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FROM THE MANAGER

Celebrating Cooperative Independence

July 4th is the time we celebrate our nation's independence. In the midst of apple pies, hot dogs, fireworks and parades, I can't help but think about the independent streak that inspired groups of rural Americans around America's countryside to band together and improve their quality of life.

Aside from President Franklin Roosevelt's promise of federal aid in the form of low-interest loans and engineering expertise, rural Americans didn't have much help in bringing electricity to their homes and workplaces. They pulled together and did it themselves.

Electric cooperatives form a vast network across the country, from coast to coast. Electric co-ops are in 47 states, serving 42 million people—a different world from 1935, when much of the America remained without electricity. This Fourth of July, as we recognize and celebrate our country's independence, I'll also tip my hat to the Wheatland Electric Cooperative founders who beat incredible odds to make life better for themselves and

their neighbors.

Legislative Conference Update

I'd also like to report on the recent NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. A group of more than 20 cooperative representatives from Kansas along with other co-op reps from across the country met with their respective congressional staffs to discuss four areas of focus.

► **Support for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS):** Kansas legislators were asked to sign on to a letter supporting a \$4 billion RUS loan level. This program does not cost the taxpayers; instead it is projected to earn more than \$130 million for the federal government in interest.

► **Coal Ash Recycling and Oversight Act of 2013:** Kansas legislators were asked to cosponsor the act. This would allow coal ash to be treated as non-hazardous under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Bruce Mueller

Have a Safe Holiday!

In observance of Independence Day, Wheatland's offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4. If you need emergency help, please call toll-free 800-662-4246 for electric outages and 866-872-0006 for broadband issues. Have a safe Fourth of July!



Sharing Good News

Wheatland Electric has received more from our members sharing good news.

A man and his wife from Arizona were in Garden City in April and had a flat tire while on a bridge. **MARK MAIER**, Garden City Wheatland employee, stopped to help. He changed their tire for them. The couple was in their 70s and greatly appreciated the care Maier provided. It did not matter if they were members of Wheatland. Community caring crosses all borders.

In other good news, another person had a flat tire on Highway 96 in May. **JIM WELKER**, Wheatland Broadband employee, was on his way to a training conference, but he stopped and changed their tire. The person wanted to be sure Wheatland recognized the effort.

Wheatland and our employees care.

Wheatland Welcomes New Employees



Mario Diaz



Rebecca Lopez

Wheatland Electric recently welcomed three new employees.

MARIO DIAZ started his duties at Wheatland Electric as dispatcher and helping with mapping and outage programs.

RABECA LOPEZ joined Garden City Wheatland Electric as Customer Service Representative.

LOGAN MATTHEYER began his duties at Garden City Wheatland Electric as an Apprentice Lineman.



Logan Mattheyer

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For After Hours Emergencies call 1-800-662-4246
Office Hours Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm CST
Visit us Online at www.wecol.net

APPLECORE ANYMORE INC.
CASCADE FALLS 32957
COLO SPGS CO 80829-1130

Account Number 12345678-001 Page 1 of 2

BILLING SUMMARY

Balance From Last Billing	27.39
Payment 05/07/13	27.39
Adjustments	0.00
Balance Forward	0.00
Current Electric Charges	27.67
Total Due By 05/27/13	27.67
Total Due After 06/17/13	28.19

Detailed meter reading information can be found here. Including number of days between readings.

If you are out of power, first check your breakers normal business hours (p) If out of power, contact your local office during DRAIN (1-800-662-4246).

Location: 123456	Description: PARK PLACE	Rate: 202-GEN SERV VILL 12	Bill Type: R
Meter 311473	From 04/01/2013 To 05/01/2013	Days 30	Prev Road 3324 Pres Road 3388 Multiplier 00001.0000 kWh Usage 64

Monthly Usage

Track usage and spot trends at a glance with new easy to read charts.

Current Bill Information

Customer Charge	10.00
Energy Charge	64 kWh x \$ 07656 4.90
Demand Charge	1.00 kW x \$9.45 9.45
Power Cost Adjustment	64 kWh x \$ 02078 1.33
Property Tax Surcharge	64 kWh x \$ 00109 0.07
State Tax	1.62
County Tax	0.30
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES	27.67

A detailed breakdown of account charges can be found here.

Please detach and return this stub with your payment.

Account Number	12345678-001
Account Name	APPLECORE ANYMORE INC.
Statement Date	05/27/13
Delinquent After	06/17/13
Primary Number	999-999-9999
Service Address	PARK PLACE
Mailing Address	CASCADE FALLS 32957 COLO SPGS CO 8029-1130

Total Due By 05/27/13	27.67
Total Due After 06/17/13	28.19
Amount Paid	

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Wheatland Electric bills now have more information for members beginning in August.

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rules and allow it to continue to be recycled in concrete, drywall and other products.

- **DOE Water Heater Standards Waiver:** Kansas legislators were given an explanation on the need for electric co-ops to get a waiver from the new, stringent Department of Energy efficiency standards for large water heaters. These rules would eliminate water heaters that some electric co-ops use as part of their demand response programs.
- **Pole Attachment Exemption:** Kansas legislators were given reasons for helping maintain the current federal pole attachment exemption for electric co-ops. Losing this exemption would raise costs for maintaining our co-op infrastructure.

Electric Bill Re-Design

We are changing the look and content of your electric bill. As I mentioned in the billing insert in your June bills, we are trying to enhance our communication with you, the member, by adding an easier to read format, graphs and an enhanced message area to name a few. Please take a look at the changes above. The new billing statement will be sent out to you in August.

Operation BBQ Relief

I also want to report that one of our linemen, Bryan Mulligan, assisted with the relief efforts for the Moore, OK, tornado victims. He, along with other Wheatland Electric employee spouses, worked long hours in the relief efforts. Thank you for representing us all well and great work!

Until next time take care.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Mulligan Joins Operation BBQ Relief

After a devastating EF5 tornado ripped through Moore, OK, on May 20, 2013, most people wondered what they could do to help. Few had the opportunity dropped in their lap like Wheatland Electric employee **BRYAN MULLIGAN**.

Mulligan, an avid BBQ-er and member of the competition BBQ team C-Mor-Butz, got a call from fellow team member Kyle Lausch on May 22. Operation BBQ Relief was looking for volunteers to help out with the relief efforts from the devastation of the Moore tornado and Lausch wanted their team to help out.

Operation BBQ Relief is a non-profit relief organization founded by the collaboration of three competition BBQ teams in the wake of the aftermath of the deadly tornado that struck Joplin, MO, in 2011. Its mission is simple: help those whose lives have been affected by the devastation of natural disasters through their expertise in cooking and catering BBQ meals. The concept is a simple one as well: take advantage of the network of competition BBQ teams throughout the country and mobilize them quickly into any area where nature disrupts the lives of Americans. In the two weeks following the Joplin tornado, Operation BBQ Relief served over 120,000



Bryan Mulligan (left), a Wheatland employee, and his BBQ team C-Mor-Butz joined others in Operation BBQ Relief to feed volunteers and victims of the Moore, OK, tornado. Also pictured at right is Del "Doc" Kenneson, of Doc K's Barbecue Team, from Rose Hill.

meals to volunteers helping in the relief efforts as well as those families whose homes had been directly in the path of the tornado.

Less than 24 hours later, a team consisting of C-Mor-Butz members Mulligan and Charlie Moore, along with another local barbecue team member, Travis Clark, of Clark's Crew BBQ, was assembled and ready to head out for Moore.

The team left Scott City stocked with over 3,000 pounds of meat donated from local feed-yards, nearly a pallet of bottled water donated by

Wheatland Electric and other supplies, as well as \$5,000 in donations from local community members. On their way, the team stopped off in Dodge City and picked up another 1,000 pounds of brisket donated by Cargill, Inc. The team used the donated funds to buy more meat and additional supplies to help with the relief efforts.

Once in Moore, the Scott City team joined other BBQ teams and volunteers from across the country at the basecamp of Operation BBQ Relief. Mulligan estimates that there were another 15 to 20 BBQ teams over the course of the five days he was in Moore that volunteered with Operation BBQ Relief in addition to many more local volunteers.

A typical day for the BBQ team volunteers consisted of firing up the smokers at 6 a.m., warming up the meat that had been cooked the day before, boxing up the noon meals, putting another round of meat on the smoker, pulling the meat off the smoker and chopping it up for the next day. Volunteers would typically head out with the boxed meals by 11 a.m. to

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Damage in Moore, OK, following the EF5 tornado that struck the area on May 20.

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 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.



Operation BBQ Relief had many area volunteers. Back row from left were: Travis Clark, Charlie Moore, Christy Davis, Lori Freese, Christian Weston, Chris Robinson, Lynette Robinson, Phil Kite, Lori Hodges, Steve Kite and Kim Kite. Front row, from left were: Bryan Mulligan, Lisa Weston, Lani Kasselmann and Josh Kasselmann.

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make the day's deliveries. Meals were delivered to other volunteers, families whose homes had been destroyed by the tornado, shelters and anyone else who requested them.

On the Sunday after the tornado, Operation BBQ Relief delivered over 24,000 meals. From Tuesday, May 22 to May 29, Operation BBQ Relief Delivered over 143,000 meals.

Mulligan said there were lots of local people who came by to express their thanks to the volunteers of Operation BBQ Relief. One particular man, who had lost everything to the tornado's destruction, even tried to make a donation back to the relief organization as a token of his appreciation. Though the donation was politely refused and the man was encouraged to give back to others who had lost much of their own, the significance of the gesture was not lost on Mulligan.

"It was pretty obvious that we were making an impact and people were very appreciative of our efforts," Mulligan said.

Another show of ap-

preciation came from a family who stopped by to prepare a steak dinner for all the volunteers, complete strangers, just to say thanks. Which actually, seems about right, this is the Midwest and this is what we do. Pull together, lend a helping hand, do what needs done because who knows, maybe the next time it will be you and your town who needs a hand.

One thing you can be sure of, the next time the devastation of a natural disaster strikes, Operation BBQ Relief and its dedicated army of competition BBQ teams will be there, hands outstretched.



The volunteers helped Operation BBQ Relief feed more than 143,000 meals in seven days.