

**LANE-SCOTT  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# Connections

## Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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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 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.

## Official Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of members of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in Dighton. The events will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meal catered by Stan Hoss. A business meeting will follow after the meal.

The election of three Trustees, approval of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting, the treasurer's report and manager's report are all on the agenda.

The committee on nominations, appointed by the Board of Trustees,

has nominated the following members as candidates for the offices of Trustees: Craig Ramsey, representing Scott and Logan Counties; Richard Jennison, representing Lane and Gove Counties and Harold Hoss, representing Rush and Ness counties.

Other nominations may be made by petition or from the floor at the meeting. Of the persons nominated, and any other nominations made by petition, or from the floor, it will be necessary to elect three Trustees to succeed the persons whose terms expire at the meeting.

## 2009 Nominating Committee report

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on June 1. Members of the Nominating Committee present were Alan James, Joe Cramer, and Robert Scheib representing Lane and Gove Counties; Randy Scheuerman and John Beaton representing Scott and Logan Counties; Kenneth Schlegel and Lane Copeland representing Rush and Ness Counties; and Marvin Bohling and Grover Whipple representing Finney and Hodgeman counties.

Also attending were Joseph Gasper, Attorney, and Dow Morris, Assistant Manager.

The committee nominated the following individuals:

- ▶ Richard Jennison, Lane and Gove counties
- ▶ Craig Ramsey, Scott and Logan counties
- ▶ Harold Hoss, Rush and Ness counties

## Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at the Lane-Scott Electric Annual Meeting July 14. See the next issue of *Kansas Country Living* for more details.

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# Consumers Talk, and Congress Listens

The Our Energy, Our Future™ campaign takes real consumer testimonies to Capitol Hill

All across America, electric cooperative members are sitting in front of handheld video cameras and talking frankly and honestly about electric rates. Their audience? Lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

For the past several months, electric cooperatives across the nation have supported the Our Energy, Our Future™ grassroots campaign by filming consumers like you as they share stories about how affordable electricity is important to them. These videos are posted online, both on YouTube and [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop), so policymakers can hear and see first-hand how high prices hit their constituents.

"I know I'm working hard, and I know our electric co-op board is working very hard," stresses Jackie Jung, a member of Flathead Electric Cooperative in Kalispell, MT, in one segment. "I guess what I would ask all of you is to



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really give very serious consideration to helping us here and keeping those prices down, because everybody else is trying to do their part."

Electric cooperative consumers and other utility customers are facing a power crunch. More power is needed to keep the lights on as demand

increases. But uncertainty over the impact of climate change policy, a lack of affordable low-emissions technology options, and rising costs for labor and construction materials have hobbled efforts to meet this future demand. This threatens to not only increase electricity costs across the board, but could lead to power shortages.

We need our representatives in Congress to step in with a long-term, politically and economically sustainable energy and climate change plan—one that takes the interests of consumers and monthly electric bills into consideration. As Congress begins to tackle energy and climate change policy, it is critical that they hear from you.

**To become a part of the Our Energy, Our Future grassroots campaign and video outreach, please visit [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop).**

## 2009 Trustee Nominee Profiles



Harold Hoss

**HAROLD HOSS** is the incumbent Trustee serving Ness and Rush counties. He is a lifelong resident of Ness County.

Hoss graduated from Ness City High School and Emporia State University. He and his wife, Joyce, have two grown children.

He has been a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees for 24 years. He is a past Trustee on the Ness City High School Board and United Credit Union of Ness City. He is a member of the Ness City American Legion and Knights of Columbus.



Richard Jennison

**RICHARD (DICK) JENNISON** is the incumbent Trustee serving Lane and Gove counties. Jennison is a lifelong resident

of rural Healy in Lane County. He graduated from Healy High School and Kansas State University. Jennison and his wife, Diana, have three grown children.

Jennison has been a member of the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees for 27 years currently serving as vice president. He is also an active member in the United Methodist Church of Healy.



Craig Ramsey

**CRAIG RAMSEY** is the incumbent Trustee serving Scott and Logan counties. He is a lifelong resident of Scott County.

He graduated from Scott Community High School, Colby Community College and Kansas State University.

Ramsey and his wife, Gina, have two grown children. He has served on the Lane-Scott Electric Board of Trustees since 2005, when he was appointed to fill the term of his late father, Richard Ramsey, a long-time member of the Board at Lane-Scott Electric.

## Lane-Scott Energizes Web site with Apogee Interactive's Latest Energy Calculators

Lane-Scott Electric has expanded its web site to include a new HomeEnergySuite and CommercialEnergySuite(TM), a series of customized energy efficiency tools developed by Apogee Interactive to address the region's unique weather and allows members to discover various ways to save money and energy.

These energy analysis tools provide insights on year-round energy use, but they'll prove especially helpful as area residents, business owners and irrigators prepare for summer. "Our mild winters tend to moderate home heating needs, so national "off-the-shelf" energy calculators were likely to miss the mark for our members' heating and cooling energy use patterns," said Bob Venters, manager of member services for Lane-Scott Electric.

The HomeEnergySuite offers a full array of evaluation tools including a home energy calculator, appliance calculator, lighting calculator, interactive cut-away house and comprehensive energy reference library.

The suite's flagship tool - the HomeEnergyCalculator - starts with select data points provided by the member, draws upon local weather data, Lane-Scott Electric's energy prices and Apogee's proprietary energy analysis system to produce a quick and accurate view of the home's energy consumption and costs. Members can then modify their data inputs to see the impact and savings possible with various equipment or usage changes.

Consumers can dig deeper by "walking through" an interactive cut-away house to learn more about home energy consumption room by room. Separate appliance and lighting

calculators provide down-to-the-penny energy costs for nearly 50 appliances, electronic devices and lighting options; everything from compact fluorescent light bulbs and whirlpool tubs to big screen plasma TVs.

Kids Korner is also a part of its online energy efficiency information. This fun-filled, interactive section covers all aspects of energy production and use, from Thomas Edison and solar power to electrical safety and utility industry careers.

The Apogee HomeEnergySuite of web tools on Lane-Scott's web site also features an interactive lighting calculator that shows the cost savings of using compact fluorescent light bulbs instead of standard ones. For all the other common home appliances, another calculator estimates electricity usage for more than 50 appliances—from flat screen TVs to Energy Star-rated refrigerators.

Lane-Scott Electric also offers a new commercial lighting calculator to help businesses find

their best lighting solutions, new energy efficient technology and business designs. The CommercialEnergySuite is also complete with an irrigation calculator to assist the area farmers with energy costs and project paybacks.

"The beauty of these new online tools is the simplicity with which they communicate complicated concepts like 'what is my home's carbon footprint, and how much will I reduce it by changing my thermostat settings?'" said Susan Gilbert, Apogee's president and chief executive officer. "Our calculators communicate in terms members can relate to and then use in making wise decisions about their energy use."



**Visit [www.lanescott.coop](http://www.lanescott.coop) to try them out!**

Three handwritten notes on white paper with black, green, and blue ink, all saying 'Thank You!'.

## Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

*Dear Lane-Scott Electric,*  
Thank you for sponsoring the Lane County Saddle Club Showdeo.

*Sincerely,*  
*Lane Co. Saddle Club, Dighton*

*Dear Lane-Scott Electric,*  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. It was nice that you thought of us during this blessed time in our lives.

*Thanks Again,*  
*Chris, Mechelle & Mayci Terhune*

*Dear Lane-Scott Electric,*  
Your gift to Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc. is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

*Thank You,*  
*Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (KARL)*

*Dear Lane-Scott Electric,*  
The UTICA May Day Committee would like to thank you for your generous donation to our recent event. It was greatly appreciated.

*Thanks!*  
*UTICA May Day Committee*



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

### Energy Commandment No. 3

# “Thou Shalt Invest in an Energy-efficient Water Heater”

BY DOUG RYE

As we continue with the 10 Commandments of Energy Efficiency, we will keep our focus on making wise investments. This month, I am encouraging you to invest in a specific item that will make a world of difference in your utility bill.

Have you ever thought much about your water heater? Are you aware that about 20 percent of your utility bill goes toward the heating of water? Have you ever

tending a really big home show in the Astrodome in Houston. It takes several days to see everything in that show, which is sponsored by the National Association of Homebuilders. I actually did an energy presentation there and had about four extra hours to look around. I was practically running through the aisles looking at every display as fast as possible. At one point, I looked to my left and saw some strange

looking objects that were shaped like a 44-caliber pistol bullet only they were about five feet tall.

I hollered over to the fellow and asked, “What are these?” And he said, “Water heaters.” I said,

“commercial?” and he said, “No, mostly residential!”

I turned and walked his way and asked, “What is so special about these water heaters?”

And he said they are guaranteed to never leak or rust and are 91 to 95 percent energy efficient. I didn't necessarily believe him but I knew that if it were true, a lot of my listeners would want to have one.

Later, when I got proof that it was true, I started telling about the Marathon water heater in my seminars and on my radio show. Folks

just like you started asking where they could get a Marathon.

I know for a fact that hundreds of you have already purchased one. If you understand the facts, the rest of you will do the same. The facts are simple.

It is the last water heater that you will ever need at a particular location. It won't rust or leak because the tank has no metal. And the Marathon is so well insulated with “envirofoam,” that it has practically zero standby loss regardless of the location. It does not warm your cold garage in the winter and it does not heat your house in the summer.

Now, consider this: The average gas water heater is less than 58 percent efficient, which means that about 40 percent of the natural gas you buy goes up the flue into the sky. On the other hand, the all-electric Marathons average 91-plus percent efficiency. That's a no-brainer in my book. So, my advice to you is this: When you need a water heater for your new or existing house, contact your local electric co-op and ask about the Marathon water heater.

Remember – your co-op values you, the member, and it cares. That's why your co-op is doing all it can to help you save money on your electric bill.

*Doug Rye, is a licensed architect and the popular host of the “Home Remedies” radio show. You can contact Doug at 1-888-Doug-Rye. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.*



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had to replace your water heater? Nearly every one of you said “yes”. Now, why did you replace it? Was it the wrong color? Well, of course not. You replaced it because it quit working or had started leaking. At some point, we all need to replace a water heater. Now wouldn't it be great if we could install a replacement guaranteed to never leak or rust? And wouldn't it be great if the new water heater was super energy efficient? Well, such a product is available and I will tell you how I learned about it.

About 10 years ago, I was at-