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**LANE-SCOTT  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# Connections

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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.

## Lane-Scott Linemen Perform Pole Top Rescues



Lane-Scott lineman Chad Rupp executes a pole top rescue.

Every year linemen practice the technique of rescuing a disabled person from atop a pole.

Recently Lane-Scott Electric linemen ventured to the fairgrounds to practice this annual event.

A life-size dummy is attached to a pole and the lineman must climb the pole with only his usual tools and a hand line and lower the 175-pound mannequin to the ground safely.

Everyone who has ever practiced this training hopes that they never have to use it, but it is good to know that your fellow workers have the ability to get you down if something were to happen to you.



Above: Lineman, Dal Hawkinson performs the pole top rescue.



Left: Lineman, Kasey Jenkinson prepares to try his hand at a rescue.

## Safety First: 2010 KEC Hotline School

Working with high-voltage lines can be a dangerous job, but since the 1970s, Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., (KEC) has provided linemen a way to stay safe. The KEC Hotline School is a place for linemen to keep up-to-date on the latest methods and safety training that has kept the job fatality-free in Kansas for over 25 years.

In September, Lane-Scott sent Henry Morrow and Dal Hawkinson, both journeyman linemen, and Mark Lewis an apprentice lineman to Pratt Technical College for the 2010 KEC Hotline School. The school is a three-day event that allows linemen the opportunity to tune up their skills. During the event, about 100 participants from 11 co-ops, municipals, and vo-techs across the state gathered to learn new skills and to review safe methods and work procedures.

"The best thing about this school is that it gives employees and co-workers experience in things they may not get to on their own," said John Burton, an instructor from Kaw Valley Electric Co-op. "We advise them on different methods of hotline work that they may not be used to doing."

The technical colleges pro-

vided a safe work and practice environment that simulated high voltage lines. The field of electric lines provided by the schools looks exactly like working lines we see every day and that linemen constantly work with. These simulated lines allowed the participants to safely try unfamiliar repairing methods without actually working on electric lines that could potentially cause injuries.

For working linemen, the annual hotline school is a continuing education opportunity that allows them to learn and compare how other co-ops and companies fix high voltage lines. Burton said that line-work is very regional and that where a lineman is from in the state contributes to what kind of work they are used to doing and what issues linemen will generally face.

During the school, participants practiced changing out utility poles, insulators and damaged conductors. The linemen were placed in several different groups and divided by skills allowing each individual to have a meaningful and practical experience.

"This is a very good program and I am very proud to be a part of it," said Burton.



Chad Meyers

### Meyers & York Join the Lane-Scott Junior Board of Trustees

Lane-Scott Electric welcomes **CHAD MEYERS** and **DARRICK YORK** to the Junior Board of Trustee members.

York represents Lane and Gove counties and is the son of Darrin and Jennifer York. He attends Healy High School.

Meyers represents Hodgeman and Finney counties and is the son of Calvin and Diane Myers. He attends Ingalls High School.



Darrick York

### Thank You Notes to Lane-Scott

**Lane-Scott Electric,**

Thank you very much for the gift certificate in the Healy welcome wagon. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and it will definitely come in handy very soon. Thank you very much!

*Sincerely,*

**Amy Piersak**

**Lane-Scott Electric,**

Thank you for your support with my pig project.

*Sincerely,*

**Ashley Masters**

**Lane-Scott Electric,**

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

*Sincerely,*

**The family of Mary Jane Travis**

**Lane-Scott Electric,**

Thank you for supporting my pig project.

*Sincerely,*

**Nathan Borger**

**Lane-Scott Electric,**

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and generous gift card and well wishes, I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. I want you to know Lane Scott has been wonderful to work with Thanks again.

*Sincerely,*

**Carely Yaeger**

Thank You!  
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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

If your home is more than 10 years old, it likely needs more insulation. How much depends on a variety of factors, most importantly where you live. Check out [www.simplyinsulate.com](http://www.simplyinsulate.com) to find out more.

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