

Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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

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Time Change Nov 2

Don't forget to change your clocks on November 2. Make sure to turn all clocks back one hour.

This is also a great time to change the batteries in all your smoke detectors and have a professional check all of the fire extinguishers in your home.

Have a Safe Halloween

Twin Valley would like to wish everyone a Happy Halloween, and to remind motorists to look out for Trick-or-Treaters.

Linemen Complete Annual Pole Top Rescue Training

On August 19, all of Twin Valley's linemen completed the Pole Top Rescue and Bucket Truck Rescue training.

As part of this annual training, each lineman must climb a pole and rescue a 180-pound training dummy hanging from the utility pole. The lineman must secure the dummy using ropes and clips and safely bring him back to the ground.

Bucket truck rescue is very similar with getting the training dummy in the bucket safely and using the truck to bring him down.

Always being prepared for



John Hibbs, lineman, lowers the training dummy down to safety.



Just outside the Twin Valley pole yard, Dustin Acuff, lineman, retrieves the training dummy as a part of the annual pole top rescue exercise.

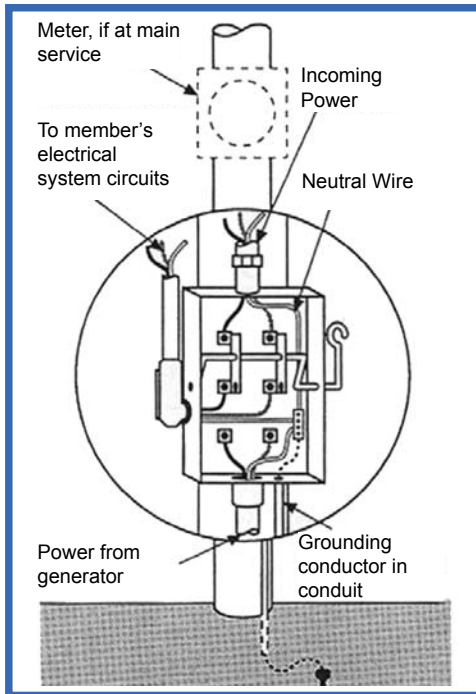
whatever may happen in the field is an important aspect of the lineman's job.

This training gives each of our linemen the skills and confidence to help their fellow linemen in case of an accident.

Standby Generator Switch

At Twin Valley Electric, we have around 950 miles of line that is subject to Mother Nature's fury. If you depend on electricity to water your cattle, heat your home, or operate life support systems, you should consider standby generation.

Every standby generation system requires a double-throw, or transfer switch to isolate the generator power from the central station power. Operating a generator without a transfer switch can cause injury or death to utility workers. Improperly installed generators can feed power back through the transformer putting high-voltage on the power lines where our linemen are working. Operating a generator without a transfer switch can also cause damage to your generator.



Because of the importance of the transfer switch, we suggest that our servicemen inspect all installations. A transfer switch that is hooked up improperly can cause equipment damage, injury or death. Do not take that chance!

If you have a transfer

switch that was installed by an electrician other than Twin Valley, please call us. We will come out and verify that the installation is correct at no additional charge.

Currently Twin Valley is installing 200 amp transfer switches at our wholesale cost. This is a great benefit and we encourage anyone who plans on installing a standby generator to take advantage of this sale.

If you are interested in a transfer switch, please call our office at (866) 784-5500.

Twin Valley Welcomes A New Employee

Twin Valley welcomes Kyle Sommer to our cooperative family.

He is from Miami, OK, and graduated from Miami High School in 2006.

This summer, he interned at Twin Valley.

In August he graduated from the



Kyle Sommer

Oklahoma State University (OSU) Okmulgee Lineman Program with an associate's degree in applied science. His hobbies include team roping and hunting.

Twin Valley would like to welcome you to the cooperative family!

KEPCo Granted Rate Increase

Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo), Twin Valley Electric Cooperative's wholesale power supplier, filed for a rate increase with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) in December 2007.

In June of this year, after several months of review and analysis, the KCC approved a 5.2 percent wholesale rate increase for KEPCo. The rate increase is due primarily to increases in purchased power and operations costs associated with the generation and delivery of electricity. KEPCo's last rate change was February 2002. The new rate went into effect September 1.

This rate increase will affect Twin Valley's wholesale power cost. A portion of the increase will be automatically passed on to our members through the energy cost adjustment (ECA). The rest will be absorbed by the cooperative.

A New Addition to the Cooperative Family



Tylee Jo Trollope

Chelse Trollope, Twin Valley's Billing Clerk and her husband, TJ, had a baby girl on June 25 named Tylee Jo. Tylee weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. and was 22.5 inches tall. Congratulations!