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## Lyon-Coffey's Ray Hutson to be inducted

Ray Hutson, assistant manager of Lyon-Coffey, has been selected for the 2011 Kansas Cooperative Council Hall of Fame.

Hutson had been nominated by Bluestem's member services director, Ron Dickey, for this honor.

"Ray exemplifies what the cooperative principals stand for and lives by them every day he is at work," Dickey said. "He started with Coffey County Electric Cooperative as an apprentice lineman 40 years ago and has always kept up on the changes within their electric system and therefore understands the entire system."

The KCC Hall of Fame committee elected to induct Hutson, as well as Norbert Gerstenkorn, the former general manager of Farmers Cooperative Grain in Conway Springs, and Dale Bruce (posthumously), an attorney for many credit unions and their organizations.

All three deserving inductees will be honored at a reception the evening before the joint KFSA/KCC annual meeting on March 21 in Wichita.

"The Hall of Fame is important for recognizing those who have gone above and beyond the call in advancing the cooperative philosophy,"



Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council, presents Lyon-Coffey's Ray Hutson with a certificate at the KEC Annual Meeting on January 25. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in Wichita on March 21.

Kaufman said in her remarks at the Kansas Electric Cooperatives Annual Meeting on January 25 in Topeka.

The Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame display is located in the Pride of Kansas building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Information on the Hall of Fame and past inductees is available on the KCC webpage at [www.kansasco-op.coop](http://www.kansasco-op.coop).

## Highlights from the KEC 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting

More than 210 electric cooperative trustees, managers and key staff attended the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on January 24-25, 2011, at the Maner Conference Centre in Topeka.

Two board leadership courses were offered to the Trustees prior to convening the annual meeting. Scott Luecal facilitated 974.1 Rate Strategies for 21st Century Challenges, and Colette Trohan facilitated 903.1 The Role of the Board Chair in Conducting Effective Meetings.

Guest speakers for the



Senator Jerry Moran

meeting included Senator Jerry Moran who talked about the nation's economy, policies to create job, the health care reform bill, and EPA's efforts to regulate greenhouse gasses.

"I am ready to go to work. I think there was a strong message (in the last election), and one that almost all Kansans share, that Federal government needs to get its financial house in shape," Moran said.

He stated that this is an important time in our economy.

"The best thing we could do to help our economy is to

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## IBM study: electric cars stir interest but face obstacles

Automobile industry executives believe that sales of traditional vehicles will peak before 2020 and are looking to electric-only vehicles (EVs) as the next hot product, but they will first have to address stringent consumer requirements about performance, recharging, and convenience, according to a new IBM survey. Nearly one-fifth of drivers are likely to consider an electric vehicle; but drivers are reluctant to bear the cost of home charging.

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## MIT program exceeds electricity reduction goal

Through diligence and effective collaboration with NSTAR, MIT has exceeded the first-year energy savings goal of Efficiency Forward by 30 percent. Efficiency Forward is a ground-breaking, multi-million dollar energy conservation and efficiency initiative launched by MIT and NSTAR in 2010 with a first-year goal of achieving campus-wide energy savings of 10 million kilowatt-hours. The actual reduction amount for the first year came in at an impressive 13 million kilowatt-hours.

MIT Efficiency Forward is a first-of-its-kind program with a utility company and is the single largest energy efficiency program NSTAR has developed with a customer.

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## Technip launches Vertiwind floating wind turbine project

Technip (Paris:TEC) in association with Nénuphar, Converteam and EDF Energies nouvelles is launching the Vertiwind project to test a pre-industrial prototype of a vertical-axis offshore floating wind turbine. The Vertiwind concept opens new perspectives for wind farms offshore in numerous countries notably in the Mediterranean basin, in Europe and the US.

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## FEBRUARY

- 16-17 **KEPCo Board of Trustees Meeting**, KEPCo Headquarters, Topeka.
- 18 **Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting**, Sunflower Headquarters, Hays.
- 24 **MDM Meeting**, KEC Office, Topeka.

## MARCH

- 3-11 **NRECA Annual Meeting**, Orlando, FL.
- 18 **Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting**, Sunflower Headquarters, Hays.
- 23-24 **KEC Board of Trustees Meeting**, Marriott Courtyard, Salina.
- 31 **MDM Meeting**, KEC Headquarters, Topeka.

# annual meetings

## FEBRUARY

- 24 **Brown-Atchison**, lunch at 11 a.m., meeting at 12:45 p.m., co-op headquarters, 1712 Central, Horton.

## MARCH

- 1 **Nemaha-Marshall**, lunch at 11:30 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m., American Legion, 207 5th Street, Axtell.
- 17 **Flint Hills**, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m., Center High School, Junction of Hwy 77 and 310, Lost Springs.
- 17 **Butler**, dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m., Circle High School, 905 Main Street, Towanda.
- 25 **Rolling Hills**, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m. NCK Technical School Gym, Beloit.
- 26 **Pioneer**, meeting at 10 a.m., lunch at 12 p.m., Civic Center, 1000 W. Patterson Avenue, Ulysses.
- 29 **Ninnescah**, dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m., Municipal Building, 117 West Third, Pratt.

## APRIL

- 2 **Sumner-Cowley**, lunch at 11:30 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m., High School, East U.S. Highway 160, Wellington.
- 6 **Wheatland**, (central time) lunch at 11:30 a.m., meeting at 12:20 p.m., Scott County Fairgrounds, William Carpenter Bldg., Scott City.
- 12 **Sedgwick County**, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m., Cotillion Ballroom, 1120 West Kellogg, Wichita.
- 12 **Ark Valley**, dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow, state fair grounds, 2200 N. Main, Sunflower North Building, Hutchinson.
- 14 **KAMO Power**, reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m., Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO.

## MAY

- 11 **Western**, lunch at 12 p.m., meeting at 1 p.m., co-op headquarters, 635 S. 13th Street, WaKeeney.
- 13 **Tri County**, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m., Texas County Activity Center, 5th Street and Sunset, Guymon, OK.
- 20 **Sunflower**, meeting at 8:30 a.m., Lane-Scott Headquarters, 410 S. High Street, Dighton.

## NOVEMBER

- 16 **KEPCo**, dinner at 6 p.m., meeting following dinner, Prairie Band Casino and Resort, 12305 150, Mayetta.

## NRECA 2011 annual meeting

Online meeting registration and hotel reservations for the NRECA Annual Meeting are now available on Cooperative.com.

Keynote speakers for this meeting include Scott Pelley, "60 Minutes" investigative reporter, and Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack. Entertainment night features Clint Black. Both CCD and BLC courses will be offered on March 3-6.

Attendees may volunteer to preserve and revitalize Camp Boggy Creek, a year-round camp for seriously ill children in co-op territory on March 5. No special skills required. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

# Highlights from Kansas Electric Cooperatives annual meeting, cont.

create our own energy supplies and reduce our dependence on OPEC," he said. "We live our lives in a pretty special way in Kansas. I want to make it so our kids and grandkids can raise their families in the place we call home."

Governor Sam Brownback visited with the cooperative representatives during the luncheon. He spoke about the importance of growth in our state's economy.

"The key is growth," Brownback said. "We need to build the Holcomb Power Plant. We want to see our rural areas grow."

He explained how he would like to designate rural areas showing double-digit population loss and offer incentives to waive income tax for five years as an incentive for people to move into those areas.

"We want to encourage people to move back home."

Other speakers included State Senator Jay Emler, Senate Majority Leader; Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt; Chris Courtwright, Kansas Research Department's principal economist; Ken Keylor, Ohio statewide's vice president of statewide services; Seth Hart, CoBank's vice presi-



Governor Sam Brownback visits with the managers and trustees at the KEC Annual Meeting luncheon on Jan. 24.

dent of electric distribution; Stuart Lowry, KEC; Phil Irwin, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange's President and CEO; and Melinda Becker, the 2010-2011 Kansas' representative to the NRECA Youth Leadership Council.

The KEC Loss Control, Safety and Compliance Department recognized cooperatives that earned No Lost Time Accident Awards and the National Safety Accreditation for 2010.

Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council, honored Lyon-Coffey's Ray Hutson for his induction to the Cooperative Hall of Fame. Reports were also heard from NRECA, KCRE and the KEC Auxiliary.

On Monday evening, Federated and all Kansas electric cooperatives hosted a legislative reception for Kansas elected officials, KEC trustees, managers and special guests. Over 400 people attended, including approximately 100 legislators.

As an addition to the Annual Meeting, KEC hosted an Expo that featured 55 vendors. Attendees were encouraged to visit these vendors throughout the first day of the annual meeting. Available this year were two, 20-minute Expo breakout sessions.



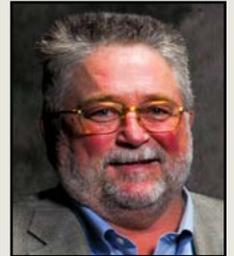
During the legislative reception, the KCRE silent auction raised \$4,091. The KEC Auxiliary raffle and silent auction raised \$1,259 for KEC's youth programs. (Clockwise from right): Steve Epperson, Pioneer, accepted the love seat donated by John Roniger, Flint Hills. Allen Zadorozny, Caney Valley, visits with Kansas Sen. Dwayne Umbarger. Dean Hillman, Sedgwick County, chats with Kansas Rep. Dan Kerschen. KEC also hosted an Expo that featured 55 vendors.



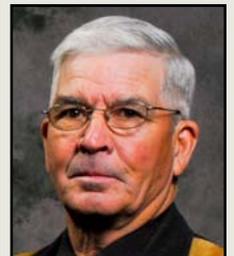
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## KEC welcomes Brian Lindquist as communications intern

KEC welcomes Brian Lindquist as the new communications intern for the spring semester. Lindquist started January 31, and will intern until mid-April.



**Brian Lindquist**

In December, Lindquist earned a journalism degree from the University of Kansas with an emphasis in strategic communication.

"I'm very excited to be done with school, and I'm looking forward to the challenges of working here," Lindquist said. "I'm very thankful for this oppor-

tunity and the opportunities this job will open up for me."

As an intern, Lindquist will be gaining hands-on experience through a variety of communication activities including writing for *Kansas Country Living*, drafting press releases and providing event support for youth programs.

Lindquist was born in Centralia, KS, and raised in Tonganoxie. In his spare time, Lindquist loves to read, fish and play video games. His interests include sports and politics. He is a member of the Friends of the Kaw, a river conservation club, as well as the North American Fishing Club.

## jobmarket

### Missouri statewide seeks safety training instructor

The Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives is seeking qualified applicants for a training instructor. Position responsibilities include; developing and instructing on-site safety training programs, assist with instruction of a four-year powerline worker apprentice program, assist with planning and instruction of powerline worker training schools and seminars.

Candidate should be a journeyman with a diversified background of utility experience and a dedication to safety and cooperative business principles. The successful candidate must be well organized, possess strong communication skills, have comprehensive computer skills, and should be a qualified climber.

A college degree in a related field is preferred but not required. Candidates must have completed or be willing to complete the NRECA Loss Control Internship program and acquire other certifications in safety related areas.

This position requires extensive travel throughout the state of Missouri and some out of state business travel.

AMEC offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Excellent benefits package, including health and dental insurance, company paid retirement and a 401(k) plan. Send resume by February 4 to Kelly Bax, AMEC, PO Box 1645, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or email [kbax@amec.org](mailto:kbax@amec.org). EOE.



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