

# WHEATLAND ELECTRIC

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# NEWS

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#### District Offices

**Garden City**  
2005 W Fulton  
P.O. Box 973  
Garden City, KS 67846  
620-275-0261

**Great Bend**  
2300 Broadway  
P.O. Box 1446  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
620-793-4223

**Harper**  
302 W. 6th  
P.O. Box 247  
Harper, KS 67058  
620-896-7090

**Leoti**  
N Hwy 25  
P.O. Box 966  
Leoti, KS 67861  
620-375-2632

#### In Case of an Outage

After-hours and emergency reporting call  
1-800-ON AGAIN.

**Scott City—Main**  
101 Main Street  
P.O. Box 230  
Scott City, KS 67871  
620-872-5885

**Syracuse**  
206 1/2 N Main  
P.O. Box 1010  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
620-384-5171

**Tribune**  
310 Broadway  
P.O. Box 490  
Tribune, KS 67879  
620-376-4231

### FROM THE MANAGER

## Why I'm Thankful for My Co-op



Bruce Mueller

At my family's Thanksgiving dinner each year, we all take turns saying something for which we're grateful. My list is usually about the same—good

health, wonderful family and friends, and a job serving the membership of Wheatland Electric Cooperative.

I'm thankful to be a part of Wheatland Electric. Our employees are the hardest workers I know. **Our mission is** to improve the quality of life of our members and the communities we serve by providing reliable and competitively priced electricity and other essential services. We emphasize high quality and personal relationships, serving as good stewards of our resources and taking an active role in our communities. It's a mission we all take seriously.

I'm thankful for Wheatland Electric, because it allows employees

to live alongside those we serve. The beauty of a co-op is that it's locally-owned and operated; there are no distant shareholders pulling the strings behind the scenes. Members elect members to serve on the board of trustees and govern the co-op. We are your neighbors, your friends, your family.

I'm thankful for my co-op because it serves as a vibrant force in the local economy—partly because we are local. That means Wheatland Electric is invested in the future of its communities.

Finally, I'm thankful for you, our members, because without you, there'd be no Wheatland Electric.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at your electric co-op.

Before I close this month's article, during November we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th, and I would like to thank all the members, employees and trustees who have served in our armed forces. We thank you for your service.

**Until next time, take care.**

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Wheatland Electric Cooperative wishes our members a happy Thanksgiving. Our offices will be closed November 28-29 in observance of the holiday. If you experience an outage please call 800-662-4246.



## Utilities Join Forces to Save Member Money



Chris Oliver (left), Logan Mattheyer and Kreyton Demel (back to camera) help install water and electrical services at new home location in Finney County.

Wheatland Electric crews from Garden City and Finney County Rural Water District personnel joined forces to install electric and water service for a new home location.

With both utilities sharing the same space and installing service the member was able to save some money!

## Veteran's Day is Nov. 11



Wheatland Electric Cooperative thanks our veterans for their service. Our offices will be closed November 11 in observance of the holiday. If you experience an outage please call 800-662-4246.

## After-Hours Outages

If you have an emergency after-hours or on a weekend, please remember to call toll free: 800-662-4246 (or 800-on-again). This number will direct you to our answering service. Please do not call linemen directly. Calling the service ensures our linemen are aware others might already be called out to restore service. We want to keep our linemen safe!

## Wheatland Teaches at Local Safety Events



Mace Bender (left) and David Allen, linemen from the Wheatland Tribune office, give a demonstration at Kids Ag Safety Day.

Wheatland employees recently had the opportunity to teach area students about electrical safety.

Wheatland Electric lineman, **DAVID ALLEN** and **MACE BENDER**, from the Tribune service office, helped at the Kids Ag Safety Day in Tribune.

Allen and Bender used a tabletop display to show kids how to be safe around electricity both around the farm and in everyday activities.

Third through sixth grade students from Tribune and neighboring communities took part in the annual safety day. Additional demonstrations for the day included grain, dig safe, hand washing, emergency preparedness, mower safety, first aid, fire, Eagle Med and Operation Lifesaver.

The Wheatland Electric crew from Syracuse also took part in the Syracuse Safety Day in September. The presentations for students included farm, fire, fun, electric and



Area fire departments were also on hand to teach students about fire safety.

large equipment safety among others.

**JOE THOMECZEK**, fourth-year lineman apprentice, represented Wheatland Electric, along with **LUKE WEST**, Safety & Compliance Coordinator.

If you would like Wheatland Electric to conduct a safety demonstration for your group, please contact the district office in your area.



Lineman apprentice Joe Thomeczek (center standing) and Luke West (right), Safety & Compliance Coordinator, taught Syracuse students about electrical safety.

# Linemen Complete Pole Top Rescue

Every year linemen practice the technique of rescuing a disabled person from atop a pole.

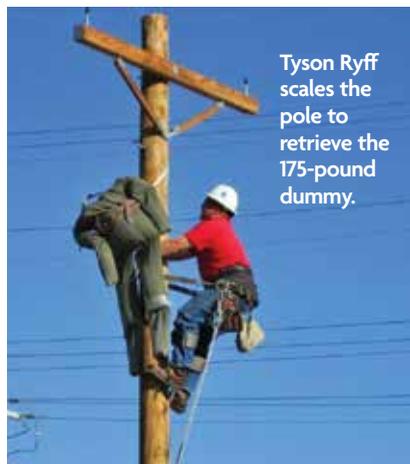
Recently, Wheatland Electric linemen from Great Bend practiced this annual event. The photos on this page show them in various stages of the task.

A life-size dummy is attached to a pole and the lineman must climb the pole with only his usual tools and a hand line and lower the 175 lb mannequin to the ground safely.

Anyone who has ever practiced this rescue hopes they never have to use the skill, but it is good to know that fellow workers have the ability to get someone down if something were to happen.



Andy Pivonka adjusts the rope to practice rescuing a disabled person from atop a pole.



Tyson Ryff scales the pole to retrieve the 175-pound dummy.



Dax Walk retrieves the dummy from a bucket truck.



Mark Kircher (right) overseeing bucket lowering with (from left) Darrin Campbell, Leroy Keith, Matt Hosler and Colby Black (at bucket).

## 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 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.



**WE ARE ALL WORKING TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL.** Using energy wisely is the job of every electric co-op member. And when we work together, our combined strength is more than enough to accomplish anything. Learn more about the power of your co-op membership at [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).



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