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The monthly board meeting is normally held on the 4th Monday of each month.

MANAGER: Brian D. Heithoff
EDITOR: Tamara McNamee

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open During Noon
Closed Weekends - Holidays

PHONE NUMBERS

Outage calls 24 hours a day
Laramie County 245-3261
Toll Free 1-888-834-1657

WEBSITE INFORMATION

www.highwestenergy.com
www.TogetherWeSave.com
www.ourenergy.com
www.touchstoneenergy.com

BILLING QUESTIONS

Local 245-3261
Toll Free 1-888-834-1657

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IT'S FAIR TIME

Cheyenne County Fair
10955 US Hwy 30
Sidney, Nebraska
July 26 - August 2

Kimball-Banner County Fair
Fairgrounds
Kimball, Nebraska
August 10 - August 15

Laramie County Fair
Frontier Park
Cheyenne, Wyoming
August 7 - August 13

150th Weld County Fair
Island Grove Regional Park
Greeley, Colorado
July 27 - August 1

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1400 Independence Ave., S.W.,
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Help Electric Cooperatives Battle Copper Crime

Soaring metal prices have been blamed for an increase in thefts of copper and aluminum, primary components of electric distribution lines. Recent thefts of copper wire and equipment from electric utilities have been responsible for power outages, additional maintenance and expenses, diminished service reliability, and, in some cases, serious injury or death.

Copper in wire is appealing to thieves who want to sell the metal for scrap. Burglars will often climb power poles, scale fences, and break into buildings to steal the precious metal. Needless to say, a 542 percent increase in the price of copper since 2001 has prompted thieves to become bolder and more inventive.

In Oklahoma, members of one electric co-op are facing an estimated \$1 million repair bill because copper thieves wrecked a substation for just \$100 worth of the metal last year. In New Mexico, a man was found dead beneath a power pole, electrocuted while trying to cut copper wiring from a live transformer. A Texas man lost his life when he cut into a live power line while trying to steal copper. Similar accidents have been reported across the country.

"To a would-be thief, stealing copper may seem like a quick way to make a buck," says Tom Romig, Operations Manager, "But it's illegal, it's costly, and it's not worth a life. Working with any metal and electricity is a dangerous combination, even for trained employees using proper equipment."

Some electric cooperatives stamp copper and aluminum wire with an ID number to deter theft. Stolen wire is commonly brought to recycling centers and traded for cash. Although many state laws require recycling centers to keep records of transactions, enforcement can be difficult. Without identifying marks, stolen wire is hard to track and is rarely recovered. Thieves may not understand that they are risking their lives by taking copper from substations, where high transmission voltage is stepped down to a lower current for distribution lines. All power lines carry a potentially deadly charge.

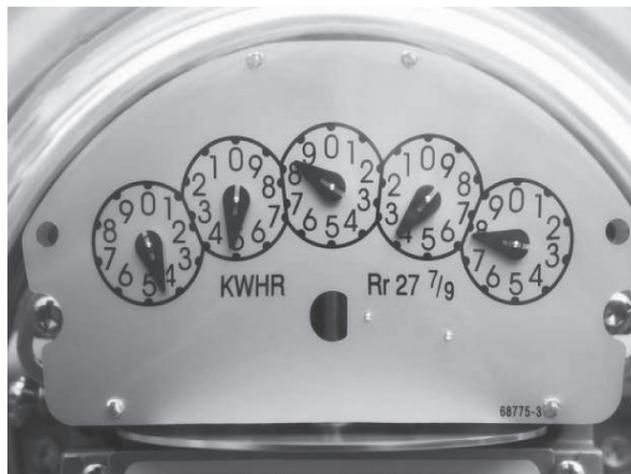
High West Energy urges you to follow the following guidelines to guard against electrical dangers and prevent copper theft.

- Never enter or touch equipment inside a substation; stay away from power lines and anything touching a power line.
- If you notice anything unusual with electric facilities, such as an open substation gate, open equipment, or hanging wire, contact your electric co-op immediately.
- If you see anyone around electric substations or electric facilities other than co-op personnel or contractors, call the police.
- Install motion-sensor lights on the outside of your house and business to deter possible thieves.
- Store tools and wire cutters in a secure location, and never leave them out while you are away.
- If you work in construction, do not leave any wires or plumbing unattended or leave loose wire at the job site, especially overnight.
- Help spread the word about the deadly consequences that can result from trying to steal copper or aluminum.

Please help us prevent these thefts. If you notice anything unusual, call High West Energy immediately at 307-245-3261 locally or 1-888-834-1657. If you see anyone other than co-op personnel or contractors around substations or other electric facilities, call the police.

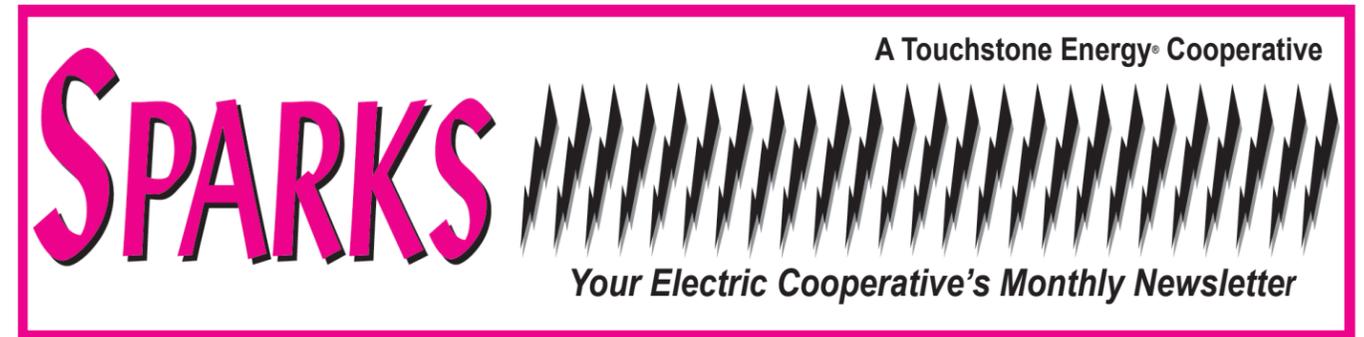
ENERGY EFFICIENCY CREDIT PROGRAM

	<u>HWE</u>	<u>Tri-State</u>
Water Heater - Minimum 30 gal 6 year minimum warranty		
New or replacement	\$20/unit	\$50/unit
Marathon	\$20/unit	\$75/unit
Geo Spring Hybrid	\$20/unit	\$250/unit
Energy Star® rated heat pumps		
Air Source	\$50/ton	\$125/ton
Water Source	\$50/ton	\$150/ton
Air with ETS	\$50/unit	\$100/unit
Air Source/non-electric backup	\$50/ton	\$150/ton
Terminal Unit	\$50/unit	\$85/unit
Electric Heat		
ETS units-controlled	\$ 4/kW	\$16/kW
Thermal slab units-controlled	\$ 4/kW	\$12/kW
Other controlled resistive	\$ 4/kW	\$ 6/kW
Electric Motors		
NEMA and Special Purpose Premium Efficiency Motor	\$ 2/HP	\$12/HP
Energy Star® rated appliances:		
Refrigerators and freezers	\$20/unit	\$40/unit
Clothes Washer	\$40/unit	\$30/unit
Dishwashers	\$30/unit	\$30/unit



Wiring assistance available of \$1.50/HP if replacing fossil-fueled engine or new Install.

Contact Chad Schaefer
High West Energy
245-3261 or 1-888-834-1657



JULY 2011

Introducing Brian Heithoff, General Manager



Brian D. Heithoff comes to High West Energy from Marshalltown, Iowa, where he was most recently the Chief Executive Officer / General Manager. Brian joined Consumer Energy in September of 1999 and previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of USA Solutions of Brighton, Colorado, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Power, Inc.

Prior to USA Solutions, Mr. Heithoff was the Manager of Financial Services for United Power, Inc., and has also worked for Morgan County REA in Ft. Morgan, CO and Clay-Union Electric in Vermillion, SD.

Brian is married to Jennifer, and has twin daughters who are 14 and another set of twins who are 11. Brian graduated from Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, IA with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting.

Brian is an active community member, and is looking forward to working with the High West Board of Directors, Staff and employees.

He is very anxious to get out and meet as many consumers as possible, along with local governments, county and state officials. Below is a list of Brian's accomplishments throughout the years:

- a member of the Touchstone Energy Board of Directors.
- a member of Marshalltown Rotary and previously served on the Rotary Board of Directors.
- a director on the Pinnacle Bank Board of Directors in Marshalltown.
- a member of the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce's Ag/Business and Legislative Committees.
- Past-Chairman of the Marshall Economic Development Impact Committee (MEDIC).
- a member of the Nevada Economic Development Council's Board of Directors.
- a director of the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center Board of Trustees.
- and helps with Awana and other ministries at First Baptist Church in Marshalltown.

Interests:

- Reading, cycling, running and walking.

Next time you are in the office stop by and give Brian a huge Wyoming welcome!!!!