

WE HAVE A SPECIAL CONNECTION.



We're not your typical electric company, we're a local not-for-profit electric cooperative. We don't have customers, we have members. People aren't just our number one priority, they're the reason we're here.

To learn more about the cooperative difference, visit TouchstoneEnergy.com

YOUR SOURCE OF POWER. AND GREAT SERVICE.

Pictured: Kelsey Schmidt, Member Services Representative





Phone System UPDATES

PrePay Program to 'Go West'

This fall, Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative will offer members a PrePay Program. This pay-as-you-go option will allow account holders to make smaller payments, with a \$30 minimum, to keep their service connected. This program will also offer members an option to make more frequent payments in smaller amounts to keep services on.

More information for Kaw Valley Electric members will be available in the coming months. East District LJEC members can sign up now for the PrePay Program.

Call Center Moves to Topeka

On July 5, the call center moved to the Topeka office. This means members who dial any co-op number will be assisted by a member services representative at the West District office. This update will allow for improved efficiency as we begin to upgrade telephone software designed to provide more services to members, as well as comply with federal regulations.

Pay-By-Phone Clarification

To comply with new regulations in the credit card industry, LJEC can no longer take payments over the phone, effective June 1, 2016. The new regulations will help keep our members' information safer while allowing the co-op to continue offering multiple forms of payment.

The Pay-by-Phone system is one of several ways you can pay your bill. You can still make a payment by mailing a check, paying online, or stopping by the office.

To use the Pay-by-Phone system, LJEC members can call 844-210-8258.

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We would like to encourage LJEC members to sign up for our preexisting "Wait Until 8" program. By participating in this program, members who take an active role in managing load can receive a discount on their electric rate.

Using your energy conservatively stabilizes rates and keeps costs down, which reduces the need for

new power sources. As the summer continues to heat up, we can all play a part in energy conservation and cooperative load management.

As always, if you have any questions about the information presented in this column or this publication we encourage you to contact us at marketing@freestate.coop or 800-794-1989.

LJEC Offers Savings through the "Wait Until 8" Peak Program

LJEC offers its members a load management option. The "Wait Until 8" program includes a special meter that gives you the opportunity to save on your electric bill, simply by adjusting your power consumption habits.

LJEC is charged a premium by our power supplier for energy consumed during the peak hours of 3 to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. The time of use rate encourages you to conserve energy during peak hours. This rate is designed to keep your bill approximately the same as if you were on LJEC's regular rate. Any effort on your part to cur-


tail consumption during peak hours will result in savings on your bill. How can you adjust your habits?

Wait until after 8 p.m. to run large appliances, like the dishwasher, washer or dryer, or to adjust your thermostat to a cooler setting.

Timers are available for purchase from LJEC to help you control appliances such as dehumidifiers, pool pumps and electric water heaters.

If each member does his or her part, the result will be a lower power bill from our supplier, and that means overall savings for our members.

For more information on this special rate program, call the LJEC office at 913-796-6111.



Community Health Fair

Save the Date for our 8th Annual Health Fair

Tuesday, September 27, 2016
LJEC Office in McLouth



LEAVENWORTH-JEFFERSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE EAST DISTRICT
P.O. Box 70 McLouth, KS 66054-0070

KAW VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WEST DISTRICT
1100 SW Auburn Rd, Topeka, KS 66615

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FROM THE CEO

Save Money by Lowering Peak Demand



Steve Foss

As the summer months heat up, so does the demand for electricity.

Kaw Valley and Leavenworth-Jefferson electric cooperative encourage our members to evaluate their electricity consumption and practice energy conservation that will help the cooperatives with peak control. With your cooperation, we can help control the cost of power and reliability.

The best times to practice energy conservation are Monday through Friday between 4 and 8 p.m. from June 1 to September 30 because the peak electricity demand for those months drives the electricity billing for the remainder of the year.

We ask that you be aware of days that have temperatures forecasted above 95 degrees, when peak demand typically occurs. This means we are not only looking at higher billing rates, but also have a higher risk of reliability issues.

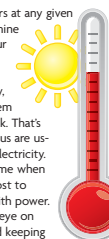
When you consume electricity at any given time it is known as "load." Kaw Valley and LJEC add up the electric consumption from all

of our members at any given time to determine the load for our entire system. There comes a time, every day, when the system reaches its peak. That's when most of us are using the most electricity. It is also the time when it costs the most to provide you with power. By keeping an eye on your usage and keeping it stable during peak days, you're helping us with load management—and that in turn, helps each of our member-owners.

Late afternoons to early evenings are peak times for us. We encourage you to use your major appliances like washers, dryers and dishwashers during early morning hours or later in the evenings.

Consider:

- ▶ Doing laundry earlier or later in the day
- ▶ Using your slow cooker instead of the stove to prepare dinner
- ▶ Shutting off a grain dryer for a few hours in the afternoon
- ▶ Stopping irrigation pumps during the heat of the day



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Co-op Youth Experience Our Nation's Capital

Cooperative-sponsored youth recently attended the 56th annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., from June 9-16. Each year cooperatives select area youth for this opportunity as part of our strong commitment to the community and our mission to inspire future generations to become leaders.

JACHIN DRINKARD, Denison, a senior at Valley Falls High School, was selected by Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative. Kaw Valley Electric was represented by **CAMRYN MATHIS**, Lawrence, a senior at Bishop Seabury Academy, and **REBECCA STORMANN**, Topeka, who will be a senior at Washburn Rural High School.

These three students joined more than 1,700 other high school students nationwide to visit with their state's senators and members of Congress, tour historic monuments and memorials, and hear from several speakers, such as Olympic Gold Medalist Mike Schlappi.

This year's delegation of 36 Kansas youth and four Hawaii youth began its trip on June 9 with a banquet in Topeka featuring youth tour alumni Mike O'Neal, former Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives, Brant Laue, Chief Counsel for Gov. Sam Brownback, Rep. Steven Johnson and Rep. Kyle Hoffman, and a night tour of the Kansas State Capitol. Before flying to Washington, D.C., the delegation had

breakfast at Kaw Valley where linemen presented an electrical safety demonstration and gave bucket truck rides.

While in Washington, D.C., the students met with Congressman Tim Huelskamp and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. They also visited with Sens. Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran after their tour of Capitol Hill.

This trip opens the eyes of many students to future possibilities in leadership roles, while building lifelong friendships. The delegates also visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, attended a professional baseball game at the Nationals Park, and had a laugh at the production of *Shear Madness* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

A unique and surprise turn of events also occurred on this year's trip. Delegates had the opportunity to see the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet while visiting the Capitol, watch from a distance as presidential candidate Donald Trump boarded his plane at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and witnessed a vote in the Senate Gallery with several well-known senators who have also been a part of the current presidential campaign.

For more information about the trip contact the youth tour coordinator, Sarah Farlee at sarahfarlee@jlec.coop.



Above: Jachin Drinkard "meets" (was) Hillary Clinton at Madame Tussauds. Right: Drinkard shakes (says aloha) from the Capitol.



Jachin Drinkard

How was my trip to Washington, D.C.? I don't know if words can quite describe it. The trip was not only a learning experience but also an adventure in itself. I got to see many things and people I never dreamed I would: the Capitol, Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, Sens. Jerry Moran and Sens. Pat Roberts.

This trip allowed me to experience our nation's capital as it should be—with others. Our group was phenomenal. We bonded so well. I don't recall ever seeing a sad face on this trip until the very last day when we had to say goodbye. This trip created such a bond with the other delegates that on that last bus ride everyone was crying.

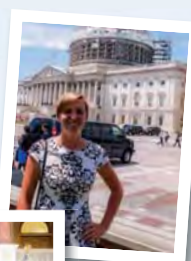
What made this trip so great was the chaperones, the memorials, the activities, and the bonding experience it created.

I loved this trip. If it wasn't for you, the co-op members, I couldn't have attended Youth Tour. It was a great experience. Thank you so much, and I hope the next person has as much fun as I did.

Camryn Mathis

This trip is one of the best I have been on. At first, I was reluctant to be a part of a tourist group, but a day or two into the trip I grew to love the group and wouldn't have left it for anything. Getting to know everyone was one of the best parts of the trip, and encountering all the other groups from the different states added to this experience of diversity. Talking to people from other parts of Kansas and the nation expanded my view of America.

Washington, D.C. itself was also amazing. The city has so many things to offer, and the organizers took full advantage of this. Not only did we see the usual sights, but we saw and experienced many things that most people going to D.C. do not. First there was the production of "Shear Madness," which was a fun bonding opportunity; then there was the cruise; the Holocaust Memorial Museum, which I understand is difficult for groups to get into; touring the memorials with a professional tour guide; and speaking to an Iwo Jima veteran. Every day was packed with activities that taught us about our American heritage and brought the group closer together.



Above: Camryn Mathis visits the nation's capital. Left: After the Youth Tour banquet, delegates toured the Kansas Capitol. Mathis sits in the Speaker of the House's seat.



Rebecca Stormann

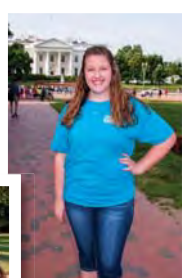
This trip was a trip of a lifetime. I will never forget the amazing people and the beautiful places we visited. Here are some pictures of my favorite places and people from the trip.

It's hard to put into words how much fun this experience was for me. Everyone on the trip got along so well that it was like a big family going on vacation. I will always have special memories of the trip. I appreciate this opportunity and thank everyone at Kaw Valley

Electric for selecting me to attend the Youth Tour.



Left: Rebecca Stormann meets Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins on Capitol Hill. Right: Stormann poses with fellow delegates in front of Mt. Vernon, one of her favorite stops on Youth Tour.



Rebecca Stormann sees the White House for the first time.

Malone Promoted to Safety & Compliance Resource Supervisor



John Malone

JOHN MALONE has been promoted to Safety and Compliance Resource Supervisor for the Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative.

alliance, which is working toward becoming FreeState Electric Cooperative in January 2017.

Malone joined JLEC in 2000 as a Journeyman Lineman and Foreman. As the Safety and Compliance Resource Supervisor for the Kaw Valley Electric Cooperative and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative, Malone will be responsible for providing direction and guidance regarding all safety programs, which is the number one priority of the cooperative.

Co-op Holds Candidate Meet & Greet

On June 15, candidates in the respective voting districts across the Kaw Valley Electric and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric territories attended the Co-ops Vote Meet & Greet events.

The events gave Kansas House of Representative and Senate incumbents and challengers a chance to meet with employees, members and other community leaders and discuss issues facing rural Kansans.

Attending the JLEC event were:

- Kansas Senate District 2**
- SEN. MARCI FRANCISCO**, Lawrence (I)
- MEREDITH RICHEY**, Perry
- ECHO VAN METEREN**, Linwood
- Kansas House District 38**
- REP. WILLIE DOVE**, Bonner Springs (I)
- MIKE FONKERT**, Basehor
- NATHAN LUCAS**, Basehor
- MITRA TEMPLIN**, DeSoto
- Kansas House District 42**
- REP. CONNIE O'BRIEN**, Tonganoxie (I)
- JIM KARLESKINT**, Tonganoxie
- Kansas House District 47**
- MICHAEL CADDELL**, Nortonville
- RONALD ELLIS**, Meriden
- Kansas Senate District 18**
- SEN. LAURA KELLY**, Topeka (I)
- DAVE JACKSON**, Topeka
- Kansas Senate District 20**
- SEN. VICKI SCHMIDT**, Topeka (I)
- DR. CANDACE AYARS**, Topeka
- Kansas House District 50**
- REP. FRED PATTON**, Topeka (I)
- CHRIS HUNTSMAN**, Topeka
- Kansas House District 51**
- REP. RON HIGHLAND**, Wamego, (I)
- ADRIENNE OLEJNIK**, Rossville
- Kansas House District 52**
- DR. BRENDA DIETRICH**, Topeka
- MARK LEENERTS**, Topeka
- Kansas House District 54**
- REP. KEN CORBET**, Topeka (I)
- Kansas House District 61**
- FRANCIS AWERKAMP**, St. Marys
- DAN BRENNER**, Holton
- LAUREN VAN WAGONER**, Hoyt



Randy Richards (left), assistant general manager, visits with Kansas House District 38 candidate Mike Forkert.

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DONATE to Local Soap Drive

Kaw Valley Electric and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric are sponsoring a soap drive to collect donations for multiple food pantries across the area.

The food pantries in our area function as direct community outreach to serve those who need assistance. The pantries rely on donors, volunteers and drives like this to stock their shelves and operate. Families and individuals can stop in to get food to eat, but often are also in need of personal care items.

We're asking our employees and members to help us collect the following unused soap products to help stock up area food pantries:

- ▶ Liquid soap (hand and body)
- ▶ Bar of soap
- ▶ Shampoo
- ▶ Laundry detergent
- ▶ Dish soap

We will distribute items collected to the following area food pantries: Jefferson County Service Organization, Oskaloosa; The Good Shepherd, Tonganoxie; Auburn Community Food Pantry, Auburn; Stull United Methodist, Rural Douglas County; and Rossville Food Pantry, Rossville. Donations will be accepted at both co-op offices from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30.

Community involvement is the cooperative difference at work. If you are unable to donate items, please consider a monetary donation. No amount is too small. Checks can be made out to Kaw Valley Electric or JLEC, but must be a separate transaction from your monthly payment.

Please send donations to:

Cooperative Soap Drive
Attn: Sarah Farlee
PO Box 70
McLouth, KS 66054

Watch our Facebook pages to learn about more opportunities to donate! If you have questions, contact Sarah Farlee, public relations and marketing specialist, sarah.farlee@jlec.coop.