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Closed Labor Day

The Kiwash Electric Cooperative office will close on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. To report a service problem during this time, please call **888-832-3362**.

Have a safe holiday!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Is your washing machine more than 10 years old? According to the U.S. Department of Energy, families can cut related energy costs by more than a third—and water costs by more than half—by purchasing a clothes washer with an ENERGY STAR label. Choose a front-load or redesigned top-load model.

—US DEPT. OF ENERGY



BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

Kiwash Electric
120 W. 1st Street
Cordell, Oklahoma

Pay online:
www.kiwash.coop

Custer City Hall
Custer City, Oklahoma

First National Bank
Thomas, Oklahoma



Jack Sawatzky, president of the Kiwash Electric board; Dennis Krueger, Kiwash general manager; and Gary Roulet, CEO of WFEC, address members during the Kiwash Electric Annual Meeting.



Curtis Grimes played for members at the meeting.



Juanita Lau of Cordell, winner of the \$500 annual meeting grand prize.



A co-op member asks a question during the question and answer session.

annual meeting HIGHLIGHTS



Curtis Grimes poses with a few of his fans from Kiwash Electric.

Kiwash Electric trustees retain positions



Robert Travis
DISTRICT 2



Leslie Hinds
DISTRICT 6

Kiwash Electric Cooperative (KEC) Trustees Robert Travis and Leslie Hinds will retain their position on the cooperative board after drawing no opponents. Hinds and Travis were elected by acclamation at the Kiwash Electric District 2 and District 6 meetings, which took place in August.

Cooperative president Jack Sawatzky introduced the trustees at the KEC Annual Meeting on August 18, 2011. Travis, of Custer City, represents members in District 2. Hinds, who lives south of Burns Flat, represents members in District 6. The trustees will serve a three year term.



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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



By Dennis Krueger
GENERAL MANAGER

In change, there is success.

Kiwash Electric directors approve changes to policies

In life, the rules are ever changing. We must adapt in order to keep things on a steady course and be in compliance. Lots of articles and statements have been made regarding change. Malcolm Forbes once said, "Elders always lament change – and the young cannot wait for it." I read a humorous bumper sticker on this same subject, "Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine." Allow me a short moment to discuss changes in our world of electricity.

■ Annual Meeting Changes

First, thank you for attending the 72nd Kiwash Annual Meeting. If you missed it, maybe next year you can join us. The Kiwash Electric Cooperative board requested a regional entertainer to try to boost the attendance. Curtis Grimes fit that bill perfectly by his appearance on the TV hit series entitled "The Voice," and we hope you enjoyed him. We also enjoyed our first attempt at

allowing you, the members, to ask questions during the meeting. Please let your board of directors know if you liked this chance to be heard.

■ Irrigation Line Extension Changes

The board of directors approved a policy change that affects irrigation accounts. The new line extension policy for controllable irrigation rate 320 is as follows: "Effective for all water wells drilled or requests made after October 1, 2011, Kiwash Electric Cooperative allows \$65 per horse power toward the cost of any line extension (or aid-to-construction costs) required and anything over that cost is paid by the irrigator. The Kiwash Electric meter will be placed at the road and the irrigator pays for underground cost to the motor or all costs past the meter. The Cooperative will install controllable equipment at the meter." Switching irrigation rates may include payback of line extension costs incurred.

■ Capital Credit Checks Changes

The board of directors made

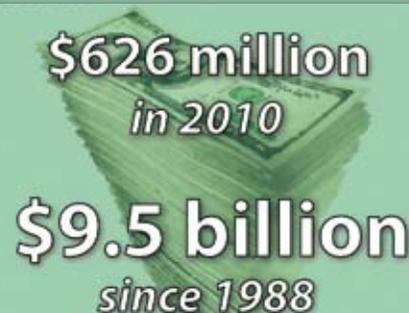
arrangements for your capital check refund to be credited to your bill this month. After a long hot summer, anything to reduce your bill should be a blessing. To those members on the Kiwash Electric lines in 2010, you should have some type of capital credit refund on your September 1 electric bill. For new members who just started receiving Kiwash Electric service, you are a member and an owner of the cooperative, and any margins or profits made by Kiwash Electric are returned to you via a capital credit issuance. If you have moved off the lines, your capital credit check is in the mail.

■ Summary

While change is all around us, Kiwash Electric Cooperative continues to work toward mutual cooperation and equality for all members. In a balanced organization that works toward a common objective, there is success!

Did you know?

Electric cooperatives across the nation have retired \$9.5 billion to members since 1988—\$626 million in 2010 alone. Because electric cooperatives operate at cost, any excess revenues, called margins, are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits.



Bye bye, old bulbs.

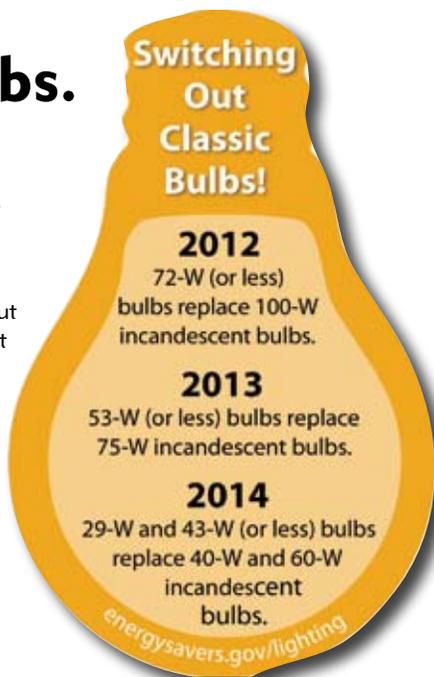
Familiar bulbs will be phased out by next year

If you haven't heard, the federal government is turning out the lights out on the familiar A-shaped incandescent bulb. Starting Jan. 1, 2012, the traditional 100-watt and 150-watt A19 incandescent light bulb will not be sold anymore. In 2013, the familiar 75-watt incandescent will be history. And in 2014, Americans will wave good-bye to their beloved—albeit energy-inefficient—60- and 40-watt A-shaped incandescents.

The result: Most people will switch to more efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs or to a brand-new, high-efficacy halogen bulb that manufacturers have introduced in response to the “light bulb law” within the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

You might grumble about the considerably steeper price of the alternative bulbs—in the \$2-per-bulb range versus the 50-cent incandescent—but you'll notice a difference on your electric bill once you make the switch. CFLs last for around five years and use 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescents, which burn out after about seven months of normal use.

A heads-up: In July, light bulb packages started carrying a Lighting Facts Label, which explains how bright the bulb is, how long it will last and how much energy it will use. Instead of saying how many watts the bulb is, it will give its lumens—a measure of light output.



RECIPE BOX

Ranch Burgers



INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs lean ground beef
- 1 (1 oz.) package ranch dressing mix
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup crushed saltine crackers
- 1 onion, chopped

Directions

Preheat the grill for high heat. In a bowl, mix the ground beef, ranch dressing mix, egg, crushed crackers, and onion. Form into hamburger patties. Lightly oil the grill grate. Place patties on the grill, and cook 5 minutes per side, or until well done.

Yield: 6 servings.

Congratulations WINNERS!

Members who attended the 2011 Kiwash Electric Annual Meeting did not go home empty handed. The following members won cash prizes in the prize drawing, which took place following the business meeting. Congratulations, winners, and thank you for attending your cooperative annual meeting!

Grand Prize Winners

Juanita Lau, Cordell	\$500
Bill Kern, Cordell	\$250
J.C. Whitacre, Putnam	\$250

Other Cash Prize Winners

Kirk Ford, Arapaho	\$100
Kenneth Johnson, Putnam	\$50
Debra Adler, Putnam	\$50
Kenneth Grubb, Custer City	\$100
F H Hutton, Custer City	\$50
Phil Haight, Custer City	\$50
Robert Nickel, Cordell	\$100
Milburn Walker, Clinton	\$50

Patti Brower, Clinton	\$50
Gary Straub, Lone Wolf	\$100
Ray Miller, Cordell	\$50
Herschelene Latham, Sentinel	\$50
Jan Wheeler, Dill City	\$100
Jose Vidana, Burns Flat	\$50
Ralph Williams, Burns Flat	\$50
Robert Patterson, Cordell	\$100
Robert Waldrop, Cordell	\$50
Loretta Houghland, Cordell	\$50
Clara Nicholson, Cordell	\$100
Gary Kliever, Cordell	\$50
Cloud Chief Homemakers Club, Corde	\$50

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME WITH ENERGY SAVINGS

The kids have new backpacks, new supplies, new bedtimes, new routines—and pretty soon, new homework every night. Heading back to school has kids using a lot more energy.

And it's not just their own. They need energy to power so many back-to-school activities: the computers they use to write their papers; the lights they shine until later in the evening, especially as the days get shorter. Even the daily drive to and from school can be a burden on the environment and your wallet.

Resolve to conserve energy as your kids head back to their classrooms this fall—and you might even save a few dollars along the way. Here are six energy-saving and environmentally friendly back-to-school tips:

- ◆ Teach your children how to put the computer into sleep mode when they are finished using it, even if they plan on returning later. Electronics in sleep mode use about 80 percent less electricity than they do on full power.
- ◆ In the market for a new computer? Choose a model with an Energy Star rating, which will use 70 percent less electricity than those without. Energy Star monitors draw 90 percent less energy.
- ◆ Desk lamps and other task lights create a productive work environment without wasting excess light. Replace the halogen or incandescent light bulbs in desk lamps with compact



fluorescent light bulbs. CFLs produce less heat and use 90 percent less electricity than traditional light bulbs.

- ◆ Bicycling or walking to school two days a week can save gas and give your kids some much-needed exercise now that the summer days of play are over. If the commute is too far, organize a gas-saving carpool with parents in your neighborhood to earn yourself a couple of mornings off.
- ◆ Do a thorough inventory of school supplies before heading to the store to buy more. You may find that you need less than you think. When you buy, choose discounted bulk packages that will leave plenty of leftovers for the next school year.
- ◆ Buy reusable sandwich bags and use lunch boxes instead of paper bags to save money and reduce everyday packaging waste.



COMING UP in Kiwash Country

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Quartz Mtn Flyer Excursion Train
580-846-9078
- 3,10 Farmer's Market, Means Park
- 17 & 24 Weatherford, 8 am - noon
- 6,13 Farmer's Market, Means Park
- 20 & 27 Weatherford, 4 pm - 7 pm
- 6 SWOSU Panorama Event w/
Richard Piccolo, 7:30 - 9 pm
Fine Arts Center, Weatherford
- 10 Weatherford Wind Fest, 9 am - 5 pm
- 17-18 Aromatherapy Seminar, 9 am - 5 pm
First National Bank, Weatherford
- 28 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus,
5 pm - 7 pm, Rader Park
Weatherford
- 29 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus
Hobart

OCTOBER

- 1 Wellness Expo, SWOSU Wellness
Center, 10 am - 1 pm
- 8 Fall Townwide Garage Sale, Hobart
- 15 SWOSU Homecoming

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Kiwash Electric Cooperative promotes local festivals, rodeos, fairs and other events in our monthly newsletter, *the Kilowatt*. Calendar listings are free.



Please send details to: Lisa Willard, Kiwash Electric, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, or send e-mail to: lwillard@kiwash.coop. Please send event listings by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

If you have questions about submitting an event, or need to speak with a Kiwash representative about other matters, please call **888-832-3362**, or visit www.kiwash.coop.



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