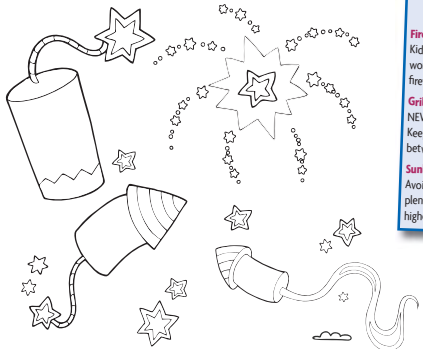




COOPERATIVE Energy Explorers

Safety Tips

- Fireworks safety tip**
Kids should NEVER play with fireworks! Only adults should handle fireworks.
- Grilling safety tip**
NEVER run and play near a grill! Keep a minimum of three feet between you and the grill.
- Sunburn safety tip**
Avoid sunburn! Remember to apply plenty of sunscreen (SPF of 30 or higher) if you're playing outdoors.



Phone System UPDATES

Pay-By Phone

Kaw Valley and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperatives must move to an automated system in order to be compliant with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard. These worldwide requirements are designed to help protect companies that process payments from credit card fraud through increased data controls. Moving to this system ensures our continued ability to accept e-checks, debit, and credit card payments.

After June 1, 2016, Kaw Valley and LJEC will no longer be able to take payments over the phone. If you want to call in a payment on your account, you MUST call Pay-By-Phone at the numbers listed below:

Kaw Valley, West District
877-853-6120
LJEC, East District
844-210-8258

Kaw Valley and LJEC are dedicated to providing you with convenient customer care: If you prefer an alternate method of payment, please drop off your payment at your cooperative's office, mail us your check or pay online.

Rerouting

As we prepare for the co-op consolidation, you may notice a few changes in our phone system. Beginning July 5, we will begin rerouting calls to the Topeka office where the call center will be located. Members will still be able to talk to any cooperative employee in either office.

LJEC Provides Fort's Infrastructure

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also allows our linemen an opportunity to participate in confined space training, among other training opportunities that offer professional development.

Recently, the Fort team has been working on the installation of new LED streetlights, building a new underground line, and is currently installing new service to the Visitors Center. Our linemen also collaborate

with building contractors on base, as well as Fort capital improvement projects to provide and install services when needed.

The contract at Fort Leavenworth provides for fixed payments and reimbursement for services so it does not cost our membership. Instead, it provides us a unique opportunity to power a piece of American history.

HAPPY TO WORK ALL NIGHT.



Picture: Brad Heiseman, Kaw Valley apprentice lineman



If it means getting the lights back on for even one family, we are glad to do whatever it takes. We're not your typical electric company, we're a local not-for-profit electric cooperative. That means our customers are our members and our top priority.

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

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FROM THE CEO

LJEC Provides Fort's Infrastructure



Steve Foss

Fort Leavenworth is the oldest active Army post west of the Mississippi River, being in service for more than 170 years. The post was established in 1827 and is also the location of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, which produces elite military leadership and talent. Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative is fortunate to be a part of this historic part of American history by providing energy infrastructure to this historic Army base. Effective in January 2017, it will be served by FreeState Electric Cooperative. I would like to introduce our members to this vital part of our business.

LJEC is in year 11 of a 50-year contract with Fort to provide three types of service:
 ► replacement and renewal of existing infrastructure and assets;
 ► operations and maintenance of the infrastructure where we test, maintain and repair equipment; and
 ► capital improvement services that are a joint effort proposing development projects on the

base that will improve infrastructure and reliability.

There is no sale of electricity included in this contract. Our priority is building a safe, and most importantly, reliable system to power the Fort.

On occasion, members ask, "How does Fort Leavenworth impact my membership?" The Fort is considered one member of the cooperative, and this one member provides revenue and cash flow stability that allows for working capital to keep the cooperative from borrowing larger sums of money. The Fort's membership helps stabilize our costs, which in turn helps us to provide rate stability across the board.

At the Fort, we employ an outpost that serves as a facility to store equipment, materials, and house five employees year-round. Ron Forshee, the co-op's Fort Superintendent, is stationed on base where he works with contractors, the Energy Department and Fort leadership to plan projects and programs. Four line crew are stationed there and rotate on an annual basis allowing each member of our line crew an opportunity to learn the Fort system. The uniqueness of the Fort's system

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A Piece of LJEC History

It may be aged and brittle, but employees at Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative discovered a piece of history in the form of a letter written to members dated Sept. 17, 1947.

The nearly 69-year-old correspondence informs members that line building materials, specifically conductors, were in short supply and there was no word when these supplies would become available. The letter also indicates that a significant number of prospective members were wiring their property in preparation for service as soon as it would be available. The co-op found that some members were not "receiving the full value for the money they are investing." The increase in do-it-yourself projects prompted LJEC to hold a wiring school.

The school was described as a "complete discussion and breakdown of the R.E.A. farmstead wiring requirements, both from the inspector's and the wiremen's viewpoints." It also educated members on the types of methods and materials needed to wire their property correctly.

This meeting was the first wiring school of its kind to be held in northeast Kansas.

The 69-year-old letter informs LJEC members of an opportunity to participate in the co-op's wiring school.

Kaw Valley Hosts Youth Tour Delegates

Since 2012, Kaw Valley Electric has been proud to host the Kansas-Hawaii Youth Tour delegation on their first day of Youth Tour for breakfast and bucket rides.

This year, 36 students from Kansas and four from Hawaii learned about electric coop-

eratives through safety demonstrations and bucket truck rides at Kaw Valley.

"Kaw Valley is proud to have the opportunity to teach youth about electrical safety," said Randy Richards, assistant general manager. "It helps give them a basic understanding of safety and the electric cooperatives who have sponsored them on this trip."

After learning about their co-ops, delegates traveled to Washington, D.C., to join more than 1,700 high school students from across the nation. During their week-long stay in Washington, D.C., the students had the chance to visit with their congressional representatives. They also had the opportunity to tour the Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, Mt. Vernon and the many memorials.



On the first day of Youth Tour, Kaw Valley linemen give safety demonstrations and bucket truck rides to teach delegates about electric cooperatives.

Together, Kaw Valley and LJEC sponsored three students on the trip as part of our commitment to community and mission to help develop our next generation of leaders. This year Kaw Valley's representatives were CAMRYN MATHIS, Lawrence, and REBECCA STORMANN, Topeka; and LJEC's representative was JACHIN DRINKARD, Denison.

Co-ops Celebrate Earth Day in Ft. Leavenworth

Army Earth and Environmental Awareness Day on May 4 provided an excellent opportunity to emphasize training, focusing on environmental issues in the home, workplace and community.

Kaw Valley and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperatives participated in this year's event at Fort Leavenworth to provide electrical safety demonstrations to more than 400 children. The demonstration included discussion about looking up to identify potential dangers when using a

ladder, downed wires, and dispelled myths about cars being safe when driving through or around areas with downed wires.

The annual event provides school children an opportunity to see first-hand a diverse range of earth and safety-related topics.

"Safety is our number one priority. Any opportunity to reach out and provide education and awareness to the public, especially kids, is important," said CEO Steve Foss.

Journeyman Lineman GREG KRAMER, energy use supervisor SHANNON CROUSE, and assistant general manager RANDY RICHARDS represented Kaw Valley and LJEC at the event.

Kaw Valley and LJEC offer electric safety demonstrations for schools and groups in our service area. Please contact Sarah Farlee, Public Relations and Marketing Specialist at 913-796-6111 for more information.



A young student dons rubber gloves as part of the electricity safety display at Fort Leavenworth.



Journeyman Lineman Greg Kramer demonstrates electrical safety to school children during Earth Day at Fort Leavenworth.

6 Summer Employees Join the Cooperative Family

Kaw Valley Electric and Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperatives have hired six summer employees. Three employees will work out of the Topeka office, and three will work from the McLouth office.

TANNER GOLDER will be a senior at Jefferson West High School and will work in McLouth on the Maintenance team.

RANDALL HARVEY is a graduate of the Electric Power Distribution program at Manhattan Technical College. He will be working with the East District line crew in McLouth.

EMMA KAIGHIN will be a senior at Tonganoxie High School and will work in the McLouth office on the Member Services team.

LAINE MARSTON will be a senior at Seaman High School and will work in the Topeka office on the Maintenance team.

KATIE METZ is a student at Fort Hays State University and will work in the Topeka office as part of the Member Services team.

TY YOWELL is a graduate of the Electric Power Distribution program at Manhattan Technical College. He will be working with the West District line crew in Topeka.



Tanner Golder



Randall Harvey



Emma Kaighin



Laine Marston



Katie Metz



Ty Yowell

Sharing Success with CoBank

CoBank has renewed its "Sharing Success" program that invests dollars in local communities served by cooperatives. Sharing Success matches dollar-for-dollar charitable donations to one non-profit organization of the cooperative's choosing. LJEC has elected to donate to the Good Shepherd in Tonganoxie.

JANET STUKE, volunteer at The Good Shepherd, talked about the impact donations have on the organization and how the money is spent. Good Shepherd operates with volunteers and provides assistance to families across the area.

Kaw Valley will participate in the program for the first time this year, with donations helping to support the Stull United Methodist Church Rural Food Pantry.

FAYE WAGNER, Reverend at the Stull United Methodist Church, introduced Kaw Valley employees to the church's food pantry that helps more than 70 families a year in Stull and surrounding rural areas. The organization de-



Co-op employees enjoy a pancake breakfast, prepared by CEO Steve Foss and Assistant Managers Chris Parr and Randy Richards, to celebrate the co-op's participation in the Sharing Success program.

pend on volunteers and donations. Employees have been challenged by the Board of Trustees to raise funds and has committed to donating one month per diem per board member. CoBank will then

Sharing Success matches dollar-for-dollar charitable donations.

match funds raised by employees and the board members in Topeka and McLouth.

Each location kicked off the program with a pancake breakfast prepared by CEO Steve Foss and Assistant General Managers Chris Parr and Randy Richards.

LJEC has participated in the Sharing Success program for the past five years and has made beneficial donations to local organizations in Jefferson and Leavenworth counties.



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Co-op Celebrates Promotions

Long-time team member

RANDY RICHARDS

has been promoted to the position of assistant general manager at

Kaw Valley Electric.

Richards started his career with Kaw Valley 35 years ago as an apprentice lineman, moving to a journeyman in 1982, and in 1989 was promoted to director of purchasing, inventory, and safety.

In 1999, Richards completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Loss Control Internship program and was promoted to manager of safety and material management. Just prior to his promotion, Richards was the compliance and resources manager, and part of the senior leadership team.

Richards will oversee engineering, operations, and the compliance and resources departments. Richards is based in the Topeka office.

RANDY WAGER

has been promoted to right-of-way superintendent. Wager started at Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative in April of 2000 as the tree crew foreman. He is a certified arborist and will oversee tree crews for the East (McLouth) and West (Topeka) Districts.



Randy Richards



Randy Wager