

# WHEATLAND ELECTRIC

## WHEATLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# NEWS

### Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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#### District Offices

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Garden City, KS 67846  
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P.O. Box 1446  
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P.O. Box 247  
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P.O. Box 966  
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P.O. Box 230  
Scott City, KS 67871  
620-872-5885

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P.O. Box 1010  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
620-384-5171

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620-376-4231

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### FROM THE MANAGER

## Making Life Better

### Wheatland to Celebrate 65th Anniversary at Annual Meeting

What would make life better in our service territory? I'm not talking about winning the lottery—that only makes life better for one person or a small group. But more jobs? Better health care? Those are areas that benefit everyone in the Midwest.

Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. exists to provide reliable and competitive priced electric power to the communities we serve and empower you, our members, to improve your quality of life. The cooperative business model offers the perfect tool for tackling tasks too big for one person to handle alone.

Think about the impact electricity made in rural areas 65 years ago. Farm production jumped. Things like running water, lights, and stored food were possible—and with those leaps, our ancestors' lives were given new opportunities.

A few of you may remember our beginnings from your younger days—you know full well the power of neighbors uniting behind a common purpose. But the vast majority doesn't remember when this area rolled up its sleeves and worked together to get the lights on. Back when life was hard—before cooperation changed the landscape of the communities we serve.

Wheatland Electric is more than an electric power provider. We're

proof that when folks unite with a single focus, we can bring dreams to reality. Our purpose—powering the communities we serve and empowering you, our members—can make life better in Kansas.

Please tell us what you're working on to improve the quality of life in your communities. We're here to support your efforts, and we want to know how we can help bring people with common needs and interests together. Send your ideas to [memberservices@weci.net](mailto:memberservices@weci.net) or call us at 1-800-762-0436.

We exist today because co-op members like you, 65 years ago believed they could turn darkness into daylight. Thanks for sharing your ideas with us—we can't wait to work cooperatively with you!

Speaking of 65, on April 3, 2013, Wheatland Electric will host our 65th Annual Meeting of the members at the Caldwell Community Center. Please make plans to attend as we review the accomplishments of the cooperative. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will convene at 12:30 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**Until next time, take care.**



Bruce Mueller

**Operating Statement**  
for December 31, 2012

Revenues	
Electric Revenues	112,833,571
Operating Revenues	8,821,779
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>121,655,350</b>
Expenses	
Cost of Power	80,056,012
Operations & Maintenance	9,128,180
Administrative & General	9,758,755
Depreciation	8,853,288
Total Interest	6,853,361
Taxes	4,280,523
Other	254,496
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>119,184,615</b>
<b>Operating Margins</b>	<b>2,470,735</b>
<b>Non-Operating Margins*</b>	<b>13,150,042</b>
<b>Net Margins</b>	<b>15,620,777</b>

(\*) Of the \$13,150,042 in non-operating margins, \$12,072,761 is Wheatland's share of patronage in Sunflower Electric. This allocation is not in cash and will be available to Wheatland's consumers only at such time as it is paid out by Sunflower. 2011 was the first year for this allocation because Sunflower has been operating in a negative equity position up to that time.

**Wheatland Electric Balance Sheet**  
as of December 31, 2012

Assets	
Electric Plant	230,165,421
Non-Electric Assets	56,442,231
Less: Depreciation	(79,568,750)
<b>Net Plant</b>	<b>207,038,902</b>
Investments	42,647,106
Cash & Short-Term Investments	1,477,731
Receivables	28,358,299
Materials & Supplies	3,924,308
Prepayments & Other	391,183
Deferred Debits	9,371,493
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>293,209,022</b>
Liabilities	
Long-Term Debt	191,053,428
Lease Obligation	15,335,000
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>206,388,428</b>
Payables	22,368,562
Other Liabilities	6,003,547
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>28,372,109</b>
Equities	
Patronage Capital	57,567,087
Other Capital	881,398
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>58,448,485</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>293,209,022</b>

# Annual Meeting Official Notice

The 65th annual meeting of the members of Wheatland Electric will be held April 3 at Caldwell Community Center, 117 E First in Caldwell.

Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will convene at 12:30 p.m. The following matters will be addressed:

- ▶ Reports of officers, trustees, committees and employees
- ▶ Election of trustees of the cooperative
- ▶ Any other business which may come before the meeting
- ▶ Adjournment

April 2013						
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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

The following trustees have been nominated by the nominating committee for the position of trustee:

- ▶ District 3—Lawrence Houston
- ▶ District 5—Wes Campbell
- ▶ District 6—Bob Hiss
- ▶ District 7—Woody Barnes

The committee on nominations is listed below.

- ▶ District 1—Ed Cupp
- ▶ District 2—Milan Reimer
- ▶ District 3—Dale Wetzel
- ▶ District 4—Marvin Graber
- ▶ District 5—Robert Buerkle
- ▶ District 6—Clark Rusco
- ▶ District 7—Kim Miller

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.

**PATRICK D. RILEY, SECRETARY**



Woody Barnes



Wes Campbell



Bob Hiss



Lawrence Houston

Operating Statistics	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Operating Revenue (Electric) (x 1000)	\$92,088	\$90,322	\$100,341	\$106,451	\$112,834
Energy Sales (kWh) (x 1000)	1,079,932	1,053,460	1,104,384	1,139,185	1,129,923
Average Revenue (\$/kWh)	\$0.0853	\$0.0857	\$0.0909	\$0.0934	\$0.0999
Cost of Power (x 1000)	\$70,559	\$63,369	\$71,617	\$76,214	\$80,056
Total Purchases (kWh) (x 1000)	1,127,045	1,103,894	1,148,485	1,184,993	1,175,614
Average Cost of Power (\$/kWh)	\$0.0626	\$0.0574	\$0.0624	\$0.0643	\$0.0681
Other Operations & Maintenance (x 1000)	\$13,295	\$12,921	\$14,410	\$14,421	\$17,552
<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance (x 1000)</b>	<b>83,854</b>	<b>76,290</b>	<b>85,398</b>	<b>90,635</b>	<b>95,441</b>
Gross Operating Margin (x 1000)	\$8,234	\$14,032	\$14,943	\$15,816	\$17,393
Gross Operating Margin (\$/kWh)	0.0076	0.0133	0.0135	0.0139	0.0154
Depreciation Expense (x 1000)	\$6,231	\$6,992	\$7,188	\$7,148	\$7,426
Property Taxes (x 1000)	\$2,432	\$2,469	\$2,779	\$3,131	\$3,322
Other Taxes (x 1000)	\$474	\$501	\$457	\$489	\$513
Long Term Interest Expense (x 1000)	\$5,550	\$6,265	\$4,504	\$3,994	\$3,662
Net Operating Margin (x 1000)	(\$5,453)	(\$1,432)	\$2,097	\$526	\$2,470

## SHARING SUCCESS

# Caldwell Library & Great Bend School Receive Grants

Wheatland Electric recently awarded two more grants through its newly created Sharing Success fund managed by the Scott Community Foundation. Wheatland awarded \$1,000 to the Caldwell Public Library in Caldwell and \$850 to the Holy Family School in Great Bend.

The Caldwell library submitted their request for the \$1,000 grant, which would allow for them to create a specific area to hold children's programming events. Phase one of the project is slated to begin in 2013 and would include framing, electrical, lighting and drywall of the new space. The library estimates the project will take approximately three years to complete. That timeline is largely dependent on the amount and timing of the funding the library receives for the project.

"We are so grateful to Wheatland Electric for helping us 'jump-start' our fund raising efforts for this project!" said Lisa Moreland, Director of the Caldwell Public Library.

The Caldwell library moved to its current location three years ago, with the help of a Community Development Block Grant and a zero percent loan through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At the time of the move, two-thirds of the building was remodeled, leaving the back third unfinished.

The library operates on a small annual budget that is allocated for items such as books, payroll and utilities. Any additional projects, like the children's area, are completely dependent on outside sources, such as the grant provided by Wheatland.

Holy Family School submitted their request for the



Wheatland Electric donated \$850 through Sharing Success Fund to Holy Family School in Great Bend. Sheila Helm (far left) and Jim Zorn (right) present the check to first grade teacher, Roxann Keenan (center), and her students.

\$850 grant, which would allow them to purchase two iPads for two first grade classes. The request was submitted by Mrs. Roxann Keenan, a first grade teacher.

The iPads will be used to enhance instruction in the two classrooms. The iPads will be used for whole group, small group and individualized instruction. Use of the iPads in a classroom setting will help to meet the different learning styles of the students by using a diverse mix of applications that will provide the opportunity to touch, see, hear and manipulate.

Holy Family School offers a quality Catholic educational experience for Pre-K through sixth grade. The Holy Family campus is located just adjacent to the St. Patrick Church in Great Bend. Holy Family School is a part of the Dodge City Diocese and is accredited by the State of Kansas through the Quality Performance Accreditation process. It is also a member of the National Catholic Education Association.

Wheatland Electric has now awarded three grants, for a total of \$2,350, through its Sharing Success fund.

The Scott Community Foundation began formally accepting applications for grants from the Wheatland Electric Sharing Success Fund from non-profit organizations on December 1, 2012. The program will run until the funds are exhausted. Non-profit groups interested in receiving funding from the Wheatland Electric Sharing Success Fund should contact the Scott Community Foundation at 620-872-3790 for further details.



From left: Dave Lowe, Wheatland Trustee and Shawn Powelson, Wheatland Member Services, present a check for \$1,000 to Lisa Moreland (fourth from right), Director of the Caldwell Public Library, and Caldwell Library board members.

## Payment Options

### Wheatland Electric Offers Members Several Ways to Pay

The following are the authorized bill payment options available to Wheatland Electric members. Payments by cash, credit card (for residential members only), money order, personal check, certified check or bank draft will be accepted. A fee of \$3.50 will be charged for every credit card transaction. All payments must be in a Wheatland Electric office before 5 p.m. on the Delinquent After Date printed on your billing to avoid late payment penalties.

**Drop box:** Deposit your payment, including payment stub and check or money order, in the payment drop box at any of the locations listed below or at Scott City Hall, 221 West 5th in Scott City.

**In person:** Pay your bill at any of our offices in:

- ▶ Caldwell—City Offices, 14 W. Central
- ▶ Crystal's DVDs—111 W. Spring St, Suite B  
(Open Tues., Wed. Thurs. & Fri. from 3-9 p.m., Sat. from 2-9 p.m.)
- ▶ Deerfield—City Hall, 622 Main Street
- ▶ Garden City—2005 W. Fulton
- ▶ Great Bend—2300 Broadway
- ▶ Harper—302 W. 6th Street
- ▶ Leoti—N. Highway 25
- ▶ Scott City—101 Main
- ▶ Syracuse—206 ½ Main
- ▶ Tribune—310 Broadway

**Mail:** Enclose your bill payment stub along with a check or money order and mail in the envelope provided with your bill. Please allow three to five days for delivery.

**Online:** Visit [www.weci.net](http://www.weci.net) and click on Online Bill Pay. Sign up for service and enter an e-mail address for receipts. Please make sure we have your e-mail address on file for your electric or internet account.

**Phone:** Call any Wheatland office to pay by phone.

All other payment options are considered "unauthorized pay agents." Unauthorized pay agents have no contractual requirement with Wheatland Electric to operate under rules approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). Wheatland Electric provides no assurance as to the timeliness or accuracy of payments made via unauthorized agents.

## Wheatland Welcomes Two Apprentices

Wheatland Electric, Garden City, welcomes two new first-year apprentices: **KREYTON DEMEL** and **CHRIS OLIVER**.

Both are



Kreyton Demel



Chris Oliver

graduates of Pratt Community College Electrical Power Technology Program.

Wheatland Electric welcomes both of you to the co-op family.

## Chamber Coffee Brings Local Leaders Together

On January 17, Wheatland Electric hosted the monthly Chamber of Commerce Coffee in our lobby.

Many members enjoyed the time together. AJ Chrest, Chamber Ambassador, was

in charge of the event, which is held at different businesses to encourage continued support of economic life in the community.

Bruce Mueller, General Manager and Wheatland's Great Bend Trustee, Dan Bonine and Robert Hiss, also attended.

Wheatland Electric is committed to the communities we serve. Hosting events like this help the cooperative stay in touch with local issues.



Community leaders gathered at Wheatland Electric in January to discuss community activities.



Bruce Mueller (right) talks about local economic issues with chamber members.

## Looking for Reliable Internet at a Fair Price?

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