



Join Us at the Twin Valley Annual Meeting



Join us for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Twin Valley Electric Cooperative.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, in the cafeteria of the Labette County High School in Altamont.

Registration will open at 6 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Ron Holsteen - Manager

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Daniel Peterson - President
Bryan Coover - Vice President
Norman L. Leistikow - Secretary
Larry Hubbell - Treasurer
Ronald E. McNickle
Tom Ellison
Michael Allison
Wayne Revell
Robert E. Webster, Jr.

Nominating Committee Meeting Scheduled

The nominating committee will meet at the Twin Valley Electric office on Tuesday March 3, 2009, at 7 p.m. to nominate candidates for the directors positions to be filled at this year's annual meeting.

The Twin Valley Board has named the following members to the Nominating Committee: Dave Peterson, Parsons; Pam Baker, Bartlett; Donald Richardson, Oswego; Keith Tucker, Mound Valley; William Billman, Altamont; and Carla Bebb, Mound Valley.

Positions up for Election

District 1

Bryan Coover, Galesburg

District 2

Ronald McNickle, Cherryvale

District 3

Robert Webster Jr., Oswego

Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Bylaw Changes

The Board is recommending some changes to bring the co-op's bylaws into compliance with state statutes.

Please join us for a discussion of the proposed bylaw amendments for the annual meeting. The locations and dates for the meetings are:

- **Galesburg Community Center** – March 30 at 10 a.m.
- **Bartlett United Methodist Church** – March 31 at 10 a.m.
- **Mound Valley City Hall** – April 1 at 10 a.m.
- **Altamont Community Center** – April 2 at 7 p.m.

Brooks & Cole Receive Certification

Joe Brooks and Ken Cole received their Commercial Pesticide



Joe Brooks

Applicator Certification under the Kansas Pesticide Law.

These certifications will allow Twin Valley to select herbicides that are more ef-



Ken Cole

fective in controlling the tree's and shrubs that grow into the power lines.

From the Manager... Energy Cost Adjustment

Twin Valley purchases all of the electric power we need from the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) headquartered in Topeka.

KEPCo is a cooperative owned by and operated by 19 distribution electric cooperatives, including Twin Valley. The KEPCo board devotes a tremendous amount of time to determining the best and most cost-effective ways to provide a reliable source of power to its member cooperatives. As a result of these studies, KEPCo will be a part-owner of the Iatan II coal-fired plant being built north of Kansas City. KEPCo has also negotiated a long term power supply contract with Westar to purchase the power we require above and beyond our partial ownership of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant, our hydro-power resources from Southwest Power Administration and other wholesale power supply contracts. The new contract with Westar is cost-based and will provide us with a long-term supply of power at reasonable cost. KEPCo has put a new rate tariff into effect to implement changes in the way our wholesale power costs will be billed in the future.

In the past, the only adjustment to the power costs was the energy cost adjustment (ECA) which took into consideration the cost of fuel used to generate the electric power. Under the new tariff approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), there will now also be an annual adjustment for demand costs. As

a result, Twin Valley will need to make a change in the way we calculate our ECA each month on your billings.



Ron Holsteen

Currently, the ECA factor is calculated each month by taking the amount we are actually billed for the energy cost adjustment and subtracting the amount we included in our last cost-of-service study when our current retail rate schedules were set.

Because of the new rate tariff implemented by KEPCo, we will now need to determine that factor by comparing the total cost of power billed to the cost of power used to set the current rates.

This will allow us to recover any costs incurred because of the new demand cost adjustment that will be made annually. The good news is that the new long-term contract with Westar will keep our wholesale rates relatively stable for many years to come, provided the government doesn't get carried away with some sort of carbon tax. We will be discussing this issue further at our annual meeting.

The Board will hold a hearing at the beginning of the regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, April 27, 2009, to hear any public comment regarding the change in the way the ECA is calculated. The board will plan to act on this change at that meeting.

From Twin Valley Kitchens

Cream of Cheese Soup

2 c diced potatoes	1/2 c flour
1/2 c carrots diced	2 c milk
1/2 c celery diced	1/2 c ham
3 T onion, chopped	1/2 lb Velveeta
1 c water	2 c chicken broth
1/4 c butter	1 tsp parsley

In a large stock pot combine potatoes, carrots, celery and onion; cook in water until tender. Melt butter in small skillet or saucepan and blend in flour, slowly add milk, cooking and stirring to make a slightly thickened sauce. Gradually add milk sauce to hot vegetables and add ham and stir until well blended. Add Velveeta, broth and parsley, cook until thickened; do not boil.



Submitted by Carla Bebb, Mound Valley

Submit a recipe and get a \$10 credit!

To submit your recipe please send the following information:

- Your name, contact information and Twin Valley account number
- The recipe (clearly printed or typed)
- A photo of you cooking the recipe or of you and the finished product

Send your entry to: Twin Valley Electric,
Attn: Recipes, P.O. Box 368, Altamont, KS 67330.

If your recipe is used in Kansas Country Living magazine, you will receive a \$10 credit toward your electric bill

January-February Outages				Duration		
Date	Substation	Cause	Reason for Failure	Outages	Hrs	Min
1/15	Altamont	Vandalism	Insulator	19	0	38
1/17	Mound Valley	Electrical overload	Fuse or cut-out switch	8	0	52
1/21	Mound Valley	Unknown	Fuse or cut-out switch	25	1	3
1/22	Mound Valley	Substation	Unknown	552	2	0
1/28	Chetopa	Empire's transmission line	Empire's transmission line	140	1	34
2/03	Altamont	Equipment failure	Jumper	18	0	43
2/09	Mound Valley	High winds	Transformer	56	1	1
2/10	Altamont	High winds	Westar Transmission line	720	1	2
2/10	Oswego	High winds	Westar Transmission line	117	1	2
2/10	Mound Valley	High winds	Fuse or cut-out switch	3	1	45
2/11	Parsons West	High winds	Distribution Pole	855	0	52

Digital TV Conversion Delayed Until June 12



Consumers who rely on traditional over the air broadcast will have more time to prepare for the day when all analog TV broadcasts are turned off. The new target date is June 12, 2009.

The delay does not mean every station will continue to broadcast in analog. Broadcasters will be permitted to shut off their analog transmission before June 12. Viewers might still lose some channels, depending on the decisions of local stations.

You are not required to purchase a new television. If you pay for a cable or satellite service, your reception will not be interrupted. But, if you use a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears" for reception, you will need to buy a converter box for your analog TV. The converter boxes will cost around \$40 to \$80. For help in deciding the right converter box, Consumer Reports rates converter boxes on picture quality and other factors.

Remember to look for EnergyStar® models to save money on your utility bill. If you plan to buy a new TV, be sure to find a recycler. Just visit www.Earth911.org.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Use a programmable thermostat to vary your home's temperature based on your schedule. Lower your thermostat when you're not home or at night to save as much as 10 percent on heating and cooling costs!

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Please Help us Find These Members

The list below consists of members who have not claimed their capital credit checks. If you know the address or contact information for any of these individuals please contact Twin Valley. Thank you for your help locating these members.

Aemisegger, Noel	Dowdy, John	Johnson , Warren F	Reed, K A
Allen, Donald R	Dunn, Garrold L	Johnson , Willard L	Reust, Andrew
Allen, Gary W	Dutton, Mrs. James	Jones, Elinore M	Rice, Robert F
Allen, George K	Elliott, Arthur T	Kays, J E	Riddle, Howard L
Amer Telephone & Telegraph	Ellison, M A	Kepford, James R	Roeder, David
Associated Natural Gas	Emhoff, Guy E	Kepner, Carl	Rogers, David
Autem, John W	Emmert, Gary D	Keys, Judy A	Rumford, Michael L
Banzet, Denzil	Essig, John R	Laird, Henry	Ryder, Dan
Bays, James H	Evans, Reba	Lake, Dail	S & M Farm,
Beair, Dennis	Evans, Barbara	Lamm, Marvin	S A Production
Beam, Robert E	Faller, Carol	Landis, Charles L	Schauf, Joan
Beard, Irene	Farrell, Mary L	Lapp, Donald B	Schierlman, J F
Beck, Thurman	Federal Land Bank Assoc	Lewis, Bob L	Schultz, Frederick E
Bedell, Gerald L	Finley, M L	Madl, David	Schussler, Nancy
Beel, Dale S	Fisk, Robert	Martin, Harley W	Scott, Donald
Beeson, James H	Foltz, Bonita	McBride Jr, Charles E	Shannon, Edward L
Bennett, O E	Fowler, Richard H	McCormick, Irvin B	Sharman, George R
Benton, Alfred J	Frazee, Jack	McDowell, Gary	Sharman, Philip
Big Foot Oil Enterprises LTD	Frisco RR Co	McElroy, Cindi	Shepard, Walter
Bleicher, Elaine	Froebe, David	McNay, Valerie J	Shields Sr, John D
Bolinger, Everett	Fulkerson, Ed	Meissner, James F	Shufeldt, Ray
Booe, Marion W	Gallagher, F J	Melching, John C	Siebert, Barbara
Breneman, Richard L	Gleason, Martha J	Mercer, Ralph	Smith, Dennis
Bridges, Warren F	Gobin, Dorinda	Mont Co Gas-Foster	Smith, Kenneth L
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Brown, Ron	Goodnight, William R	Moore, David A	Staley, Floyd
Bryan, Sarah L	Grant, Stanley	Moore, Gary	Staten, Don
Burger, Kevin	Granzow, Dennis	Morrow, Don	Steele Trust Delbert
Burnett, Neva	Griffith, Kristina K	Murphy, Carl J	Stewart, Virgil W
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Carson, Ed	Harmon, Katie	Nesbitt, Frank J	Sykes, Dan K
Cartright, Carolyn J	Harper, Jimmy D	Noble, Judith K	Taylor, Fred
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Clark, Juanita	Helmig, Jerry	Northwest Central Pipeline	Tincknell, H L
Clemens, M L	Henry Jr, Don	O'Brien, Arvon	Torchia, Robert D
Clum, DD	Henson, James A	O'Brien, Gene	Transue, Leo
Cole, Teri A	Herman, Michael	Oil Lift Inc,	Troutman, David
Cook, Joyce	Hickey, J W	Oplotnik, Joe	V W & B Drilling Co
Cook, Roy W	Highwood Gas Co	Osborn, Joe C	Vance Marion Conservatorship
Coon Hunters Assoc	Hill, Roger	Paige, Darren L	Vanpielt, CO
Cooper, Thomas E	Hill, John D	Paine , Melvin	Vaughn, James A
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Critchfield, Earl J	Hudson, Herman	Peaslee, Hazel	Ward, George W
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Cummings, Charles E	Humphrey, Donna J	Peters, Luther	West Water Line
Daugherty, Ben	Humphrey, Ruby A	Peterson, L F	Wheeler, Kitty
Davis, Rick	Hunter Oil & Gas Co	Pettinger, Edward	White Jr, Edwin
Davis, John	Hutcheson, Jack	Phelan, R D	Whitecotton, Roy D
Day, Douglas	Independent Oil & Gas	Pickett, Joseph D	Wiggins, Richard
Dean, Gregory M	J E B Gas Co	Polley, Chester C	Williams, Dwayne E
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