



## REMINDER: Lightning & Surge Suppression Special Ends May 31

Bluestem is running a *Spring Special* on the installation of the meter base lightning and surge protection ring that ends May 31. The ring will protect your home and certain electrical appliances and equipment from lightning and power surges. The cooperative is offering you an invitation to sign up for lightning and surge protection at a reduced price.

The lightning and surge protection device, installed at your electric meter, will provide protection from lightning strikes and other power surges for your home appliances. You lease the basic package for only \$4.95 per month, which is added right on to your electric bill. Our technicians do the installation for a one-time fee of \$69.95. **However, if you act before May 31, we'll drop the installation fee to \$34.95.**

When you sign up for the package, you can purchase an in-home kit of plug-in surge protection products for individual electronic equipment.

The lease lightning and surge suppression ring comes with a warranty that has a total of \$50,000 in household coverage and \$5,000 per appliance.

The plug in strips come with a \$25,000 total warranty that cover electronic equipment.

If you are considering the lightning and surge protection, call (785) 456-2212 or (800) 558-1580 for the Wamego office, or (785) 632-3111 or (800) 297-8725 for the Clay Center office.

## Notice to Members on Budget Payment East and West Service Territories

For our consumers that are on a Budget Payment Plan, the bills issued in July will be the "catch-up" bill. If your actual use is more than your budget payment amount, you may owe more; if your actual use is less than your budget payment amount, you may owe less. **PLEASE PAY THE AMOUNT AS STATED ON THIS BILL.**

There will also be a message on the July "catch-up" bill as to how much your new budget payment will be. The *new* amount is based on the prior 12 month's history and is rounded to the near-

est dollar. This amount will be in effect with the August bill.

**Please note: this is a change for our consumers in the West territory (Clay/Washington).**

Due to the volume of budget payments, we will no longer be able to individually review the payments and manually set new budget amounts to incorporate the overage or underage. If, however, as you review your monthly billing, you find that the budget estimate is way off because of a change in usage, please call and we may adjust the budget amount.

## Prepare for Summer with Energy Saving Tips

- Check your furnace/air conditioner filter each month and replace as needed.
- Early Spring is the time to have your air conditioner serviced and to make sure it is running properly. If your system needs replaced, do it before the weather gets hot.
- Install ceiling fans or whole house fans to reduce your



need for the air conditioner.

- Keep your blinds or drapes closed during the day to prevent the sun from warming your home.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
  - Operate pool filters and cleaning sweeps efficiently.

Shorten operating time if possible or consider replacing pumps and motors with updated equipment.

# Bluestem Announces 2008 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all Bluestem scholarship winners. The recipients of the \$500 scholarships are: Ashley C. Lund, Beth K. Neilsen, Audrey N. Peterson, Bethany D. Sanderson, Emily K. Thurlow, and Michael J. Voelker. The recipients of the \$250 runner-up scholarships are: Eric J. Hatesohl, Kaleb S. Hawk, Ashtyn M. Meyer, and Levi R. Ohlde.

The winners of the Bluestem

Electric scholarships were selected based upon scores received from an electric cooperative test, application data and a personal interview in front of six scholarship committee judges. The scholarship application process allows current high school seniors the opportunity to gain funding for their post secondary education as well as informative knowledge regarding electric cooperative history and the benefits

of being a member of an electric cooperative.

The scholarship judges were impressed with all the contestants and were gratified to know that the future of our country will be in the hands of solid, quality individuals.

The scholarships were sponsored by Bluestem Electric and were available to high school seniors whose parents are members of Bluestem Electric.

## Meet the Bluestem Scholarship Winners



Ashley Lund

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Ashley C. Lund**, daughter of Delbert and LuAnn Lund of Leonardville. She attends Blue Valley High School and plans to attend Kansas State University to study Physical Therapy.



Michael Voelker

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Michael J. Voelker** attends Linn High School in Linn. He is the son of Tim and Michele Voelker of Greenleaf. Michael plans to study Optometry at Concordia University, Emporia State, Kansas State or Kansas University.



Beth Neilsen

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Beth K. Neilsen**, daughter of Mitchell and Rebecca Neilsen of Wamego. Beth attends Wamego High School. She plans to attend Central Methodist Univ., Knox College, or the Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, to study Mathematics or Physical Sciences.



Eric Hatesohl

### \$250 Scholarship Recipient

**Eric J. Hatesohl** attends Linn High School in Linn. He is the son of John and Tamara Hatesohl of Linn. Eric plans to study Wildlife Biology or Computer Graphics at Kansas State University.



Audrey Peterson

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Audrey N. Peterson**, daughter of Monty and Jane Peterson of St. George. She attends Rock Creek High School and plans to attend University of Kansas to study Anthropology.



Kaleb Hawk

### \$250 Scholarship Recipient

**Kaleb S. Hawk** attends Manhattan High School in Manhattan. He is the son of Terry and Diane Hawk of Manhattan. Kaleb plans to study Engineering / Architecture at the University of Kansas.



Bethany Sanderson

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Bethany D. Sanderson** attends Cedar Meadows Academy in Wamego. She is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Sanderson of Wamego. She plans to study English at either Highland Community College, K-State Univ., or Oklahoma Baptist University.



Ashtyn Meyer

### \$250 Scholarship Recipient

**Ashtyn M. Meyer** attends Linn High School in Linn. She is the daughter of Randy and Beth Meyer of Palmer. Ashtyn plans to study Early Childhood / Elementary Education at Kansas State University.



Emily Thurlow

### \$500 Scholarship Recipient

**Emily K. Thurlow**, daughter of Robert and Jaylene Thurlow of Wakefield. She attends Chapman High School and plans to attend Kansas State University to study Elementary Education.



Levi Ohlde

### \$250 Scholarship Recipient

**Levi R. V. Ohlde** attends Linn High School in Linn. He is the son of Steven and Cindi Ohlde of Linn. Levi plans to study Building Trades at Manhattan Area Technical College.