



NEWS

Annual Meeting Reminder

Please plan to attend the Twin Valley Annual Meeting Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Labette County High School cafeteria.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Join us in conducting the business of *your* cooperative.

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From the Manager... REDLG Loans

Last month I reported that we continue to explore possibilities to bring some economic expansion and growth into our service area. Over the past five years, Kansas has been a leading state in delivering economic development assistance through the USDA Rural Development Agency's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program. Since 1998, this USDA program has assisted over 84 rural Kansas businesses, impacting over 2,151 jobs, and providing over \$28 million in loans and grants across the Sunflower State.

The REDLG program provides funding to rural projects through local utility organizations such as Twin Valley Electric. Under the REDLG program, USDA provides zero-interest loans to electric cooperatives which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the cooperative directly. The cooperative is then responsible for repayment to USDA.

Under the program, USDA also provides grant funds to electric cooperatives which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds.

Upon receipt of the grant proceeds, the cooperative will then make a zero-interest loan to the local applicant to finance community development efforts. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including community facilities and infrastructure, improving access to local medical care and other projects that encourage a favorable climate for job creation and economic growth.

The City of Parsons has requested financial assistance utilizing both the REDLG loan and grant programs to help fund the street, water and wastewater extensions for their proposed Tolen Creek Industrial Park which will be located north of the Wal-mart Supercenter. The City of Parsons will provide zero-interest bonds as a guarantee of repayment of the funds to Twin Valley. A local company has already agreed to build a manufacturing facility on the property which will bring 150 new jobs to this area. As the grant funds are repaid, Twin Valley will be able to establish a revolving loan fund to help fund future projects in our service territory.



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Youth Tour Winner Selected



Twin Valley's 2008 youth tour contest participants, (left to right) Keith Geren, Jon Finley, Lauren Journot, Cole Penrod, Jennifer Martin and Adam Greve.

Twin Valley Electric is interested in our area youth and encourages our students to expand their educational experiences. Under this philosophy, Twin Valley offers an annual Youth Tour program.

Six area youth applicants applied for the all-expense-paid educational trip to Washington, D.C., or Steamboat Springs, CO.

The winner of the Washington, D.C., "Government in Action" youth tour will visit historic monuments and museums, attend educational sessions on government and rural electric cooperatives, meet with Kansas elected

officials and tour the White House.

The student chosen to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, will visit Craig Station, one of the largest electric generating plants in the Midwest. They will also attend sessions featuring energy, safety, and career opportunities, and create a mock cooperative.

The winner of the Washington, D.C., trip is Keith Geren of Altamont, son of Kimet and Nancy Geren; and the winner of the Steamboat Springs, CO, camp is Cole Penrod, son of Judi Penrod.

Farm Equipment Safety

Imagine that you are driving a tractor to the field through a back gate when things come to a screeching halt. You look back to see what's stopping you only to discover that you're tangled in an overhead power line! What do you do?

First, DON'T climb out. Unless you're in immediate danger, stay where you are and call for help.

Most utility lines are un-insulated, bare wires. Do not let your body become a direct link between the power line and the ground. If you must leave the tractor, jump as far away as you can, making sure that no part of your body touches the tractor and the ground at the same time.

Once you're off the tractor, do not go back until your local electric co-op disconnects the power line. Every year, 62 farm workers are electrocuted in the United States. We don't want you to be one of them.

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