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Closed July 4th

Kiwash Electric Cooperative will close on Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day. To report a power outage during this time, please call **888-832-3362**.

Have a safe holiday!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Want to beat the heat? Run appliances like dishwashers and dryers late in the evening to keep heat they give off from affecting your comfort. Use cold water to wash clothes, and remember to unplug electric chargers, televisions, and any electronic items when you are not using them. Learn more ways to save at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

—TOUCHSTONE 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

Teens win \$500 scholarships from KEC

Kiwash Electric Cooperative supports the educational goals of western Oklahoma youth by offering scholarships to college bound graduates and teens planning to attend technical school.

This year, KEC is pleased to announce the recipients of three \$500 scholarships. Congratulations to Juliana Leppke, Cordell High School; Jessica Penner, Corn Bible Academy; and

Rylan Russell, Cordell High School.

Juliana and Rylan submitted winning videos and Jessica submitted a winning essay in the annual contest sponsored through Kiwash Electric Cooperative's youth program. This year's topic was "My Electric Cooperative."

Kiwash Electric began its scholarship program in 1986. The program is open to any graduating senior who attends high



Juliana Leppke



Jessica Penner



Rylan Russell

school in Kiwash Electric service territory, and whose parents are members of KEC.

Parents of the 2012 scholarship winners are Larry and Alayna Leppke (Juliana), Sandy and Debra Penner (Jessica) and Michelle and Nolan Russell (Rylan).

meet our MINI MEMBERS



▲ Hobart members Jimmy and Laura Rudkins' grandsons Chad Norman, age 10, Mark Hollister, age 9, and Eric Rudkins, age 8, play on the Hobart Pee-Wee baseball team. The team placed third in the Granite Tournament in May.



◀ Larry and Jean Nightengale of Cordell share this photo of their grandchildren Ellie and Dawson Willard. Ellie's soccer team "Orange Crush" earned runner up in district playoffs. Dawson's team is the district champion.



▲ Pat and Carol Price of Cordell share this photo of their grandchildren, Jamie Stockton and Brett Price. Jamie is the daughter of Steve and Karrie Stockton of Hobart, and Brett is the son of Jim and Dana Price of Cordell. Pat and Carol have been Kiwash Electric members since 1967.

Share your photos with us!

The theme for July is "Independence Day." Please send photos by June 12, 2012 to Mini Members, Kiwash Electric Cooperative, 120 W. 1st Street, Cordell, OK 73632, or email images to lwillard@kiwash.coop. Please include your name, phone number, children's names, parent's names, and hometown. If possible provide a few details about the photo. Sorry, images cannot be returned.



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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



By Dennis Krueger
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International Year of Cooperatives

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES BUILD A BETTER WORLD

All around the world, in the year 2012, people will celebrate a business model that puts people first. A business model that meets members needs and provides local service while being part of a global network. Cooperative enterprises build a better world and US co-ops are coming together to celebrate the International Year of Cooperatives.

Cooperatives are businesses that are owned and democratically controlled by their members - the people who use the co-op's services or buy its goods or use its services. Cooperatives promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of all people. Cooperative enterprises are united by the principles and values that guide business decisions based on member needs, which benefit the community served. In short, cooperatives are socially responsible businesses, strategic community partners, and are often the preferred employer in their communities.

More than 29,000 cooperatives operate in the United States. Collectively we generate 2 million jobs and make a substantial



contribution to the U.S. economy with annual revenues of \$652 billion with total assets of \$3 trillion.

Cooperatives around the globe have empowered people to improve their lives through economic and social progress. We are a major economic force in developed countries and a powerful business model in developing or emerging countries. Millions of cooperatives operate in every region of the world and are owned and controlled by more than 1 billion members.

Cooperative enterprises build a better world because:

- We exist to meet the needs of our members.

- We put people first through ownership, participation, shared resources and local service.
- We are innovators to meet members' requirements.
- Members set priorities and elect leaders to oversee co-op operations.
- Co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by members/directors.
- We form a global network of independent, local businesses owned by those we serve.

We celebrate and promote the vital role cooperatives play in the economic and social well-being of the world. Kiwash Electric Cooperative is proud to be a small part of this cooperative movement. KEC has come a long way since its establishment in 1938. Meanwhile, the modern cooperative movement has also come a long way since its inception in 1844 in Rochdale, England. None of this could have happened without member-owners like you!

VISIT US ONLINE *for information on valuable services from your cooperative including Co-op Connections discounts, bill payment plans, small business loans, rebates on heat pumps and water heaters, youth programs, college scholarships, weather alerts, online bill payments and much more!* www.kiwash.coop





A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Watch for "Notice of Capital Credit Allocation" on your next bill.

Kiwash Electric Cooperative members will notice a "Notice of Capital Credit Allocation" on your June electric bill. This amount represents your share of Kiwash Electric margins, or what's left over after expenses are paid. As a member-owner, your share of these margins is based on the amount of electricity you use during the year. Your 2011 capital credit allocation and the total unretired balance of your capital account will be listed.

The decision to refund capital credits rests solely with the Kiwash Electric board of directors, and is dependent on the financial condition of the cooperative and the provisions of its bylaws.

Recipe Box

Barbecue BLT Chicken Salad

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 2 cups chopped cooked chicken breast

2 medium tomatoes, chopped
 1 celery rib, sliced
 5 cups torn salad greens
 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, lemon juice, pepper and salt. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Just before serving, combine the chicken, tomatoes and celery; stir in dressing. Serve over salad greens; sprinkle with bacon.

Yield: 5 servings.



ENERGY SAVERS

To save, turn up the thermostat

One of the easiest ways to save energy—and substantial money on your energy bill—is to turn the air conditioning up slightly before you leave the house for an extended period.

- If you're going out for a few hours in the evening or leaving for work in the morning, nudge the thermostat up a couple of degrees. It won't take long for it to get back to normal once you return and turn the dial down a bit. A tip: Consider turning the a/c completely off when you leave for a vacation but *only* if humidity is low. A hot, humid house encourages mold growth.

A few things to consider:

- People can adjust to an indoor temperature that's slightly less cool in the summer and less warm in the winter. If you usually set your a/c at 72, for instance, push it to 74 for a few days until that begins to feel normal. Then, nudge it up 1 degree a week for a few more weeks and see how far you can go and still feel comfortable.

Every Degree=Dollars

78°

Don't let summer heat burn your budget. When home, set your thermostat to 78°.

Going out for the day? By turning your thermostat up 10°-15° when you're out of the house, you can cut your electric bill by up to 15 percent. That's a savings of up to 1 percent for every degree you raise your thermostat (based on eight hours).

Source: EnergySavers.gov

- The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that if you set the a/c just 1 degree warmer before you go to bed every night you can reduce your cooling bill.
- Avoid cranking the a/c way down when you get home from work or from a vacation. Instead, set it back to your normal temperature and let your equipment take time to cool the air. It won't take long and it will waste less energy than forcing a surge of cold air into the house.
- Use your ceiling fans when the a/c is turned on. The fans help the cool air circulate, which makes the room feel more comfortable. Then you can turn the a/c temperature a couple of degrees higher.
- A programmable thermostat will do all of the re-setting for you. Program it to set the a/c up a few degrees at bedtime and return to normal half an hour before the alarm goes off. You can also "tell" it to keep the temperature constant on weekends but to save energy on work days.

Find more energy saving advice at www.togetherwesave.com, the energy saving website sponsored by Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

PLAY IT SAFE

It's never too early to teach kids about electricity

As soon as babies learn how to crawl, they're tempted to stick their fingers into electrical receptacles and chew on extension cords. So the earlier they know how dangerous that is, the safer they'll be growing up in a house full of electrical safety hazards.

Teaching your children about electricity will help them stay safe around it, appreciate it and use it wisely as they grow. Here are five themes to convey—repeatedly—as your kids mature:

1. Electricity is a wonderful tool that makes it possible for your home to have heat and air conditioning, for your refrigerator to keep your food cold and for their computers, TV and video games to work.
2. As much as electricity is a benefit, it can be harmful, too. Exploring the electrical components of a toy or appliance that's plugged in can result in a shock, and sometimes those shocks are severe enough to burn or injure you. Playing with anything that plugs in can be dangerous if you're rough or careless.
3. Water and electricity don't mix. Dunking a plugged-in toy or other electrical device into water can shock or even kill a child.
4. Wasting electricity doesn't make sense. Turning off lights when you leave a room and unplugging computers, video games and electrical toys when nobody's using them is good for the planet and can save Mom and Dad some money on energy bills.



For information on electrical safety or to report an electrical safety hazard, please call **888-832-3362**, or visit www.kiwash.coop.



in Kiwash Country

■ JUNE

- 2, 9, 16 Farmer's Market, 8 am - noon
23&30 Weatherford
- 2, 9, 16 Hobart Farmer's Market, Kiowa County
23&30 Courthouse Square, Hobart
- 5, 12, 19 Farmer's Market, 4 pm - 7 pm
19&26 Weatherford
- 12-16 Oklahoma FreeWheel. More than 1,000 bicyclists travel from Frederick Oklahoma across the state.
- 14 Flag Day
- 15-16 Heartland Cruise Car Show, Main Street and Rader Park, Weatherford. Classic cars cruise Route 66 on Friday evening. Car show on Saturday. 580-772-5234
- 17 Father's Day
- 23 Lavender Festival, Apache

■ JULY

- 4 Weatherford July 4 Celebration Rader Park, Weatherford. All day festival w/ fireworks at 9:30pm.
- 4 Independence Day. Kiwash Electric office closed for the holiday.
- 20 Quartz Mountain Music Festival Quartz Mountain Lodge, Lone Wolf 580-482-0210
- 28 Crazy Days and Clinton Rodeo

Use your smartphone to save

Download the Co-op Connections app

The new Co-op Connections smart phone app helps you find deals from pharmacies and a host of regional, online, and national retailers! The new GPS feature even maps all the deals in your immediate area, so you'll know exactly where to go for the best discounts.



To download the app for iPod, iPhone or iPod Touch, go to the iTunes Store and enter "Co-op Connections" in the search box. The Droid version is also available now in the Android Market.

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.