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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.

FROM THE MANAGER

Billing Cycle Simplified to One Cycle



Ed Wiltse

Beginning Nov. 1, 2017, all members will be on one billing cycle, as opposed to our current two-billing cycle. Switching to one billing cycle will allow Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative to keep the billing and payment due dates in a one month period. Those who will be affected by this change are our MKEC members who are billed on or around the 10th of the month with a due date of the 5th of the following month.

The change will occur as follows: on Nov. 1, 2017, all members will be billed using the read date of Oct. 25, and the bill will be due on Nov. 25. For this initial billing cycle, MKEC members will have a 19-day reading period resulting in a “lower” bill; the LSEC members will have the same 30-day reading period and a typical bill for the month. The Dec. 1, 2017, billing will be a 31-day reading period and typical monthly bill for all members.

In Aug. 2016, Lane-Scott Electric combined rates and the co-op now

has one set of rates for all members. The transition to one billing cycle will provide convenience for members who are currently on both billing cycles and increase efficiencies for our billing department. Now that our system has evolved with the new metering system, we continue to find ways to make the billing cycle better reflect our capabilities, as well as reduce the cost of producing and processing billing statements and payments. With this effort, we hope to maintain low costs to help keep rates down.

Changes to the due date will also change the date for accounts set up on Auto Pay (ACH). Currently, if your bill is due on the 5th, your ACH date is the 3rd. With the change of due date to the 25th, your new ACH date will be the 18th of the month. This means MKEC members will have two ACH payments in the month of November; members on ACH will have payments drawn on Nov. 3 and Nov. 18.

We encourage members who anticipate difficulty paying their bill during this transition to call our office at 620-397-5327 for a payment arrangement or assistance in developing a payment solution.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Billing Cycle Change on Nov. 1

To increase convenience for our members and efficiencies within Lane-Scott Electric's billing department, the co-op will switch from two billing cycles to one billing cycle on Nov. 1, 2017. For more information, read the “From the Manager” article above or contact our office at 800-407-2217.



Co-op Youth Visit Our Nation's Capital

CLAYTON BEUTLER and **GENTRY SHAPLAND** were selected by Lane-Scott Electric to attend the 57th annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. From June 8 to 15, Beutler and Shapland joined more than 1,800 high school students nationwide to experience our nation's capital, government and history.

This year's delegation of 36 Kansas and four Hawaii youth began their trip with a banquet in Topeka, which featured Youth Tour alumni Rep. Kyle Hoffman, Rep. Steven Johnson, and Chief Counsel for Gov. Sam Brownback, Brant Laue. Following the banquet, Hoffman, Johnson and Laue led the Hawaii-Kansas delegates on a night tour of our state's capitol.

After bucket truck rides, safety demonstrations and a co-op career panel questionnaire at FreeState Electric, Topeka, the group embarked on its way to Washington, D.C.

This year, with the assistance of Sen. Jerry Moran's staff, the students had the privilege of touring the White House.

The delegates also visited the many memorials; the Holocaust Memorial Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon, and Arlington National Cemetery; attended a major league baseball game at Nationals Park, and watched the production of *The Sound of Music* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



Lane-Scott Electric delegates Clay Beutler and Gentry Shapland visit the Capitol to meet with their Kansas representatives.

Perhaps most memorable for the group was the access the students had to government officials. Students met with Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins and Congressmen Ron Estes and Roger Marshall. Delegates also had the opportunity to speak with Senators Moran and Pat Roberts.

"During this trip, students learn first-hand the importance of being informed about the issues that impact rural America and being engaged in the political process, and it often opens the eyes of many students to future possibilities in leadership roles in our government, local communities and in our cooperative," said Bob Venters, Youth Tour coordinator.

Each year, Lane-Scott Electric sponsors two students to attend the

Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., as a strong commitment to our community and our mission to inspire future generations to become leaders. For more information, call Lane-Scott Electric's office at 620-397-5327.

Thank You to Our Members

Lane-Scott Electric employees would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our members who helped us navigate impossible roads during harsh weather conditions this past spring. We appreciate your time and assistance. Without you it would have taken much longer to restore electricity to all of our members.

Thanks to **DUANE MCCLURE, AARON PARIS, CRAIG ELLIS, ERIK STEFFENS, MARK RAMSEY, KYLE LYONS** at Pyramid Ranch, **LARRY RUSSELL, BRYCE SCHWARTZ, MIGUEL GONZALES** with York Farms, **DICK JENNISON, CHAD GRIFFITH, CODY VINCENT** with Miken Farms, **BRENT TURNER, KENT BORELL, CRAIG RUSSELL** and **RANDY ROEMER**. If we left anyone out, please let us know so we can be sure to thank you!

Call Lane-Scott Electric for Your Electrical, Heating & Air Conditioning Needs

Did you know Lane-Scott Electric has electricians as well as heating and air conditioning personnel on staff for all of your residential, agricultural and commercial needs? **As a service to our members, we provide free estimates.**

If we can assist you, please call 620-397-5327 or 800-407-2217 or stop by our office at 410 South High, Dighton.

Office Closed on Sept. 4

In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4. Lane-Scott Electric wishes you a safe and happy Labor Day!



The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour delegates celebrate Flag Day following a tour of the White House.