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Closed for Labor Day

Kiwash Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day holiday. To report a service problem during this time, please call out 24-hour hotline at **888-832-3362**. Please have a safe holiday!.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Using compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) in outdoor lights can save money and energy because these lights stay on the longest. ENERGY STAR-qualified CFLs use 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs. To save even more, look for fixtures designed for outdoor use that have automatic daylight shutoff and motion sensors. Learn more at www.energysavers.gov.

—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

HIGHLIGHTS of the KIWASH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING



Glenn English, Cordell native and current CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, served as keynote speaker for the Kiwash Annual Meeting.



James Garman of Putnam, winner of the \$1,000 grand prize.



Carol Sperle of Cordell, a \$500 cash prize winner.



The annual meeting registration desk stayed busy as Kiwash employees registered members for the event.



Nash Street band members pose for a quick photo with fans. Sisters Hannah and Caroline Melby formed the band in 1996. The talented group is making a name for themselves in Nashville, playing alongside big name stars such as Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Martina McBride and many others.



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*Providing the service
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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



By Dennis Krueger
GENERAL MANAGER

Capital credits are for co-op owners

Watch for your allocation on your monthly electric bill

Your cooperative is known as consumer-owned, private non-profit organization. There are roughly 900 other similar electric cooperatives across this great nation. Electric cooperatives serve over 42 million people in 47 states. You, as a member of Kiwash Electric Cooperative, are a part of this vast network.

One major difference between a cooperative and other electric utilities is that co-ops return profits to their owners – that’s YOU! Kiwash Electric only keeps what we need to supply, maintain and operate the cooperative grid system. The

remainder is returned to you.

Capital credit distributions from member owned, not-for-profit cooperatives, are somewhat similar to the dividends paid to shareholders of investor-owned utilities. The difference is that a co-op’s “shareholders” are also the members that it serves, and the “dividends” (capital credits) are distributed to the co-op’s member/owners.

Kiwash Electric rates are set to bring in enough money to pay operating costs, make payments on any loans and provide an emergency reserve. At the end of each calendar year, we subtract operating expenses from

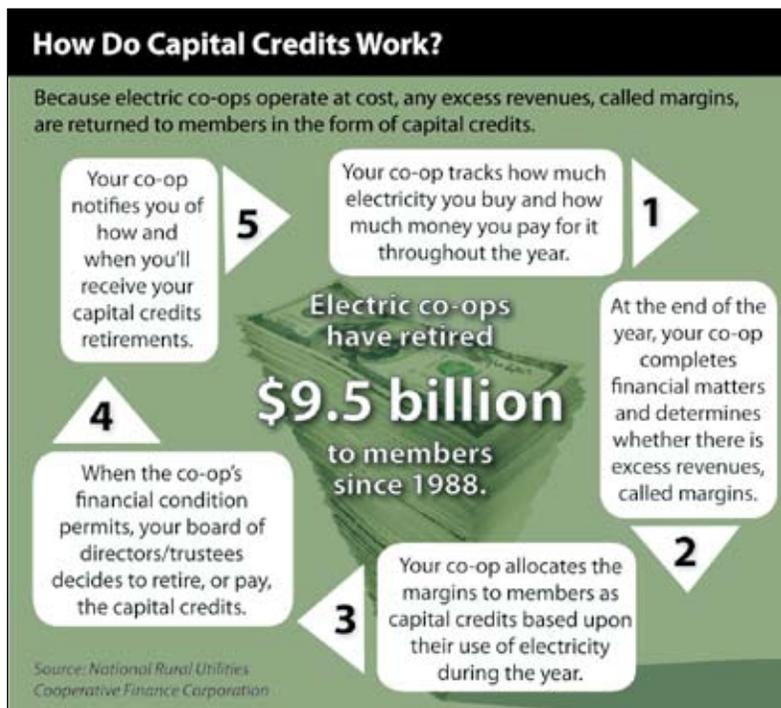
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the total amount of money collected during the year; the balance is our “margin.” This margin is allocated to each member based on the amount of electricity they use.

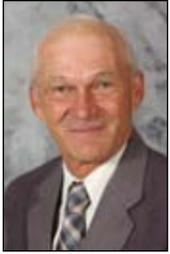
This year, the Kiwash Electric board allocated over \$145,000 to be issued as capital credits to the membership. Each member-owner has a capital credit account in his or her name or company name. Each time the board issues capital credits, you receive the benefit in that account.

The board of directors has 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 must be a blessing. So members purchasing electricity from Kiwash in 2011 should see some type of capital credit refund on your September 1 bill.

For those who are new to Kiwash Electric service, you are a member of a cooperative and any margins or profits made by this organization are returned to you via a capital credit issuance. If you used to be a co-op member but have since moved off Kiwash lines, your check will be mailed to you.



CO-OP VALUES



Jack Sawatzky



Virginia Walker



John Schaufele

Trustees retain seats

Kiwash Electric Cooperative (KEC) Trustees Jack Sawatzky, Virginia Walker and John Schaufele will retain their positions on the cooperative board of directors. Sawatzky, Walker and Schaufele were elected by acclamation at their respective district meetings, which took place in August.

Jack Sawatzky of Cordell represents co-op members in District 3. Virginia Walker, who lives northeast of Cordell, represents members in District 4. John Schaufele lives east of Lone Wolf. He represents co-op members in District 5.

The trustees will serve a three year term in accordance with Kiwash Electric Cooperative bylaws.

Recipe Box

Corn and Zucchini Medley

INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices bacon
- 2 cups chopped zucchini
- 1 1/2 cups fresh corn kernels
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 pinch pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded Monterrey Jack cheese



DIRECTIONS

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet.

Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Reserve 1 tablespoon of drippings. Drain bacon, chop, and set aside.

Heat the bacon drippings in the skillet over medium heat. Saute the zucchini, corn, and onion until tender but still crisp, about 10 minutes. Season with pepper. Spoon vegetables into a bowl, and sprinkle with chopped bacon and shredded cheese.

Yield: 5 servings.

Congratulations

WINNERS!

The following members won cash prizes in the Kiwash Electric Annual Meeting prize drawing. The prize drawings are held at the conclusion of the business meeting, and are always popular segment of the evening.

Congratulations, winners! Thanks again for attending your cooperative annual meeting.

Grand Prize Winners

James Garman, Putnam	\$1,000
Marvin Sperle, Cordell	\$500

Other Cash Prize Winners

Mike Baker, Arapaho	\$250
Kermit Raab, Arapaho	\$100
Willie Basler, Leedey	\$500
Truman Schrock, Thomas	\$500
Dwaine Horton, Thomas	\$250
Mel Miller, Thomas	\$100
Le Mon Nichols, Clinton	\$500
Jud Regier, Corn	\$250
Thomas Snider, Clinton	\$100
Ed Holt, Cordell	\$500
Allen Wedel, Cordell	\$250
Daniel Jaronek, Cordell	\$100



Ray Miller, Cordell	\$250
Kim Burnett, Lone Wolf	\$100
Jesse Parker, Dill City	\$500
Florence Wood, Dill City	\$250
Ila Ward, Foss	\$100
Tim Galloway, Rocky	\$500
James Fletcher, Cordell	\$250
Jeff Schmidt, Rocky	\$100
A D Shewmaker, Hammon	\$500
Evelyn Shephard, Arapaho	\$30 Gift Card
Dirk Webb, Cordell	Tool Set

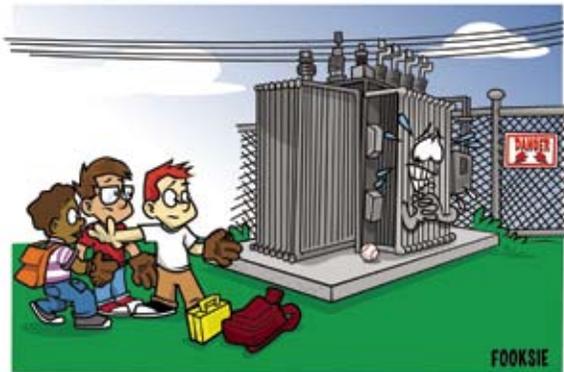
PLAY IT SAFE

Kids on their own?

Prepare them with electrical safety lessons

If back to school means your children will be walking without you or coming home to an empty house for a few hours in the afternoons, remind them that electricity can be dangerous.

Here are six lessons that can save a little one's life:



1. Assume all utility lines are energized and can injure or kill someone who touches them. Even if the line appears to belong to the cable or phone company, a child is unlikely to be sure. Advise your kids not to touch any kind of fallen line with their hands or feet, or with a toy or stick.

2. Climbing trees is an activity best enjoyed when an adult is nearby to supervise. Still, caution your child not to climb a tree that is near an electrical power line—even if the line isn't touching the tree.

3. Likewise, remind your kids to fly kites and toy airplanes far away from power lines and substations, and to leave them where they land if they come into contact with a wire. Admonish them to abandon any toys that could wind up inside a protected area around a transformer or substation.

4. Insist that children stay away from transformer boxes, substations,

transmission towers and all electrical equipment. Forbid them from climbing utility poles or entering a substation—no matter who dares them to ignore the “do not enter” sign and climb over the fence.

5. Teach children of all ages how to read signs that say “danger,” “high voltage,” and “keep out” and know what they mean.

6. Write down the Kiwash Electric Cooperative telephone number for each of your children to keep with his or her school books, and encourage them to call for help if they spot a downed wire or see another child dangerously close to a line or other potentially “live” equipment. If for some reason they can't locate the Kiwash number, tell them to call 911 immediately. The Kiwash Electric Cooperative number is **888-832-3362**.

For additional electrical safety tips and energy saving advice, please visit our website at www.kiwash.coop.



in Kiwash Country

SEPTEMBER

- Weekly Hobart Farmer's Market, every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 am, through September.
- 6 Custer Country Free Fair, Clinton
- 6 Kiowa County Free Fair, Hobart
- 10 SWOSU Career Fair, SWOSU Ballroom Weatherford. For more details, visit www.swosu.edu/administration/careers
- 15 Weatherford Wind Fest
- 20 Panorama Event: Kunal Nayar from the TV show "The Big Bang Theory," SWOSU Fine Arts Center, Weatherford, 580-774-3063

OCTOBER

- 5-6 Hobart Fall Heritage Days & Pumpkin Palooza, Courthouse Square, Hobart
- 15 Panorama Event: Capitol Steps, Political Satire Show, SWOSU Fine Arts Center, 7:30 pm, 580-774-3063
- 20 Cordell Pumpkin Festival, Downtown Square, Cordell
- 27 SWOSU Homecoming, Weatherford. Parade begins at 2:30 pm downtown. Football game vs. Southern Nazarene University at 6 pm at Milam Stadium on campus. 580-774-3063

Protect your property with a new

SECURITY LIGHT AND GET CASH BACK!



Security lights from Kiwash Electric Cooperative operate automatically from dusk to dawn, casting a warm glow around your home, barns and buildings. Plus, Kiwash Electric offers a \$25 rebate for the first time installation of a 150-watt high pressure sodium security light. A \$40 rebate is available to members for a first time installation of a 200 to 400-watt high pressure sodium security light. Kiwash will maintain and replace the bulbs whenever necessary. Contact us today for more information. **888-832-3362** or visit www.kiwash.coop.

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.