

# The Twin Valley

## Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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*"Owned By Those We Serve"*



### Meet Dan Peterson, Twin Valley Board President



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Dan Peterson is Twin Valley Electric's Board President. He has lived in southeast Kansas since the age of 13. Dan

and his wife, Kathy, live just outside of Altamont. They have one daughter named Annie.

Dan has a bachelors degree in agriculture. He has just recently retired from teaching at Labette County High School.

Dan has been on Twin Valley's Board for a total of 16 years. His goal while being on the board is to provide excellent service at a competitive price, continue to hire and retain good employees and to provide employees a safe and enjoyable place to work.

## Capital Credits Checks Mailed

Twin Valley is retiring the 1985 capital credit allocations. Checks totalling \$34,700.54 will be mailed this month to those people who were members of the cooperative in 1985. An additional \$17,427.31 of capital credits have already been retired this year to settle estates, to members with disabilities and those who have reached age 65 who have requested to have their capital credits retired early at a discount.

Cooperatives give capital credits because they are non-profit organizations. Members receive this form of equity when there is revenue over and above expenses. The amount of capital credits is determined by

a members yearly payments for electricity.

Each year Twin Valley Electric uses the revenues that exceed operating costs as equity. These funds and borrowed capital allow Twin Valley to serve a growing number of members while implementing the latest technology to provide the best possible service.

As a non-profit utility, Twin Valley later returns these revenues to the membership who originally paid them in their electric bills.

If you move, be sure to leave your forwarding address with us so we can send your capital credits check to you.

## Preparing For Winter Storms

Here's how to plan ahead for unavoidable power outages that can accompany winter storms.

- Listen to weather forecasts every day so you'll know when high winds or heavy snows or ice are on the way. High winds or heavy snows are most likely to affect power lines.

- Prepare an outage kit that contains: a battery-powered radio, fresh batteries, a flashlight, candles, matches, a wind-up clock, bottled water, paper plates and plastic utensils.

- Post Twin Valley Electric's outage report phone number on

your refrigerator so it is handy if you must report an outage: 1-866-784-5500.

- Teach children to stay away from fallen or sagging power lines. They could be energized and dangerous, even if the power is out.

"Our hope is that the weather will spare us and we won't have any outages this winter. If we do, however, we'll restore service as quickly as possible," says Ron Holsteen, General Manager of Twin Valley Electric Cooperative "Just in case, though, it's better to be prepared than to sit in the dark."

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*Our offices will be closed  
December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>*

# Blinking Lights

To our members blinking lights are a annoying problem. Having to change the time on the many digital clocks and different appliances each day and other problems is a result of blinking lights.

Twin Valley Electric is taking our members seriously about this issue. We have an aggressive tree removal underway. Removing the trees is the most economical way of clearing the lines and will take care of the problem for about 10 to 15 years. If we were to simply trim the trees we would have to do so each year.

We thank the members that allowed us to remove the trees along the line on their properties.



Mike and Jody Zwahlen dozing trees out of the line at Verl Shufelt's.

## Moving From Your Current Residence?

### What you need to do when you move:

- Contact the cooperative office and inform them that you are moving.
- Provide the cooperative the date you are moving.
- Provide the cooperative with your new address. The new address is where you will receive your final bill or refund if you had a security deposit larger than your final bill. The new address is also used for capital credits refunds.
- If you know the name of the person moving into your current residence, please provide that information to the cooperative.
- If you know the new consumer, let them know that they need to contact the cooperative to establish service.

We have no way of knowing that you want your service discontinued if you do not contact us with

the information we need to close your account. The

bill will continue in your name and

you will be responsible for those charges until your account is closed.



**Willie Wirehand asks,**  
*“Are you ready for the new satellite internet?”*

### Monthly Costs

Value Pak	\$49.95
Select Pak	\$69.95
Pro Pak	\$79.95



### Initial Costs

Equipment Costs	\$299.00
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Home Installation *Free for a limited time!*



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If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at  
**(866)-784-5500**