

# The Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"Owned By Those We Serve"



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## Letter From The Manager...

Summer has arrived along with the hot, humid days. This summer your cooperative continues to grow. Almost a hundred new services have been connected since last summer.

Twin Valley's crews have made several improvements to our system in order to serve these new loads and to ensure that we can provide reliable power during our peak demand period this summer.

Two miles of new three-phase line was built northwest of Parsons to balance the new loads created by the methane gas well services in that area. Electronic breakers have been installed at the north Parsons metering point to reduce the outages and blinks caused by heavy loads, storms and trees.

Seven miles of old single-phase line that was damaged by the windstorm last summer is being replaced with heavier poles and larger conductor in the northeast corner of the cooperative.

A new three-phase line is being built southwest of our Mound Valley substation to serve the new gas well loads in that area. The new three phase lines provide the

cooperative with the ability to balance the new loads and improve the reliability of service in those areas.

The new automated meter reading (AMR) system installation is well underway. The new electronic meters with the TWACS modules have been installed on the north Parsons metering point, and installation is in full swing on those services served from the Mound Valley substation. Installation will begin soon on those services served by the Altamont and the northeast Parsons metering points.

As our crews install the new meters, they are collecting a lot of data, including a GPS location for each service, which will allow us to bring our mapping up-to-date and give us the ability to implement new voltage and outage reporting programs.

The new metering equipment brings many benefits to you in terms of no longer having to read your meters and calculate your own bill, but also providing the cooperative with the ability to quickly respond to outages and monitor

**"Twin Valley Electric's membership continues to grow."**



Ron Holsteen

any blinks or voltage problems that may occur throughout the system.

Wholesale power costs continue to be a concern for the cooperative. The high price of natural gas and lack of availability of hydro-power from the Southeast Power Pool, because of lower water conditions and coal delivery problems for the coal-fired generating plants due to railroad issues, have resulted in extremely high energy cost adjustments to our power bills.

Once again we ask that you try to assist your cooperative in controlling our power costs by reducing your usage during the peak hours (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) on week-day evenings when the temperature reaches 95 degrees and above. Any activities or loads that can be shifted to other times will significantly reduce our power costs and help keep your future rates stable.

*Have a Safe & Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our office will be closed July 4*



# Help Us Find These People!

If you know how to reach any of the people on the list below, please contact our office. Capital Credit checks were issued to these individuals in December 2005, and have been returned to us for incorrect mailing addresses. Thank you for your help.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Aemisegger, Noel             | Cook, Joyce                   | Henry, Ronald               | Patton, Bobbie       |
| Associated Natural Gas       | Cook M R                      | Hess, Rick R                | Permeator CORP       |
| Autem, John W                | Cooper, Clarence              | Hiben, Dan                  | Perterson L F        |
| Baker, Doris J               | Cooper, Thomas E              | Hickey J W                  | Petro Vest INC       |
| Baker, Glen                  | Country Club Homeowners Assn. | Hite, Dale                  | Pettinger, Edward    |
| Barlow, Dale G               | Cozart, Thayne                | Hodge, Richard              | Phillips, John R     |
| Bays, James H                | Dawson, Douglas               | Holcomb, Oliver M           | Porter, Bill         |
| Baystar Petroleum Corp.      | Dewey, Doug                   | Holman, Robert E            | Queen, Jim           |
| Benning, Rayfield            | Dixon, Don D JR               | Hunter Oil & Gas CO         | Reeves, Mark         |
| Bernal, Koni                 | Dowdy, John                   | Hutcheson, Jack             | Remington, Donald    |
| Big Foot Oil Enterprises LTD | Elliot, Arthur T              | Independent Oil & Gas       | Remington, Jan       |
| Biron INC                    | Elliot Enterprises            | Ingram, Betty E             | Reust, Andrew        |
| Blankenship, Terry L         | Ellis, John O                 | Jackson, William T          | Reynolds, Edward Lee |
| Bolinger, Carrie             | Evans, Dean                   | Janssen, Clara Z            | Rhodes, Charles C    |
| Bolinger, Everett            | Fisk, Robert                  | Johnson, Harold Q           | Rice, Robert F       |
| Brewer, Gregory R            | Fowler, Richard H             | Johnson, Vicie              | Rice, Wendell S      |
| Bridges, Warren F            | Fulkerson, Ed                 | Johnson, William L          | Richardson, Leroy    |
| Brooks, Donald E             | Geyer, Russell N              | Jones, Elinore M            | Roeder, David        |
| Bryan, Karen S               | Ginn, Ronnie T                | Kamona Inc                  | Roberts, Ken         |
| Capital Resources LTD        | Goodnight, William R          | Keeling, Leonard            | Rogers, David        |
| Caraway, Harold D            | Grant, Stanley C              | Keys, Judy A                | Rumford, Michael L   |
| Chippeaux, Carol A           | Granzow, Dennis L             | Kickapoo Production Co      | S A Production       |
| Clark, Joel L                | Gray, James P                 | Lackey, Kelley              | Salsman Oil CO       |
| Clemens M L                  | Green, Barbara                | Lacy, Lynette S             | Satterfield, Robb    |
| Cline, Robert A              | Green N L                     | Laird, Henry                | Seeber, Robert B     |
| Coleman, Luzena              | Haraughty, Debora F           | Lake, Dail                  | Shannon, Edward L    |
| Collins, Larry               | Harp, Ronald W                | Landis, Charles L           | Sharman, Philip      |
| Collins, Steven D            | Hedrick, Michael              | Lane, John W                | Shoemaker, Etta O    |
|                              |                               | Lapp, Donald B              | Shufeldt, Ray        |
|                              |                               | Lejeune, Ron                | Simmons, Rob         |
|                              |                               | Loffer, Terry L             | Smith, Ella Mae      |
|                              |                               | Loomis, Steve               | Snyder, Brenda       |
|                              |                               | Low, Cecil                  | Stringer, Wayne      |
|                              |                               | Luttrell, James E           | Stump, George R      |
|                              |                               | McBride, Charles E JR       | Sumner, Penny        |
|                              |                               | McClanahan, Fred            | Sykes, Claude A      |
|                              |                               | McCauley, Greg W            | Thompson, A J Jr     |
|                              |                               | MDA Associates-Foster       | Thurston, Dan D      |
|                              |                               | McDonald, Rosemary M        | Triad Energies Inc   |
|                              |                               | McMains, Robert J           | Triedel, Fred        |
|                              |                               | Meissner, James F           | Tullis, Terry        |
|                              |                               | Miller, Brenda Jo           | Van Petro            |
|                              |                               | Mineral Property Management | Vaughn, Stan & Linda |
|                              |                               | Moore, Charlotte            | Wadino, Joe          |
|                              |                               | Murphy, Richard P           | Waldie, Brenda Jo    |
|                              |                               | Myers, John R               | Walker, Elbert       |
|                              |                               | Myers, Lovell               | Wayland, Louise      |
|                              |                               | Nading, Robert Ivan SR      | West, Edwin          |
|                              |                               | Nesbitt, Frank J            | Westhoff, Merle      |
|                              |                               | Nevin, Glenn                | White, Paul G        |
|                              |                               | Nordquist, Kevin            | Whitecotton, Roy D   |
|                              |                               | Northwest Central Pipeline  | Wiggins, Richard     |
|                              |                               | CRP                         | Williams, Dwayne E   |
|                              |                               | OK&T/King                   | Williams, Ken C      |
|                              |                               | Paine, Melvin               | Wintle Robert J      |
|                              |                               | Palmer, Donald R            | Winter, Randall A    |
|                              |                               | Panek, Gerald L             | Yost, Jane           |

## New Employee Joins Twin Valley Staff

Twin Valley Electric is pleased to welcome James Sexton into the cooperative family.

Sexton will serve as our Computer Support Specialist at Twin Valley. His knowledge of computer networking, programming and repairs will be an asset to Twin Valley.

He and his family live in Altamont. His hobbies include fishing, playing guitar and spending time with his family.

The staff and members of Twin Valley Electric are happy to have you as a part of the cooperative family.



*James Sexton*