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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.

Harmison & Mishler Attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

Lane-Scott sponsored **REBECCA HARMISON** and **BRADEN MISHLER** to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, from July 12-18.

Harmison and Mishler took a bus to camp with 34 Kansas youth and nine Oklahoma youth. Once the students arrived at camp, they joined other youth from Colorado and Wyoming.

"Lane-Scott is proud to participate in the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp," said Ed Wiltse, General Manager. "Through this trip, we hope that local students will gain some awareness of how our electric cooperatives work and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our community."

The main objectives of the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp were to help the youth gain a better understanding of how their electric cooperatives operate while also building the youths' leadership skills by running a "candy cooperative."

When the youth arrived at camp they paid membership dues, established a board of trustees, elected a general manager, and formed committees.

"Cooperatives are like a family. I learned a lot about cooperatives and how they work," Harmison said.

The campers learned about electric cooperatives through many of the presentations and activities: Yampa Valley Electric's linemen gave the campers a high voltage safety demonstration, the campers participated in



Rebecca Harmison (left) and Braden Mishler enjoy the view of Elk River during the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in July.

competition to build a model transmission line out of craft supplies, and they toured Trapper Mine and Craig Power Plant.

The campers also hiked Fish Creek Falls; visited Steamboat Springs; went river rafting; and enjoyed camp activities such as volleyball, swimming, a dance, and a talent show.

Overall, the campers left with a new sense of what leadership means to them.

"This camp was amazing for so many reasons. I have made friendships, memories, and connections that I will cherish forever," Mishler said. "I will always remember this camp and those involved. This experience was amazing, and I will cherish it forever."

64th Lane-Scott Annual Meeting Highlights

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting was held on July 22, 2014, at the Lane County Fairgrounds. A crowd of nearly 500 guests were served a delicious meal by Stan Hoss BBQ of Ness City.

Incumbent Trustees **ED GOUGH**, representing Lane and Gove counties; **RICHARD SOREM**, representing Finney and Hodgeman counties; and **PAUL SEIB**, representing Ness and Rush counties; were re-elected to the Board of Trustees of your cooperative.

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

Stuart Lowry, President and Chief Executive Officer for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, was the guest speaker. He stressed the effect that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations are having on your electrical rates and what direction things might go moving forward, as well as an update on Holcomb II.

Free carnival rides were enjoyed by the crowd, and many prizes were given away.

A Lane-Scott bucket truck displaying the American flag greeted those attending the meeting.



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Thank You Notes

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you so much for the \$50 donation to Barton County Transfer Service. This business transfers patients from hospital to hospital. Art's grandson started this business. Most of the time transporting Art, his grandson and granddaughter was with him.

We have many memories of Lane-Scott Electric. We loved to walk on the big wooden spools. Art loved his work and the people he worked with.

Yours truly, Sallie Hager & girls

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thanks so much, I had a great time. I met a lot of awesome, and funny people here. I saw and did many fun activities. I appreciate everyone in Lane-Scott who helped send me on this trip.

*Thanks again, Rebecca Harmison
2014 Camp Delegate*

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you so much for sending me on this trip a second time. It was, once again, amazing. Thank you for everything you do.

*Sincerely, Braden Mishler
2014 Camp Delegate*

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you for your sponsorship toward the Cowboy Classic Beef Show of 2014. Your help is greatly appreciated to make this show possible. This show and people make it a fun and enjoyable day that we look forward to each year. Thank you so much.

Dear Lane-Scott,

Thank you, Lane-Scott, for the very generous donation for the Jr. High girls basketball team summer league. We are looking forward to playing summer basketball and becoming more experienced for our next basketball season. Where we have high expectations. Generous donations such as your have allowed us to participate in all five weekends of basketball, including the tournament.

1. Stan Hoss BBQ of Ness City served nearly 500 guests.
2. Stuart Lowry, CEO at Sunflower Electric, spoke to attendees about industry issues.
3. Braden Mishler (left), Rebecca Harmison, Regan Foos and Payton Shapland spoke about the Youth Tour trips they attended this summer.
4. Jaden Martinez displays this year's door prize that was given to all members who attended the meeting.
5. Brayden Pollock enjoys the ice cream after dinner.
6. Board President Dick Jennison (right) presents Bruce Wilkens with a meter lamp in recognition of his retirement after 32 years as a member of the Lane-Scott Board of Trustees.

EPA Proposed Guidelines a Potential Hardship

Regulations have the potential to raise the cost of electricity exponentially

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued proposed guidelines that seek to limit greenhouse gases (GHG) blamed for global climate change. These regulations will raise the cost of electricity by limiting the use of fossil-fuel resources—not only by Sunflower and Mid-Kansas, your wholesale generation providers—but also by electric utilities across the nation.

The EPA has proposed two separate sets of guidelines, one for existing fossil-fueled power plants and the other for new plants. Regulations for new power plants, which will be finalized this fall, will require carbon capture and storage—commercially unproven technology that is expected to be prohibitively expensive. This technology will likely halt the construction of new coal-based units in the U.S. because bankers will not loan money on unproven technology.

The EPA has also proposed guidance for existing fossil-fueled generation units. The guidelines will require states to achieve their reductions through four building blocks, and Kansas is expected to decrease GHG emissions by 18 percent by 2020 and 23

percent by 2030.

Below are the building blocks that EPA has identified and examples of how they, if applied to your personal vehicle, would impact your driving habits:

- ▶ **Increase coal plant efficiency by 5.8 percent.** This will be next to impossible for the Sunflower and Mid-Kansas system since Sunflower's Holcomb Station is already an efficient, well maintained unit. This is akin to the government's telling you to find a way to make your already well-maintained vehicle, which gets 21 mpg, get 22.2 mpg.
- ▶ **Decrease coal utilization and increase combined-cycle natural gas plant utilization.** This will be a problem because there are no combined-cycle natural gas units in the state. This is akin to the government's telling you that you have to drive a hybrid vehicle that you don't own or that is not available for purchase in your area.
- ▶ **Decrease coal utilization and increase renewable energy and zero-carbon emitting resources, such as hydropower and nuclear.** Sunflower and Mid-Kansas already have adequate renewable

bicycle.

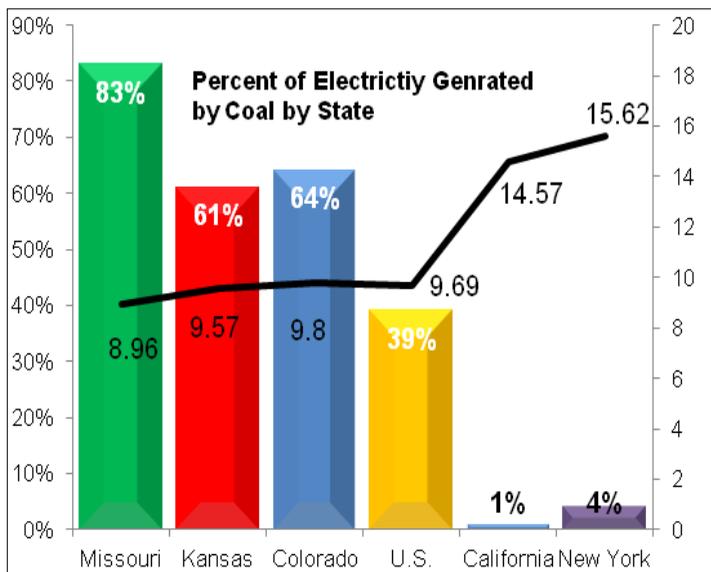
▶ **Decrease utilization of coal and increase residential and business energy efficiency programs.** This building block relies on reduced use of electricity by the end consumer. This is akin to the government's telling you to quit driving your vehicle and stay home.

The EPA's building blocks will not only be difficult to employ but will also most certainly raise your electric rates. The resulting increase in electricity prices could endanger efforts to attract new businesses, let alone retain established ones.

What's more, the EPA admits that these regulations will not have a significant global impact on overall GHG levels. In a Congressional hearing, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy admitted, "It is unlikely that any specific step is going to be seen as having a visible impact on any of those impacts." She testified that the primary objective of the proposed GHG regulations is to influence "the international community," mainly China, India and other developing nations, to follow suit with the U.S.' emissions policies.

The voice of electric cooperative members is needed to stem these harmful EPA regulations. Through letters and emails to our legislators and the EPA, you can demand that these regulations for electricity production take into account consumers' need for reliable, affordable energy through achievable EPA standards.

Please consider contacting the EPA by October 16 through the Cooperative Action Network at www.action.coop. Even if you contacted EPA earlier this year about the regulations for new units, please do so again since the current grassroots campaign addresses EPA's latest proposed regulations for existing units. Your voice needs to be heard.



Average retail price of electricity/kWh