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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

If you only want to heat or supplement inadequate heating in one room, small space heaters can be less expensive to use than your central heating system.



FROM THE MANAGER

Looking for Future Leaders



Steve Foss

This month Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative (LJEC) begins the search for future leaders who will represent the membership with the same

dedication and commitment as our staff here in McLouth.

As we look forward to 2016 we have incredible opportunities available for our student members.

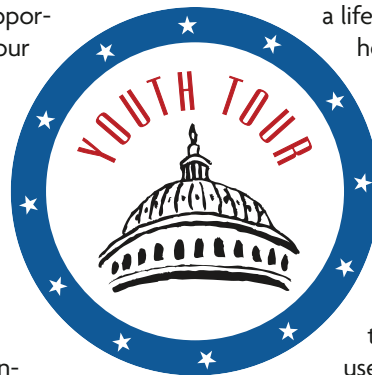
In this month's centerspread you'll find information pertinent to our student members who are enrolled in their junior year in high school. LJEC will send one representative to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in June. We will also send two students to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, in July.

The Youth Tour in June will give one lucky

student the chance to join 1,700 students from across the country while meeting with elected officials, and seeing policy first-hand. The Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in July will give two students an opportunity to experience the cooperative model first-hand, while being a part of this award-winning experience.

We are thrilled to offer these opportunities to our students. Past winners have repeatedly returned and shared that this experience was a life changing one, and has helped them grow into successful professionals. Students awarded these trips return home with a deeper understanding and skill set of what it takes to be a leader, and as a result, they put these skills to use right here in our local communities.

As always, if you have any questions about the alliance, consolidation vote, or your electric service, we encourage you to contact us by email at info@ljec.coop, by phone at 888-796-6111, or online at www.ljec.coop.



LJEC Trustee Election Process Begins

LJEC is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by you, our members. LJEC has a service territory that is divided into nine districts, with each district having one member on the Board of Trustees. Each year, three Trustee positions become open after their three-year term expires.

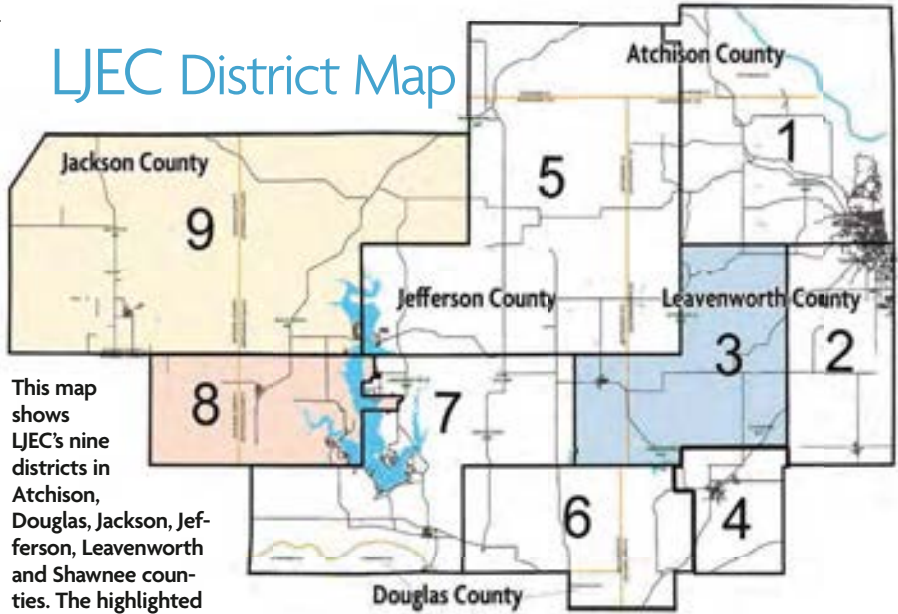
The following Trustees terms expire as of the LJEC Annual Meeting on April 19, 2016.

- ▶ District 3 – **JEANINE MURPHY**
- ▶ District 8 – **HARLAN HUNT**
- ▶ District 9 – **RALPH PHILLIPS**

The process for being nominated to the Board of Trustees is beginning. The Trustees whose terms are expiring can either be nominated for re-election or they can choose to withdraw their name for consideration.

At the same time, other LJEC members who may be interested in serving on the Board of Trustees can be nominated for the election to the Board of Trustees.

The Nominating Committee that will meet in mid-February. This committee will review the names that have been submitted for consideration. The committee will then present a slate of nominees to be presented to the membership at the



This map shows LJEC's nine districts in Atchison, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth and Shawnee counties. The highlighted districts have Trustees with terms expiring.

LJEC Annual Meeting for election.

If you are interested in seeking a position on the Board of Trustees, you can either contact the LJEC office at 888-796-6111 and submit your name, or fill out the Trustee Application below and submit it **NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.**

Questions regarding the nomination and election process can be directed to LJEC assistant manager, Chris Parr at 888-796-6111.

2015 Nominating Committee

District 3

- ▶ **RODNEY PARSONS**, 913-727-3071
- ▶ **RONALD NAYLOR**, 913-651-3783

District 8

- ▶ **JAMES CONWAY**, 785-484-2221
- ▶ **FRANK SAYLES**, 785-845-1601

District 9

- ▶ **JOSEPH HEINEN**, 785-945-3286
- ▶ **KENNETH GLASSEL**, 785-945-3451

LJEC Board of Trustees Application

Return to LJEC (PO Box 70, McLouth, KS 66054) no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016.

I, the undersigned, a member of LJEC, hereby applies as a nominee for Trustee of LJEC from District _____ and requests that my name be considered by the Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot for the next election during the LJEC Annual Meeting on April 19, 2016.

- ▶ I certify that my account is current and that I am member in good standing with LJEC.
- ▶ I certify that I am a resident of District _____ and am receiving electricity from LJEC.
- ▶ I certify that I am not in a competing business with LJEC.

If elected Trustee, I agree to abide by the Board Code of Ethics, Board Policies, and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of LJEC.

Signature _____

Date _____

What Makes a Good Trustee?

The LJEC Board of Trustees provides a connection between our membership and community at large. You may ask if you have what it takes to serve on our board.

We seek those who have a sincere interest in preserving the strength of LJEC's operations and maintaining a productive relationship with our members. We look for our Trustees to maintain open lines of communication with the districts they serve.

In addition, Trustees work together to ensure equitable treatment to all members across the system, as well as strive to be knowledgeable about trends and circumstances that may affect the members and communities that LJEC serves.

Potential trustees must:

- ▶ Be an LJEC member
- ▶ Have a bona fide residence in the district with an opening

Potential trustees cannot:

- ▶ Be employed by or financially interested in an enterprise selling electric energy or services
- ▶ Be employed by or financially interested in a business that sells services or supplies to LJEC
- ▶ Be a current LJEC employee or have been an employee within the past three years
- ▶ Be a close relative of a current LJEC trustee or employee
- ▶ Have entered a plea of guilty or no contest or have been judged as guilty of a felony crime

The time commitment for a LJEC Board Member averages eight hours per month. Some months will be less, and some may need more time depending on issues, decisions, and activities. Questions regarding serving on the Board of Trustees can be directed to LJEC assistant manager, Chris Parr at 888-796-6111.

Opportunity is Knocking: A Trustee's Perspective

BY HARLAN HUNT, DISTRICT 8 TRUSTEE

When an opportunity comes along that makes sense, you pay attention. You start asking questions. You start aligning pieces, and you examine how everything fits together in order to be successful.

The proposed consolidation of Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative and Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative is one of those opportunities. I want to tell you that that trustees from both cooperatives, management from both cooperatives, and third-party consultants have done their due diligence on behalf of the memberships to determine if this consolidation is an opportunity that makes sense – an opportunity that fits.

What we have coming in April is an excellent opportunity.

We have the chance to save our members \$18 million over the next 10 years. We have an opportunity for stability when it comes to the rates we'll be paying for our electricity. We have a chance to join a cooperative that mirrors LJEC in putting member satisfaction and customer service as priority No. 1.

One of the goals is to maintain



Harlan Hunt

and improve our standard of service, and in order to accomplish that our field staff, linemen, and customer service will not change. Rest assured, our members will continue to be the cooperative's top priority. We will continue to provide our members with

first-class customer service because that is what is most important to both cooperatives.

There will be some minor changes to the day-to-day management of the cooperative, but those changes won't be noticeable to our membership. In fact, both cooperatives have already begun the transition of working more efficiently, combining best practices, and establishing and identifying ways to save our members money.

I'm proud to support the consolidation of these cooperatives by voting "yes" in April because it means a stable and more secure future for our members. That's something we can all get behind.

HARLAN HUNT resides in Meriden and has represented District 9 on the LJEC Board of Trustees for the past 15 years.



Vote YES

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Consolidate for stable rates

www.voteyesApril19.com

Stay Aware & Stay Prepared for Winter Weather

As we approach the winter weather season, it is important to remember to be prepared. Winter weather can cause hazardous travel conditions, downed power lines, and extended power outages.







Stay aware. Stay Prepared. Know the difference between watches and warnings:

- ▶ A winter storm watch means stormy conditions, including heavy snow, freezing rain, or sleet are likely within the next few days. You should be aware that this means adverse conditions could begin within 12 to 48 hours.
- ▶ A winter storm warning means conditions can become adverse within the next 24 hours. Those in the range of the warning should be aware of impending conditions and consider altering plans to travel.
- ▶ A blizzard warning means an affected area should seek refuge immediately due to high levels of snow, strong winds, and near-zero visibility to those traveling.

Do you have an emergency preparedness kit for winter weather? Your family should be aware of the kit's location and contents.

Be Prepared Before the Storm

Here are some basic items you should store in your home in case of emergency:

-  **Water:** Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day
-  **Food:** Three-day supply, non-perishable, high-energy
-  **Clothing, bedding, and sanitation supplies**
-  **Tools:** Can opener, plates, utensils, flashlight, batteries, cash, bleach, hand sanitizer
-  **First aid supplies, medicine**
-  **Important documents**



2016 Youth Tour Contest Application – *Deadline: February 15, 2016*

If you are a high school junior and your parents or guardians are LJEC members residing in the coverage territory you are eligible to apply.

LJEC will send one student to the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 9-16, 2016, and two students to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 16-22, 2016.

Scan these Codes to Get More Information

Washington, D.C.



Steamboat Springs, CO



CO, July 16-22, 2016.

When you mail in the application below you will be sent an official packet. Applicants will complete a quiz and personal interview at the LJEC offices on Sunday, February 28, 2016.

For more information contact Sarah Farlee at sarah.farlee@ljec.coop, or call 913-796-6111.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Email Address: _____

**Please provide an address that is checked often, as materials and requests will be emailed to the provided address.*

I hereby grant permission for the above named applicant to enter the 2016 Youth Tour competition sponsored by Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative.

Signature of parent/guardian (must be an LJEC member residing in the coverage territory)

Return application request to:
LJEC
Attn: Sarah Farlee
507 N. Union, McLouth, KS 66504

This form is a request for an official application packet. You will be notified of application process details upon receipt of this request form.