



### **Furnas/Harlan Partnership Meeting**

April 23rd, 2003

- A meeting was sponsored by Twin Valleys Public Power District. The meeting was held in Arapahoe on April 23, 2002 to see if there was interest in a regional cooperative effort on economic development between Furnas and Harlan Counties.
- Thirty people attended the meeting and a steering committee formed to move the group forward.
- Introductions and a statement of the intent of the meeting was presented by Ken Johnson, manager of Twin Valleys.
- Rick Nelsen, NPPD, presented the "Economic and Demographic Trends" for the region.
- Linda Fettig and Tara Hosick, both with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) defined what economic development is and went over strategies and the impact of new jobs. They will assist in organizing and will be available to assist as needed.
- It was decided to proceed with the regional concept of economic development. There will be a steering committee set up and meetings with that group to prepare for a public meeting on August 13 at the Southern Valley School.