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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.

## Local Youth Selected by Lane-Scott Electric to Tour Washington, D.C.

**JOHN CLARKE** and **SARAH MULVILLE** toured the nation's capitol with 31 other students from across Kansas for the 50th Annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour June 10-17.

Clarke and Mulville were selected from a group of high school students by Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative. To win this trip, students were asked to submit an essay explaining how the services from Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., have made their lives better.

"Lane-Scott is proud to support the Youth Tour program and send our youth to experience government in action," Earl Steffens, general manager, said. "Our hope is that local students will gain some awareness of how our political system works and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our community."

Kansas is one of the 45 states to send a youth delegation to the annual electric cooperative youth tour. The youth delegates who will attend the trip were selected through a competition by their local



**John Clarke and Sarah Mulville stand in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. They were among the 31 Kansas delegates that took part in this year's "Government in Action" youth tour.**

electric cooperatives. To be selected, the students either wrote an essay or were interviewed by a panel of judges. The all-expense-paid-trips for the student winners are sponsored by the Kansas electric cooperatives. Since 1960, Kansas' electric cooperatives have sponsored the trips of thousands of high school juniors and seniors to visit U.S. congressional mem-

bers, energy and grassroots government education sessions and sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

The students began their trip touring the state capitol in Topeka followed by visits to the Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant and the Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative before flying to Washington, D.C. The group learned about the U.S. government through



The Kansas delegation joined four delegates from Hawaii for the trip.

visits with Congressman Jerry Moran and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, meetings with youth from other states and tours of museums, Capitol Hill, Arlington National Cemetery and the White House.

"This year's student leaders were great representatives of both their electric cooperatives and their communities," Shana Holsteen, Kansas Electric Cooperative youth director said. "They took advantage of the opportunities given to them in our nation's capital."



The youth tour participants had the opportunity to tour the White House.



Mulville poses with a wax figurine during a visit to Madame Tussaud's wax museum.

Lane-Scott's participants undoubtedly created their own memories from the daily activities planned throughout the week. The various sites impacted the participants in different ways.

"This trip was such an awesome experience! My favorite part was visiting Mt. Vernon because of its history and also its scenery," Clarke said.

Lane-Scott sponsors the trip of two delegates each year. For more information, contact Bob Venters, member services, at 620-397-5327.

## World's Most Expensive Dirt

Dust dollars off your energy bill by regularly changing filters

The most expensive dirt may be in your home's heating and cooling system. Dust in the equipment's air filter can raise energy bills and end in repair or replacement costs.

Unfiltered dust and grime in dirty filters create friction that causes unnecessary wear and eventual failure.

The dust trapped in a system's air filter leads to several problems, including:

- ▶ Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs.
- ▶ Costly duct cleaning or replacement.
- ▶ Lowered system efficiency.

To avoid the expense, change filters monthly during regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with a heating and cooling service professional.

While most filters must be replaced, some are reusable. They're available in a many types and efficiencies, rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). MERV was developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers and tests filter effectiveness. The higher the number, the higher the better the filter keeps dust out.

For more ways to save, visit [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com).

## High Line Services Completes Circuit Construction



High Line Services LLC, recently concluded construction on the South Dighton Double Circuit. The line was part of the damage caused by the ice storm in December of 2006. The photos capture the linemen working to progress the construction of the power lines.



Several bucket trucks line the roads as electrical linemen work to eliminate damages to power lines after the December 2006 ice storm. (Above)

A lineman continues construction on the South Dighton Double Circuit to fix lines after ice storm damages. (Left)