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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Appliances account for about 13 percent of your home's energy use. If they have energy-saving settings, use them. Use smart power strips for smaller appliances and electronics that continue to draw power even when turned off. For more tips, visit EnergySavers.gov.

—US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Seeking former Youth Tour winners

Kiwash Electric needs your help

Kiwash Electric needs your help to locate former winners of the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Oklahoma Youth Tour alumni are planning a 50-year reunion on July 20 in Oklahoma City, and hope to get the word out to as many former winners as possible.

Oklahoma's electric cooperatives began sponsoring teens on the Rural Electric Youth Tour in 1964. Since that time, over 2,600 students have made the trip, including 44 teens from Kiwash Electric Cooperative territory.

Kiwash Electric began sending teens on the coveted, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. in 1985.

Please take a moment to read over the list of local Youth Tour winners. If you know the whereabouts of any of these former delegates—or if you made the trip yourself—please contact Lisa Willard at **888-832-3362**, or Jennifer Dempsey, coordinator of the Oklahoma Youth Tour, at **405-478-1455**. You can also connect with former winners, and find out about the reunion, by visiting the Youth Tour Reunion page on Facebook.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

YOUTH TOUR 1985 - 2012

1985	Andy Anderson
1986	John Granchie
1987	Ann Schwartz
1988	Shana Owens
1989	Jennifer Travis
1990	Suzi Baker
1991	Dan Turner
1992	Patricia Tsai
1993	Melinda Brown
1994	Tia Chandler
1995	Chip Diffendaffer
1996	Pamela Smith
1997	Carillion Creed and Steve Brown
1998	Shannon Webb and Rachel Hubbard
1999	Sondra Hutcheson and Stephanie Jaronek
2000	Ryan Linn and Mindy Stowers
2001	Sheldon Webb and Ashley Smith
2002	Tara Lynne McComas and Rachel Foote
2003	Keri Carr and Jeff Jaronek
2004	Kristine Johnson and Megan Coit
2005	Kyle Harper and Lauren McKee
2006	Rebeca Roberson and Desirae Sarver
2007	Angilla Baccus and Lauren Stewart
2008	Tiffany Thiessen and Kelsey Turner
2009	Tyler Gorshing and Carson Elwell
2010	Kolten Rozell and Ellie Troyer
2012	Holly Hurliman and Amanda Adney
2012	Andrew Troyer and Mitch Cruse



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



A Bucket of Memories

Co-op employees pose for a photo with Kiwash Electric Cooperative's first bucket truck. Pictured are Jimmy Edwards (top) Bob Price (middle) and Dutch Smith (bottom).



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INSIDE YOUR CO-OP



By Dennis Krueger
GENERAL MANAGER

Native Son Retires

Cordell's Glenn English accomplished great things for rural America

It has been a great honor and privilege to have worked with Mr. Glenn English in my capacity as general manager at Kiwash. A man that was raised in Cordell and has kept his Oklahoma values during his esteem career while in Congress as well as the CEO of our national electric association. Glenn has had a long career of public service and has served all of Oklahoma with distinction and integrity. On March 1, Glenn has decided to step away from public life and retire to the foothills of South Carolina.

Glenn was first elected to Oklahoma's 6th Congressional District in November, 1974 and was re-elected to Congress nine times. A fiscal conservative on most issues, the Oklahoma congressman was an unwavering proponent of higher price supports for wheat and other Oklahoma agricultural commodities.

While in Congress, Glenn served on the Committee of Agriculture and the Committee on Government Operations. He also was the chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control. He chaired the Information, Justice, and Agriculture Subcommittee where he won approval for the military to use aircraft and radar to assist Customs agents in the interdiction of drug smugglers.

Glenn championed a program on Capitol Hill that allowed Rural Electrification Administration (REA) cooperatives to establish a credit pre-payment/savings program. This initiative laid the foundation for the

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDL&G) program. REDL&G allows rural electric and telephone cooperatives to match 80 percent federal U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds with a 20 percent local match to create a loan fund with the purpose of retaining or recruiting businesses or improving infrastructure. This is a crucial job creation program for rural America, and it is still funded today as a result of Glenn's involvement from NRECA. Kiwash established our REDL&G business and industry revolving loan fund in 1998, which has created over 130 new jobs in our region.

Today, up to \$1 million dollars may be loaned from a REDL&G application to a rural job related industry/business or infrastructure project. The REDL&G program has awarded more than \$590 million to more than 1,700 projects creating nearly 67,000 jobs across rural America. Oklahoma has benefitted from the funding of a number of REDL&G funded projects since its inception by creating or saving over 500 rural jobs in our state.

In 1994 English decided to resign his seat in Congress, and became chief executive officer of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. The NRECA serves the nation's 900-plus electric cooperatives providing electricity to over 42 million Americans in 47 states; this includes nearly 500,000 meters in Oklahoma. Glenn never forgot the driving spirit of President Franklin

Roosevelt's rural electrification program extending power to the "man at the end of the line".

In honor of Glenn's service in Congress and at NRECA, the 2012 board of directors of NRECA established the Glenn English Foundation for the purpose of developing and educating future electric cooperative leaders. The NRECA board has contributed \$100,000.00 to establish this charitable foundation. In the future, the 900-plus electric cooperatives will provide donations to sustain this organization. Glenn's work in the national and international energy field along with his outstanding congressional records will be highlighted through the Glenn English Foundation as a lasting legacy.

Glenn has served our state honorably as a leader who championed a better quality of life for millions of Americans. Our native son has gained the respect and admiration of respected professionals on the state, national and international levels. It is our hope, that Glenn English's fight for rural infrastructure, stronger agricultural prices, and affordable electricity, will long be remembered by all Oklahomans. Thank you Glenn for your years of service and leadership!

Note: After an extensive search, Missouri Congresswoman Jo Ann Amerson was selected to replace Glenn English as head of the NRECA.

ENERGY WISE

Save money on water heating

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates the typical family spends up to 18 percent of its utility dollars on water heating. The good news is it's simple to lower that cost. Some tips:

- Get rid of your old showerheads and bathroom faucets: They pump out way more water than you need to comfortably get clean. In their place, install low-flow faucets and aerating showerheads. The less water you use, the less you have to pay to heat it.
- If you notice a leaky faucet, repair it immediately. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates that a faucet that drips 20 times per minute will waste a full gallon of water every day. If that happens to be hot water, you are washing money down the drain with every drip.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees. The Department of Energy says that's a safe and sanitary temperature, and it will keep you comfortable at bath time, too.
- Insulate your electric hot water tank—but don't cover the thermostat. If your tank is gas or oil-fueled, don't cover the top or bottom of the heater or its burner compartment. You might need to ask a plumber for help.
- Wrap the hot and cold water pipes that connect to the water heater—for about six feet out.
- Drain about a quart of water from the tank every three months to remove sediment. Built-up gunk in the water heater can make it inefficient because it has to work harder to transfer heat to the water.
- Replace your old water heater with an Energy Star-rated high efficiency model. High-efficiency water heaters use 10 percent to 50 percent less energy than traditional models. If you've had your old model for seven or more years, it's worth the money to replace it.



A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Attention, teens: Apply for Kiwash Electric scholarship by April 15, 2013.

High school seniors are encouraged to apply for a Kiwash Electric Cooperative (KEC) scholarship by the April 15, 2013 deadline. The co-op will award one \$500 to four local teens. Scholarship funds may be used at any two- or four-year college or technical school. Scholarship applicants are asked to produce a short video or write an essay that focuses on Kiwash Electric's anniversary in some way. The theme is "Kiwash Electric Cooperative Celebrates 75 Years: 1938-2013." Scholarship applications and consent forms are available at www.kiwash.coop, or contact Lisa Willard at **888-832-3362**.

Energy Camp deadline is April 15. Eighth graders interested in attending YouthPower Energy Camp are reminded to turn in their applications by April 15, 2013. Teens are asked to team up with a friend and write a brief essay (100 words or more) on the topic "Kiwash Electric Cooperative Celebrates 75 Years: 1938-2013." Kiwash Electric will select one team (two teens) to attend Energy Camp.

Energy Camp will be held on May 28-31, 2013 at Camp Hinton. Teens who attend build positive leadership skills and learn cooperative principles using a variety of fun games and activities. For more details, please contact Lisa Willard at **888-832-3362** or visit www.kiwash.coop.

Bill payment options available. When life gets hectic it's important to have options, which is why your co-op offers several ways that you can pay your electric bill. From online bill payments and automatic draft to Kiwash Electric's budget billing plan, you will find a convenient option to suit your lifestyle. For details on your co-op's payment options, please call **888-832-3362** or visit www.kiwash.coop.

Have you changed your home telephone or cell number? If so, please let Kiwash Electric Cooperative know. When outages occur, it's very important for your co-op to be able to contact you. Kiwash Electric dispatchers use telephone numbers to track outage tickets. By providing Kiwash Electric with your current home telephone number and cell phone number, you help us work more efficiently to restore your power.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Recipe Box

No Peek Irish Beef Stewi

INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds cubed stew meat
- 6 carrots, chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cups cubed potatoes
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons tapioca flour
- 1 cup tomato-vegetable juice cocktail

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 250°F.

In a roasting pan, combine the meat, carrots, onions and potatoes. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, tapioca flour and juice cocktail and mix well. Pour this mixture over the meat and vegetables, and cover tightly with foil. Bake in the preheated oven for five hours.



PLAY IT SAFE

POWER SURGE

Choose the best surge protectors by educating yourself first.



Power surges are responsible for millions of dollars of property damage each year, and, over time, they can decrease the lifespan of TVs, computers, stereo equipment, and anything else plugged into a wall outlet. Being educated is the key to choosing the best surge protection for your home.

How does a power surge cause damage?

First, what is a surge?

"A surge is a boost in the electrical charge over a power line," explains Dennis Krueger, general manager of Kiwash Electric. "This can be caused by lightning, but it's more commonly caused by electrical devices such as air conditioners and refrigerators, that require a lot of energy to start and stop their compressors. Faulty wiring is another culprit."

Frequent, small power surges tend to shorten the life of home appliances and electronics. "Power surges come in all shapes and sizes—the most extreme case being a lightning strike because it can destroy equipment and sometimes set your house on fire," said Alan Shedd, director of residential and commercial energy programs for Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. "But less severe power surges can be caused by hundreds of different reasons."

He explained the severity of a surge depends not only on the voltage and current involved but how long the event lasts. "Most surges are very short in duration. It's important to realize that surges can happen through any connection on a device. If there's a wire connected to your equipment, then it provides a path for a surge," Shedd said.

How can I protect my property?

A surge protection device mounted at your home's main electrical panel or the base of your electric meter protects equipment inside your house from surges that could enter through an outside electric, telephone, and cable TV or satellite dish line.

Point-of-use surge protection devices do not suppress or arrest a surge, but divert it to ground. Shedd explained they are designed to protect sensitive electronic appliances, like a computer, and resemble a regular plug strip. "But don't assume your plug strip offers surge protection unless it specifically says so," he adds. "You can also install special electrical outlets that offer surge protection, which can be helpful in places like kitchen countertops.

"My computer is plugged into an uninterruptible power supply with surge protection," Shedd notes. "We had a lightning strike, and a surge came in over the phone line. But the surge protector stopped it."

One of the most effective ways to protect your property is a two-tiered approach. A service entrance surge protection device reduces power surges to a lower level that protects large appliances, such as your stove or clothes dryer, while point-of-use surge protectors defend your sensitive electronics.

To understand the many types of surge protectors available and choose the best one for your needs, Home Depot offers a helpful buying guide. Visit www.homedepot.com, click on "Buying Guides", then "Electronics", the Surge Protection."



COMING UP

in Kiwash Country

■ MARCH

- 3-5 Kiowa County Junior Livestock Show
Hobart, 580-726-2553
- 23-24 Clinton's Hub City Market
Frisco Conference Center, Clinton
580-323-2222
- 28 Let's Talk About It: Lonesome Dove
7 pm, Hobart Public Library
- 28-31 Bi-Annual Easter Pageant, 7 pm
Pine Acres Church, Weatherford

■ APRIL

- 11-13 SWOSU Rodeo
Don Mitchell Rodeo Arena
Weatherford, OK 73096
580-774-3068
- 18-21 Apache Rattlesnake Festival
Main Stree, Apache

■ MAY

- 24-25 Clinton Route 66 Festival
Downtown & McClain Rodgers Park
Clinton, 580-323-2222
- 24-25 Cordell Roundup Club Open Rodeo
Rodeo Grounds, Cordell, 580-832-3781
- 24-27 Celebration of Freedom, Hobart
580-726-5900

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.