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Manager's Monologue
By Dennis Krueger



Harvest

Can you hear it? It happens every year about this time I never really noticed it until I'd lived in Western Oklahoma for a few years but now I can hear it as loudly as a screaming crowd at a football game. I suspect that those of you that grew up in this part of the world may not realize the noise, the clatter. It's "harvest" time, and for weeks now I've been noticing the noise.

I heard it at our annual meeting... people talking about getting ready for harvest. Now being a city boy it seems to me that although harvest seems like a lot of work, a lot of folks really look forward to it. I can understand that this is the culmination of months of waiting and anticipation; yet each year everyone gets really excited. Grown children come home so they can help with the harvest. I knew a guy, now living in the Atlanta area, that took vacation time from his banking job to come back to Oklahoma, to help his folks with harvest. He didn't have to but he wanted to help.

I've come to the conclusion that it's not so much about the work or to see what the result of the year's crop will be but rather its more about being with family. You see I've noticed that around here "harvest" is less about the end results its more about Mom's fried chicken, about working together toward a common goal and about being together. My wife's Grandmother used to say, "It took all hands and the cook to get the job done."

Frederick E. Crane sums it up very well when he said, "To make a man happy, fill his hands with work, his heart with affection, his mind with purpose, his memory with useful knowledge, his future with hope, and his stomach with food."

I believe a good "harvest" with family and friends accomplishes all of Crane's ideals and creates happiness and memories that last.



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Kiwash Electric Cooperative holds 66th Annual Meeting. Over 600 in attendance

The 66th Annual Meeting of the members of the Kiwash Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Cordell High School Auditorium, Cordell, Oklahoma on May 23, 2005, with Mr. Robert Travis, President of the Cooperative presiding chairman.

A special health fair was held during registration, which was sponsored by Cordell Memorial Hospital. Blood pressure checks were available to everyone.

At 6:30 p.m., Pake McEntire provided entertainment. Pake's fiddle playing and country songs were enjoyed by all ages.

Mr. Robert Travis, Board of Director President, and Mr. Alex Damon, Mayor of Cordell both welcome welcomed the KEC members to the 66th Annual Meeting. Mr. Damon commented on the positive events that are happening in and around the community.

General Manager, Dennis Krueger introduced VIP guests and showed a power point presentation that was titled "Kiwash Electric Cooperative in Transition."

Mr. Robert Travis introduced all the Board of Directors as well as the company attorney and their wives. During this introduction he told where each of the nine directors serves and the year they began serving on the board. Mr. Travis stated, "The Board of Directors is a dedicated group, who continually monitor changes in the electric industry and are always ready to discuss the member's needs.

Next, Mr. Travis declared a quorum of members were registered and present, and that the meeting was officially open for the following transactions of business.

Next, Mr. Travis declared a quorum of members were registered and present, and that the meeting was officially open for the transaction of business. Mr. Travis requested a motion to approve the 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes, Notice of Meeting and Affidavit of Mailing and advised that both of these documents were included in the monthly publication, the Kilowatt, and sent to each member of Kiwash Electric. The motion of acceptance of these documents was approved unanimously.

Mr. Travis then stated the results of the District Meeting Elections for the Board of Directors in District numbers 2, 4 and 6.

Mr. Krueger then took a few minutes to recognize the retired employees of Kiwash and thanked them for the work they had done to build a quality business. Mr. Krueger also recognized the existing staff of KEC.

Next, Lisa Willard, Director of Marketing introduced each of the 2005 Youth Tour winners, Lauren McKee and Kyle Harper.

The highlight of the evening was the prize drawings.

The following were the winners of the cash and prize drawings.

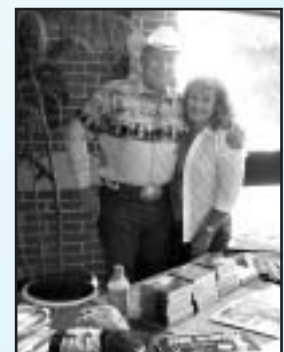
Gary Duvall, Foss	\$100
Dean Fleming, Weatherford	\$100
Kenneth Grubb, Custer City	\$100
Kenneth Johnson, Putnam	\$100
George Bottom, Hammon	\$100
Ann Woody, Cordell	\$100
Eldon Holman, Rocky	\$100
Carl Reimer, Hobart	\$100
Leonard Harms	\$100
Elmer Stucker, Arapaho	\$50
Carl Sawatzky, Bessie	\$50
Rebecca Powell Snow, Cordell	\$50
Larry Goyer, Weatherford	\$50
Dannie Kliewer, Weatherford	\$50
Abe Thiessen, Weatherford	\$50
Jeannine Wilmeth, Custer City	\$50
F. H. Hutton, Custer City	\$50



Kiwash member/board of director takes advantage of the health fair during the 2005 Annual Meeting. The health fair was provided by the Cordell Memorial Hospital.



Pake McEntire provided the entertainment for the 66th Annual Meeting.



Pake McEntire takes time to pose with KEC member, Sharon Spradlin.

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BLT Salad

Servings: 12
Prep Time: 30 minutes

1 head of lettuce
1 lb. bacon
6-7 oz. wagon wheel pasta
2-3 tomatoes, cut up
Fresh green onions (optional)
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream



Wash lettuce and tear up. Fry bacon until crisp and set aside. Cook pasta and drain well. Mix mayonnaise & sour cream. When ready to serve, add bacon, pasta & tomatoes to lettuce. Can also add fresh green onions, cut up, if desired. Mix in mayonnaise and sour cream just before serving. Do not mix ahead of time because it will get soggy.

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Arthur Klein, Butler	\$50
Leland Robertson, Putnam	\$50
Dennis Greteman, Foss	\$50
Charles Rainbolt, Cordell	\$50
Robert Kellogg, Dill City	\$50
Robert Whinery, Dill City	\$50
Dudley Griffith, Rocky	\$50
Terry Colwell, Mountain View	\$50
Marshall Harris, Hobart	\$50
James Cassada and Marsha Cassada	\$50
Minnie Horton, Thomas	\$25
Keith Driscoll, Clinton	\$25
Bennie Waters, Rocky	\$25
Herbert Miller, Corn	\$25
Amie Miller, Cordell	\$25
Levoy Ringo, Dill City	\$25
L.D. Harms, Cordell	\$25
Calvin Klein, Clinton	\$25
Greg McKee, Cordell	\$25
Mason Proffitt, Cordell	\$25

James Harris, Hobart	\$25
Ira Fariss, Leedey	\$25
Ed Janning, Clinton	\$25
A.D. Shewmaker, Hammon	\$25
Dennis Fox, Taloga	DVD/CD Player
City of Custer	Dell Computer

At the conclusion of the drawing, the meeting adjourned.



Charles and Kay Fischer accept the Grand Prize for the City of Custer. A Dell computer with printer was the grand prize.

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What's Happening In Your Community

July 16 – Quartz Mountain Nostalgic Railroad Excursion - Post harvest kick back day. Train departs from Quartz Mountain at 10 a.m. and must be ready to load at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 580-846-9078.

July 22-23 – Clinton PRCA Rodeo

July 22-23 – Hot Dog Daze in Downtown Clinton, 7 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Parade at 11:30 a.m.

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