

Electric, general manager tells meeting

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It came as no surprise to the members of Prairie Land Electric Co-operative who attended the co-op's annual meeting Tuesday that the ice storms of late December and early January cost the company lots of money.

General Manager Allan Miller told the crowd of more than 430 that 2006 was a challenging year for Prairie Land. He said 2006 started with carryover damages from a late November 2005 ice storm considered one of the worst storms to hit the area since 1957. Damages from that storm were estimated at more than \$23,500,000.

In fact, repairs from those storms were still being addressed when Prairie Land was stuck with more ice storms of far greater mag-

nitude at the end of 2006. Mr. Miller said that over 2,000 poles were broken and hundreds of miles of line were damaged. He said that over 5,000 customers were without power, some for more than 10 days.

He said it was that experience that confirmed the true strength of the cooperative is not based on the strength of the poles and wires, but on the strength of the communities, customers and employees working together for a common good.

One of the highlights of his presentation was the announcement of the acquisition of the Aquila Division. He said the acquisition will be complete April 1.

Stuart Lowry, Executive vice President and General Counsel for Kansas Electric Co-operatives,

Inc., Topeka, also delivered a presentation. He commended Mr. Miller for the key role he played in the Aquila acquisition.

After the meeting, door prizes, donated by Prairie Land were awarded. Winners were: Larry Miller, meat slicer; Marion Otter, electric skillet; Nadean Whitney, DeWalt saw; A.L. Sedlmayer, indoor grill; Stan Dorsch, Martin May and Calvin Gill and Verna Huiting all received \$50 off their electric bill.

John Miller won a shop vac donated by Kansas Electric Power Cooperative and Jean Anderson won a storm station donated by Sunflower Electric Power Corp.

Catering for the event was handled by Bigge's Country Kitchen, Stockton.

Red Cross says plan now for emergencies

By TOM DREILING

Now is a good time to:

- Make a plan
- Build a kit
- Get informed

That's the suggestion of the American Red Cross as it celebrates Red Cross Month.

Locally, Phillips County Red Cross, along with other chapters in the state, are using March's Red Cross Month observance to prepare Kansans for emergencies with disaster training courses, teaching families how to make a plan, build a kit and get informed, as well as urging the community to take action March 12-16 during Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"As Red Crossers, we are proud of what we do to help others," said Diana Hanchett, branch manager. "One of the best ways we can celebrate all that we do is to encourage individuals and families to take the time to get prepared."

To kick-off the celebration, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius officially proclaimed March as Red Cross Month. "Chapters across Kansas come together in times of disaster and work with local and state emergency management, the government and other relief organization. Gov. Sebelius' recognition of all that Red Cross paid and volunteer staffs do each day to keep Kansans safe and comforted, is an

honor to us," Manager Hanchett said.

With March 12-16 set aside as Severe Weather Awareness Week, everyone is asked to circle March 12 on their calendars and take a few minutes that day to put together your family's disaster supply kit.

More information on the Red Cross in Norton County is available by contacting Phillips County Red Cross at (785) 543-6484, or e-mail phillipscoarc@ruraltel.net.

Mrs. Hanchett said, "Help us celebrate Red Cross Month by taking the time to get you and your family prepared for any emergency."

April date set for junior high learning day

The Norton Junior High School annual Service Learning Day will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

Students will be divided into teams of four to six and will be led by an adult sponsor. The work done by these teams is free to the

business or individual receiving them.

Work by the students can include picking up branches, sweeping sidewalks, preparing flower beds, washing windows, washing vehicles, painting, and other odd jobs. Countless businesses and

individuals have benefited from these services in the past.

Planning for the 2007 Service Learning Day is underway. If you know of a business or individual that could use help, please contact Melissa Ross, junior high counselor, at 877-5851.

Forty-two sign up for 2007-08 kindergarten

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

It's a huge milestone in a child's life when they begin attending school.

Kindergarten Roundup has become an annual event at Eisenhower Elementary to help make the transition easier for the children. This event allows the child, and their parents, to become familiar with the layout of the school building, meet the kindergarten teachers and visit actual classrooms.

Monday, 42 potential kindergarten students signed up for the 2007-2008 kindergarten class. Parents were given a packet of information informing them about

required immunizations, documents and screenings. Parents also received a "summer transition" packet with a three-month calendar featuring daily activity suggestions to help a child become accus-

tomed to planned activities.

A "Welcome To School" open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16. Kindergarten teachers are Gail Roy, Angela Melvin and Terry Hillman.

Senior Center menu noted

March 12, Chili Dog w/Cheese. March 13, Chicken Fajita Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Chips, Cherry Crisp. March 14, Ham and Beans, Pea Salad, Cornbread, Rose Applesauce. March 15, Meat Loaf, Scandinavian Veggies, Peaches, Bread, Birthday Cake. March 16, Cook's Choice Entree, Steamed Cabbage, Carrots & Onions, Strawberries & Bananas, Bread, Bar Cookie.

March 19 — Mac & Cheese/Smokies, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cook's Choice Fruit. March 20, Turkey Rice Soup. Coleslaw w/Carrots, Pineapple Chunks, Crax, Brownies. March 21, Lasagna, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cup #1. March 22, Oven Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Bread, 1/2 Banana. March 23, Lemon Baked Fish, Cheesy Broccoli, Plums, Bread, Pudding. March 26, Polish Sausage w/Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Rosy Pears. March 27, Swedish Meat Balls, Spinach, Peaches, Noodles, Cook's Choice Complement. March 28, Chicken Fajita Pasta Salad, Apricots, Chips, Cherry Cobbler. March 29, Chili, Orange Pineapple Salad, Crax, Cinnamon Roll. March 30, Salmon Patti or Loaf, Italian Blend Veggies, Scalloped Potatoes, Bread, Cinnamon Apples.

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Giving it their all

Putting his heart into it. Shane Wyatt sang a duet with one of The Young Americans during the second half of The Young Americans performance Tuesday night.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Norton Schools

Staff Spotlight

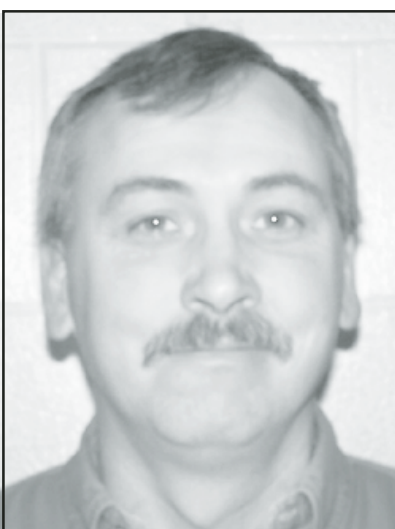
Classified Employee



Beth Reeves

Mrs. Beth Reeves is in her second year as a special education para-professional in the Norton Community High School. She and her husband Bruce have three daughters and one grand child. Her hobbies include raising sheep, hunting, camping and spoiling her granddaughter. The best thing about her job is working with the kids.

Certified Employee



Garrett Beydler

Mr. Garrett Beydler teaches agriculture education at the Norton Community High School. He is in his 23rd year as a teacher with all of those years having been in Norton USD 211. Mr. Beydler has earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Kansas State University. He and his wife Neva have three grown daughters and three grandchildren. His hobbies are horses, hunting and FFA. Working with kids and being involved with FFA is what he likes best about his job.

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