

From the Manager... Annual Meeting 2009

The date has been set 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.

This meeting is your opportunity to personally participate in the organization and governance of your cooperative.

Please note that the Annual Meeting has changed from a Friday to a Thursday night in an effort to attract more members to the Annual Meeting. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend and participate in your electric

cooperative.

Three Director positions (one from each district) will be up for election at this meeting. A nominating committee was selected at the January Board meeting and the nominating committee will meet the first week of March to make nominations for the Director positions.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

The Board of Directors will propose several changes to the bylaws of the cooperative. Any bylaw amendments must be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Last year, the Board had requested our attorney review the bylaws to ensure that they are consistent with current Kansas statutes and federal law. The attorney discovered several provisions in the bylaws that need to be updated to comply with state law. The Board is finalizing the actual wording changes that need to be made to bring bylaws in to compliance with the statutes.

You will receive a complete copy of the proposed changes

with the official Notice of the Annual Meeting, which will be mailed to each member approximately 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

We will also post the proposed changes on Twin Valley's website www.twinvalleyelectric.coop as soon as the wording has been approved by the Board.

I would encourage you to take a few minutes and read the proposed changes. If you have any questions or concerns with the proposed changes, please give me a call so that we can answer your questions prior to the Annual Meeting. I am available to meet with any group that would like to have more information about Twin Valley and would make presentations on any of the issues with which we are currently faced. This could include an explanation of the proposed changes to the bylaws or other issues such as future energy costs or future sources of energy supply.



Ron Holsteen

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.

Hanigan Earns Supervisory Certificate

Rebecca Hanigan, Director of Finance and Office Manager for Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, recently completed the curriculum necessary to earn the NRECA Supervisory Certificate.



Rebecca Hanigan, Director of Finance and Office Manager, accepts her NRECA Supervisory Certificate from Ron Holsteen, Twin Valley's Manager.

This program delivers instruction on core competencies required of supervisors in the areas of leadership, communication, and basic administrative

skills. Nine electric cooperative specific courses must be completed to earn the certification.

Congratulations to Rebecca on achieving this important certification.

From Twin Valley Kitchens

Baked Potato Soup

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| 7-9 Potatoes; Baked, Cooled, and cut into 1 inch cubes (skin optional) | 2 Cups Cheddar Cheese |
| 2/3 Cup Butter | ½ Pound Bacon, fried and broke into crumbles |
| 2/3 Cup Flour | 4 Green Onions, Chopped |
| ½ Gallon Milk | 16 oz. Sour Cream |
| | Salt/Pepper |

Melt butter over low heat. Add flour and cook until blended. Pour in milk and let simmer until flour mixture has completely dissolved. Add potatoes, cheese, bacon, and onions. Salt and pepper to taste.

Right before serving, mix in Sour Cream. Garnish with remaining bacon, cheese, onions and sour cream.

Submitted by Chelse Trollope, Parsons



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

Annual Meeting Reminder

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New Substation Transformer

Twin Valley recently purchased a new transformer for the Mound Valley substation.

The new transformer is a 10 mega-volt ampere (MVA), 7.62 kilo-volt (kV) transformer which will receive the electricity from the Westar's 138,000 volt transmission line and transform it to the 7,620 volts needed for Twin Valley's distribution lines.

The new transformer will be able to serve 10,000 kVA of load, which is double the capacity of the transformer now in use at the substation. The extra capacity was needed to serve the additional load growth Twin Valley is experiencing in the western part of our service territory.

The transformer was built by the Virginia Transformer Corporation in Idaho. It weighs 85,000 pounds. We plan to put it in service this spring when the weather is such that we can take a planned outage to move it into the proper location in the substation. The existing transformer will be kept as a spare, in case we ever have a transformer failure in the substation.