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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.

Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

The nominating committee appointed by the Board of Trustees will meet on June 6, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lane-Scott Electric Board room for the purpose of nominating Trustees.

The Trustees whose terms expire in 2011 are Ed Gough, representing Lane and Gove counties; Richard (Dick) Sorem, representing Hodgeman and Finney counties; and Paul Seib, representing Ness and Rush counties.

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Know How to Survive Auto Accidents Involving Power Lines

Instincts tell us to flee danger. Unfortunately, in vehicle accidents that bring down power lines, these natural inclinations can lead to tragic results.

Lane-Scott wants everyone to know: If your car hits a power pole, or otherwise brings a power line down, stay in your vehicle and wait until the local electric utility arrives on the scene and ensures that lines have been de-energized. If you come upon or witness an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the scene.

A group of Indiana teenagers saw a power line safety demonstration at their high school and never dreamed their new knowledge would be put to the test. Five days later, they and two classmates were in a car that crashed into a utility pole, bringing live power lines to the ground.

Fortunately, they heeded the safety advice they'd received, and survived because they knew the right actions to take. And they helped others who approached the scene by warning them to stay away.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, tens of thousands of accidents each year occur where power poles are struck by cars or

large equipment. Each one of these accidents has the potential to bring down power lines. Surviving the accident itself might not be enough to stay alive without awareness of the right moves to make.

In the vast majority of those incidents, the safest place to remain is inside the car. Only in the rare instance of fire should people exit a vehicle. Then, they must know how to do so safely, jumping free and clear, landing with feet together, and hopping away. It's difficult to get out without creating a path for current to flow, which is why one should get out only if forced to.



The teens in this car crash knew to stay in the car until the power lines that had fallen were de-energized, thanks to a demonstration by their local electric cooperative.

Essays from Lane-Scott's 2011

Lane-Scott Electric has selected four local youth to attend leadership trips through our annual youth competition for area high school juniors.

This year, students were asked to write an essay that answers the question:

"How have the services from Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative make our lives better?"

Below you will find the essays from the winners of this year's competition.

Each year, Lane-Scott sends two stu-

dents to the "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The 2011 winners are **KATE HAGANS** and **HANNA SPEER**.

They will join 32 Kansas youth and travel to Washington, D.C., June 9-15. They will join about 1,500 other youth seeing



Kate Hagans

Quietly moving power through the electric lines to our ranch, Lane-Scott everyday goes about their jobs of providing electricity to our cattle operation.

Many times the services are taken for granted by our community, but I know Lane-Scott plays an important role helping our ranch, community and school be

successful.

Lane-Scott Electric has had a great effect throughout my entire life. Growing up, I started to learn more about electricity as my parents have taught me how valuable Lane-Scott is to our jobs and work in our community. I have experienced first-hand how hard our work on the ranch becomes without electricity. This has helped me realize the value of Lane-Scott's services.

The services of Lane-Scott Electric are more than just providing a convenience as many people feel and those services usually go unnoticed until people are inconvenienced by the electricity going off. I see the services of Lane-Scott as a necessity for the everyday work on our ranch. No value of money can be put on the water they provide for our cattle and the power to our pellet bins and our shop.

We have all learned that it is possible to live without electricity, but we would work endlessly to care for our farms and ranches. Lane-Scott providing our electricity makes the quality of our lives better and allows us to better ourselves as students and in our careers.

I see Lane-Scott as being a "silent" partner in the operation of our ranch and lives. The services of Lane-Scott give me the opportunities to help me to be the best student and citizen I can be. Lane-Scott services + reliability = a quality lifestyle and a successful community!



Hanna Speer

Imagine yourself sitting by a fire, playing a guitar and singing songs under the starry sky. Maybe you're sitting in your living room with your family playing a board game, or have your nose in a book for an evening. No air conditioning for those hot days when the sun is beating down on you and making you sweat, and huddling around the fireplace on a cold winter night. Hard to imagine, right? Well, that's how people got along 100 years ago before electricity.

Now, you can sit in front of your computer and listen to music or play a game of checkers. Books and newspapers are still around, but almost unnecessary anymore with almost everyone owning a television and having internet access to keep up with the news. Indoor heating and air conditioning are now necessities that people years ago would consider a privilege.

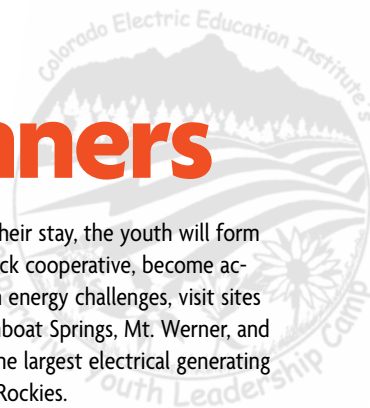
If I ever get hungry, the benefit of electricity allows me to go to my microwave and heat up a bag of popcorn. Being able to do all of these things on a daily basis would not be possible without the services of Lane-Scott Electric.

Thanks to electricity, there are tons of ways to prepare and store food, heat and cool our homes, and shed some light on the pages of a good book before bed. Our lives depend on electricity more than ever. With electronic banking, most people buy their food, clothing, fuel, and other basic necessities at the swipe of a card. We pump fuel into our vehicles in order to get us from point A to point B every day. Farmers fuel up their tractors so they can go put crops in the ground and make a living.

Lane-Scott understands this dependency for electricity, and that is why in the event of a power outage, the power isn't out for long. They don't want your lives interrupted any longer than necessary.

The possibilities of electricity are endless. Flipping a switch to turn a light on, baking a cake and plugging in the vacuum cleaner to do some basic housekeeping are just a few of the tasks that electricity allows us to do. Thank you, Lane-Scott Electric, for making our lives easier.

Youth Competition Winners



the United States "Government in Action". They will visit their Congressmen, various government agencies and sites of historical significance.

The cooperative also sends two students to the Cooperative Youth Leadership

Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

This year's winners are **LORETTA HARMISON** and **CHAD MEYERS**. They will join approximately 100 youth from a four-state area participating in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 9-17.

During their stay, the youth will form their own mock cooperative, become acquainted with energy challenges, visit sites around Steamboat Springs, Mt. Werner, and tour one of the largest electrical generating plants in the Rockies.



Loretta Harmison

Electricity is a force that causes bodies to attract or repel each other, responsible for a natural phenomena as lighting; electric current as a power source.

Electricity is very important to the way I live, if there was no electricity then life would be horrible.

There wouldn't be indoor plumbing and then I would have to go outside. I would be miserable, especially during the winter. It gives me goose bumps just thinking about it.

Then there's music, listening to music makes me who I am. It expresses the way I feel and it also helps relax me when I'm stressed.

Electricity is also the reason why we have computers and phones. I couldn't live without either of those two things. Both of these help with communication, on the computer you could video chat with someone across the world. It's like they're right there with you. Phones, well, I don't think anyone could survive without them, and the only reason we have them is because we have electricity to charge them and keeps them running.

Wow, for the time I've been sitting here typing this, I've realized that almost everything we do these days requires electricity. Electricity is the one thing that all our lives revolve around.

Lane-Scott is much more than just an electric company, it's reassurance that every time I go to turn on a TV, flick a light switch and charge my electronics, that they will work. Many people don't realize how big an impact electricity really has. They take it for granted every day, and don't think of all the people at Lane-Scott working together to keep the power on.

How many people would be willing to risk their lives 30-feet in the air, through snow, ice and terrible winds? It's a pretty tough job and yet they go out and do it every day, from checking meters, fixing power lines, and putting in new poles, all without complaining. I'm so thankful that Lane-Scott has people like this, because they are what keep the company running and our lights on.

When my dad was growing up, he didn't even have electricity or even indoor plumbing. Now, I don't know about you, but going outside to the outhouse in the middle of the night, whether its warm or freezing cold doesn't sound like much fun.

He also told me that when it got dark, that was when you went to bed, because there was nothing to do. Where as now we have TVs, computers, cell phones, and video games, and when you really think about it, it's the people at Lane-Scott who make all of these things useful and allow them to run. I'm so glad I live in a technologically advanced world.

As I think back to a few years ago, and that huge ice storm, I really realized how big a role electricity plays, it keeps the heat in my house going, the water running, and no one likes to sit in the dark for three hours. As everyone complained all about the power, the Lane-Scott people were out there all-day-long working as hard as they possibly can to get the power back on.

I really don't know what I would do without Lane-Scott and what they do for all of their people, especially in the community. I'm very glad to be a part of Lane-Scott and there is no other power company I would ever trust more.



Chad Meyers



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