We provide this scholarship to support the development of effective leaders through educational opportunities. This scholarship is awarded annually to an eligible applicant. Eligibility is based on the following 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.

All applicants 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 Electric Cooperative service territory.

### Selection Procedure

The scholarship committee of Lane-

Scott Electric Cooperative will make the selection based on the above criteria. Applicants must be willing to be interviewed by the committee, if necessary.

### Payment

The scholarship recipients shall notify Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., 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 Electric Cooperative.

### To Apply

Students wishing to apply should contact the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative office for an application.

Completed applications must be postmarked and/or returned to Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., **by May 15, 2010.**

### Mail Applications To

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

## Working on the LINE



General Manager Earl Steffens presents Ivin Berndt with a meter lamp at his retirement reception.

## Summer on a Stem

The scent of marigolds,  
Is summer on a stem;  
Joyful rows of golden heads,  
Bouncing in their beds,  
I love lacy lilac fronds,  
Pouring purple profusion,  
Over white fences and country lanes,  
Wrapped in shrouds of April rain.  
Brave iris flags,  
Stalk the whims of spring,  
Rumed, flourished and fancifully made,  
Primp and pose in dappled shade.  
Lovely rosebud lips,  
Tightly pursed and pure,  
Ravishing whorls of raspberry hues,  
Frosted with young summer's dews.  
But marigolds, best of all,  
Their summer burnished faces,  
Mirror the mind of the sun and then,  
Reflect it back to earth again.

By Helen Prose Hanks, Dighton

