

The Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"Owned By Those We Serve"



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TWACS Arrive At Twin Valley Electric

After months of anticipation and planning, Twin Valley Electric Cooperative crews have begun the installation of a Two-Way Automatic Communications System (TWACS).

This project involves replacing all of the cooperative's meters with new electronic meters. Communications equipment will be installed in each of our substations and at each of our metering points. The communications equipment will use power line and radio technology to transmit and receive information between our office and every meter in the system.

This new technology will provide our members with several benefits. Once your new meter is installed, you will no longer have to read your meter and calculate your own bill. Twin Valley will provide timely and accurate meter readings and send you a bill. You will have load history and profiling available for your information. This information can be very use-

ful for troubleshooting if you are having any concerns about your electric consumption.

You will receive improved service regarding outages, blinks, voltage issues, etc., as Twin Valley will be able to continuously monitor your services for any of those issues. You will see less cooperative intrusion on your property as we will be able to perform many checks and tests directly from the office, including connects and disconnects.

The technology will provide the cooperative with many benefits. We anticipate improved member satisfaction because of virtual elimination of estimated bills, miscalculated bills and errors because of wrong meter readings. We will have accurate reporting on outages, blinks, voltage problems, meters in and out of service, which will provide us with much more accurate load profiling and engineering data.

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Ron Holsteen

low us to implement load control programs. It will eliminate many meter related service calls and allow us to respond to storm outage situations much more efficiently as we will be able to determine the actual extent of our damage immediately without having to drive the system.

We will notify each of you when we have installed the new meters at your location and have them communicating with our office. Until then, please continue to read your meter and calculate your bills as in the past.

If you would like a demonstration of the capabilities of this equipment, please stop by and we will be happy to show you.

Twin Valley Receives No Loss Time Accident Award

Twin Valley Electric Cooperative has received a No Loss Time Accident Award in recognition of its employees for their outstanding achievement of an accident free record of 58,754 employee hours from June 2004 to December 31, 2005.

This award was presented by the Loss Control Department of the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Director Norman Leistikow presented the award to the Twin Valley employees at the Twin Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting.



2006 Annual Meeting Review

The 59th Annual Meeting of The Twin Valley Electric Cooperative Inc., was held on Friday evening March 31, at the Harrison Auditorium on the campus of Labette County High School with 79 members in attendance.

The first order of business was the election of one Trustee from each district for a three-year term. The nominating committee had nominated the following members: District 1, Bryan Coover; District 2, Ronald McNickle; and District 3, Robert Webster and Tom Nading. Allen Myers was nominated from the floor for District 2. Bryan Coover - District 1, Ronald McNickle - District 2, and Robert Webster - District 3 were re-elected to three-year terms.

Reports were given by Board President Dan Peterson, Treasurer David Hubbell and General Manager Ron Holsteen. Phil Wages of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) addressed the members about electric power supply issues in Kansas.

Directors Larry "David" Hubbell and Norman Leistikow were recognized for five years of service. Employee Kenny Cole was recognized for 30 years of service at Twin Valley.

The following businesses pro-



Looks like our ice cream social is still a big hit. Jessie (left), daughter of Joe and June Brooks, and Abby, daughter of Kyle and Mandy Schaper, enjoyed their ice cream at the Annual Meeting.

vided door prizes for the members in attendance: Ace Hardware, Altamont's Builder Supply, American Safety, Bartlett Co-op, Brian & Becky's hair shop, Carter Automotive, Denton's Hardware, Hugo's Janitor Supplies, Hugh's Supply, Lavender's Landscape, LCI Discount, Mid-West Transformer, Northeastern Rural Services, Peterson's Hardware and the Sirloin Stockade.

Following the meeting, all members and guests were treated to ice cream and cookies.



Trustee Robert Webster Jr. Addressing the membership at the Annual Meeting

2006 Youth Tour Winner Announced



April Wheeler

Twin Valley Electric Cooperative's "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., competition was held March 22, 2006.

Following a presentation on the trip and a question and answer period, each contestant was given a personal interview by a panel of

three judges consisting of Alice Hornung, Oswego; Glenn Fischer, Oswego; and Shana Holsteen, Topeka. In addition to their interviews, each contes-

tant took a quiz over information about rural electric cooperatives on the local, state and national level.

This year's winner is April Wheeler, daughter of Greg and Teresa Wheeler from Chetopa. April will join other Kansas winners June 8-15, 2006. They will join about 1,500 other youth seeing their "Government in Action", visiting their congressmen, various government agencies and sites of historical significance.

The alternate for this year's trip is Hannah Keener, daughter of Walter and Beverly Keener of Oswego. Congratulations!