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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.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Take it Slow on Changing Energy Policies

BY DOUG RYE

I have been writing this column for six years. I must tell you that I love to do it. Based on the hundreds of calls that I receive from you folks about the column, it appears that we are helping you.

I love it when you call and tell me that the information has helped make your energy situation better. I really love it when you tell me to keep up the good work and how important that it is to have someone who really cares about the average Joe. Let me remind you that this is made possible by your electric co-op, which also cares about you. Please don't hesitate to tell them and say thank you.

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I have decided not to give you an energy tip in this column. Instead, I would rather share with you a great concern that I have about some issues that could affect every one of us.

We live in a great country that seems to be changing at an extremely rapid pace. As I have written before, while we may all be reluctant to change, change is often good. However, changes that result from actions that are not well thought out can be disastrous. The leaders of our nation are now considering several proposals related to the generation of electricity.

These proposals are related to renewable energy, carbon emissions, and climate change. Some of the proposals call for placing caps on emissions of carbon dioxide from power plants (and other industries, as well as cars, trucks, etc.) and charging utilities to pay at an auction for the right (allowances) to emit CO_2.

This system will no doubt raise electricity rates for Americans, perhaps significantly, at a time when the nation is in the midst of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

Other proposals would require utilities to generate a certain amount of electricity from renewable energy. While I support using renewable energy whenever possible, it isn't wise to set unrealistic targets for the use of such energy. Doing so will only raise electricity costs and could even threaten the reliability of the electric grid.

Simply stated, these are very serious proposals and must be thoroughly considered. I think that rapid decisions on these issues could lead to a gigantic new tax or taxes on the average Joe.

Folks, I am not a politician nor am I an expert on climate change. I am an energy efficiency consultant. But I

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Lane-Scott's 2009 Annual Meeting Highlights

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting was held on July 14, 2009, at the Lane County fairgrounds. A crowd of nearly 500 guests were served a delicious meal catered by Stan Hoss BBQ of Ness City.

Incumbent Trustees Richard Jennison, representing Lane and Gove counties; Harold Hoss, representing Ness and Rush counties; and Craig Ramsey, representing Scott and Logan counties; were re-elected to the Board of Trustees for your cooperative.

General Manager, Earl Steffens, gave his report on the state of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative.

Earl Watkins, President and CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, gave an informative speech on the current state of Sunflower, the cooperative's future energy needs, as well as the importance of the Holcomb expansion and what it means to western Kansas.

Members and their families enjoyed the free carnival rides, and many door prizes were given away. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time.

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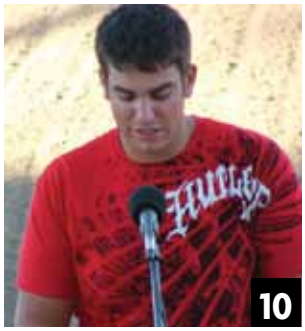
1. Free carnival rides were enjoyed by the youth attending the meeting.
2. General Manager Earl Steffens addresses the membership at the meeting.
3. Lane-Scott Board President Larry Jasper conducts the meeting.
4. Earl Watkins, President and CEO of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation was the guest speaker at Lane-Scott Electric's 59th Annual Meeting.
5. Shane MacNair was given a plaque for his service to Lane-Scott Electric Jr. Board of Trustees.
6. A crowd of more than 500 guests enjoyed the meeting.
7. Kalo Mann, Lane-Scott master electrician, was presented with a watch for 15 years of service.
8. Matraca Mann discusses on her trips to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Washington, D.C., on Lane-Scott sponsored youth tours.

9. Board members Don Hineman and Larry Powell enjoy the meeting.
10. Kyle Grose shares his experiences from Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs and the "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.
11. From left: Craig Ramsey, Richard Jennison and Harold Hoss were reelected to the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees.
12. Nate Burns, Lane-Scott journeyman lineman, was presented a watch for 15 years of service.



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know that this is a very serious matter. I think we must let our voices be heard.

If you have a computer and Internet access, please visit the "Our Energy, Our Future" Web site sponsored by the nation's electric cooperatives at www.ourenergy.coop. You can communicate with your congressional delegation through this site about the critical energy issues now under consideration.

If you don't have access to a computer, please write your representatives and senators and ask them to listen to the electric cooperatives as they consider the major energy policies before them. The cooperatives are acting on behalf of their members with regard to these issues, as they always, do.

The cooperatives mission, as it has been for more than 70 years, is to provide affordable and reliable electricity to their members. They now need you to help them continue their mission.

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

Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

Dear Lane-Scott,
I want to thank you and the rest of the leadership team of The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. for your $2,500 contribution to Rock Springs 4-H Center's Co-op Cottage Housing Area Renovation campaign.

The example of your generosity is a wonderful model for others.

The support with this contribution and the leadership from Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative are strong affirmations of your organization's progressive and positive influence on our next generation of Kansas leaders. Again, Thanks!
Sincerely,
Gordon V. Hibbard,
President

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for sponsoring the 8th Annual Showdeo.
Sincerely,
Lane County Saddle Club

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for purchasing my heifer.

I plan to use the money for my school clothes, sport shoes, critter shears and blow dryers, and some critters for next year.
Sincerely,
Morgan Tucker

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
A big thanks you to Lane-Scott on the great job restoring the old power wagon. It really looks great.
Sincerely,
Pat O'Brien

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for sponsoring my trip to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

This trip was intense. I have a much better understanding about what you guys at Lane-Scott do for us members. I had a great time and met lots of new friends. Thanks again.
Sincerely,
Jared Stieben
2009 Cooperative
Youth Leadership Camp
Participant

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thanks for sponsoring this trip. It is a lot of fun.
Sincerely,
Chase Rein
2009 Cooperative
Youth Leadership Camp
Participant

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for the flowers and your kindness at this trying time.
Sincerely,
Mary Iseminger and family

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thank you for supporting the 2009 Ness County Fair!
Thomas Harmon & Rebekah Harmon

Dear Lane-Scott Electric,
Thanks for the $200 gift certificate that we won at the Annual Meeting and supper. It is greatly appreciated.

We cannot thank the employees enough for all their work to get electricity to all of us during outages.
Sincerely,
Neil & Sara McWhirter