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Creative Thinking Earns Cash for College

\$500 scholarships available for teens in Kiwash Electric territory

A smart phone and a little ingenuity could win college scholarships for teens who enter Kiwash Electric's scholarship contest.

The competition encourages teens to ponder the seven cooperative principles that guide all co-ops, and either create a video or craft a 500-word essay on the topic. Complete contest rules are available online at **www.kiwash.coop**, under Our Communities.

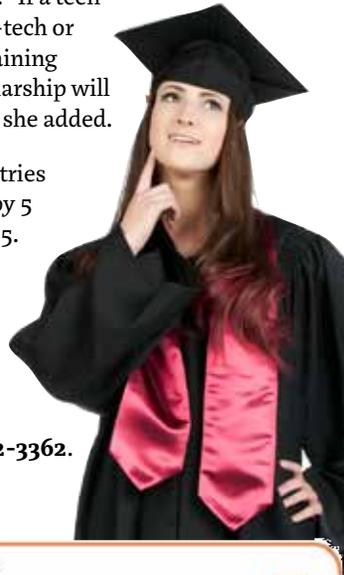
Lisa Willard, coordinator of the scholarship program, says the contest encourages local teens to delve deeper into the cooperative business model. "We want to see that they truly understand what we mean we say there is a cooperative difference," says Willard.

By allowing contestants to enter a written essay or a short video, they enjoy more freedom to express themselves. "We've seen some great entries," Willard recalls. "One year, a contestant wrote a song and filmed himself singing. He won."

This year, Kiwash Electric will award four \$500 scholarships to seniors graduating from high schools that are served by Kiwash Electric. The applicant's parent or parents must belong to the co-op.

Willard also pointed out that scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year college, university, or technical school. "If a teen wants to attend vo-tech or any other career training program, this scholarship will help them do that," she added.

Video and essay entries must be delivered by 5 pm on April 15, 2015. For more details, visit **www.kiwash.coop** or contact your high school counselor. To visit with Lisa Willard, please call **888-832-3362**.



Seven Cooperative Principles

1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

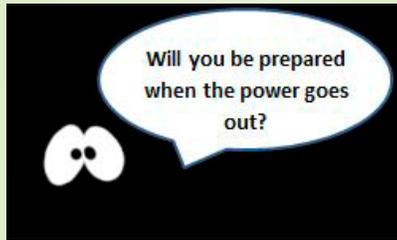
6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.





Power Outage? Know What to Do.

When a power outage occurs in your area, knowing what to do can help your electric co-op get the lights back on more quickly.

When you notice you're out of power, take the following steps:

1. Check household fuses or circuit breaker box
2. Check with neighbors to see if their electricity is off
3. Call toll free, **888-832-3362**. Kiwash dispatchers will answer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

For better service, please report line trouble as soon as it occurs. Don't assume that someone else in your area has already reported it.

When a major weather event occurs, your co-op will post periodic weather and outage updates on Facebook. Please remember it is nearly impossible for your co-op to accurately predict when an outage will occur or how long it will last. For that reason, Kiwash encourages you to be prepared. Stock an emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, battery-powered radio or TV, portable heater (oil or gas), camp stoves and lanterns, candles, matches or lighters, bottled water, canned food and snacks, and, if you own one, instructions on how to operate your generator.

For more tips, please contact your co-op at **888-832-3362**.

BY DENNIS KRUEGER

GENERAL MANAGER

Kiwash At Work For You!

Kiwash Electric Cooperative (KEC) has many programs that are designed to either save you money or keep you safe. Some of these special services are listed below, while others can be found at www.kiwash.coop. Reviewing these programs from time-to-time is a good reminder that your co-op is here to help you.

Creating Local Jobs

With funding from the USDA Rural Development Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDL&G), Kiwash Electric's revolving loan continues to help finance startup businesses, community projects, and existing businesses in west-central Oklahoma. The KEC revolving loan fund has been used to build infrastructure, improve factories, renovate existing businesses and fund new ventures. Over a 17 year period, Kiwash has loaned more than \$1.13 million dollars, and created or retained roughly 130 jobs. Kiwash accepts loan applications on a monthly basis. The key to loan process is job creation. These loans have nothing to do with your electric rates.

Controlling Rising Power Costs

Bust That Peak. A member-owned, whole-home generator provides backup power in the event of a major power outage. Now that same generator can make money for co-op members who sign up for Kiwash Electric's new peak shaving program. The Peak Buster program can save you from \$32.50 to \$60.00 per month by allowing your generator to run during high usage periods.

Cash Rebates. Install an all-electric, energy efficient geothermal heat pump and qualify for a rebate from your co-op of up to \$1,000 per ton. Units must have a minimum seasonal energy efficiency rating (SEER) of 18.5 and a coefficient of performance (COP) of 3.6. The rebate applies to geothermal heat pump installations in new

homes, conversion from a gas furnace, or upgrades from an air-source heat pump. Geothermal units with a gas back-up system qualify for the air-source rebate rate of \$175/

ton. Be sure to save the proof of purchase, installation receipt, and energy efficiency rating information to apply for the rebate.

Safety Matters

10 Foot Rule. The abundance of hay this year is a welcome sight, but it's important to keep hay bales away from electric lines. Lightning storms, farm equipment and varmints have been known to spark power lines causing an arc that can ignite hay bales located in the utility easement. It is every member's responsibility to honor the utility easement (normally 10 feet each side of the wires) and protect their property from potential fire problems. Kiwash Electric is not responsible for hay bale damage within the easement. The 10 foot rule refers to the distance extending 10 feet in every direction from any power line. Please observe this rule when you're working outdoors with equipment such as a crane, forklift, backhoe, dump truck, TV antenna, drilling rig or skid loader. Keeping machinery, tools, and other items you are carrying at least 10 feet from power lines will protect you from accidentally touching the line and fatally electrocuting yourself.

Downed Power Lines. Stay away from downed power lines and poles! Never attempt to touch or move a downed power line or remove trees from power lines, even if you think the line is not energized. Even a "dead" line may be re-energized unexpectedly using automated equipment. Report downed power lines and broken poles to Kiwash Electric immediately at **888-832-3362**.

Have a great Valentine's Day and please stay safe!



Plunging Temps Cause Higher Bills

Heating systems battle to maintain comfort during cold spells

Everyone likes the idea of paying less for utility bills, but resolving to use less energy require a commitment.

With winter in full swing, now is the perfect time to make energy-efficiency a priority in your home.

For some Kiwash Electric members, winter heating costs can be higher than summer cooling costs. That's because the laws of nature dictate how heat behaves on Earth. Remember, heat moves to cool.

On a cold winter day, the heat generated by a heating source is moving through building materials, cracks around doors and windows, unsealed holes created by electrical and plumbing installations, and poorly installed and inadequate insulation.

Furthermore, winter usually doles out a larger temperature difference between the indoor thermostat setting and the outdoor temperature. The greater that temperature difference, the more energy is required to maintain the desired temperature inside your home.

So how do you know if your home is energy efficient? Here's a simple way to find out, based on your average monthly utility usage. Simply multiply the square footage of your home by 10 cents. For instance, a 1,500-square-foot home multiplied by 10 cents (.10) equals \$150.00. A 2,000-square-foot home multiplied by 10 (.10) cents equals \$200. And so on.

Next, calculate your total electric bills for a one-year period. If you heat with natural gas or propane, be sure to add those bills into the total.

Next, divide the total by 12 months to establish the monthly average. If your monthly average exceeds the square-footage multiplied by 10 cents (.10) calculation, you could probably benefit from some energy efficiency improvements.

You can find easy-to-follow energy saving suggestions and podcasts at www.smartenergytips.org, or take the energy-saving home tour at www.togetherwesave.com. ■



We PAY For Your
Peace of Mind

when you purchase a whole-home generator and enroll it in Kiwash Electric's Peak Buster program.

Peak Buster pays you from \$32.50 to \$60 per month for allowing your generator to run during periods of extreme system-wide electricity use.

Call us today for more details at **888-832-3362** or visit us online at www.kiwash.coop.



How To Estimate Your Home's Energy Efficiency

To estimate your home's energy efficiency, take your average electric bill and divide it by the square footage of your home. For example, an 1,800 square-foot home with a \$260 electric bill will cost \$0.14 per square foot.*

$$\frac{\$260}{1,800 \text{ sq. ft.}} = \$0.14 / \text{sq. ft.}$$

This home would benefit from some energy saving improvements. Calculate your home's cost per square foot and see how it ranks on the scale to the right.

*Calculations are based on an all-electric home without a pool or hot tub.



Needs Improvement

Could Be Improved

Energy Efficient



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tip of the Month

Did you know that 90 percent of the energy used to operate a washing machine comes from using hot water? A simple switch from hot to cold can save a great deal of energy! Also, consider air drying or even line drying to save even more household energy.

Source: Department of Energy

Stay Healthy This Winter

Use your Co-op Connections to save on prescribed medications for your whole family

Stuffy nose, fever and sore throats are rampant this time of year, so don't let high prescription costs keep you from the medicines you need. Your Co-op Connections card can save you from 10 to 85 percent on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies (See local list, below). The Co-op Connections Program is free to all Kiwash Electric members, and one card can be used for the entire family! Here's how to use your card:



1. To find pharmacies near you, call **800-800-7616**, or visit <https://connections.carrythecard.com>. Create an account with the member number on your card. Enter your zip code and search for providers near you.
2. Please don't call the pharmacy for price quotes. Prices may change from day to day and they cannot be given over the telephone. To look up drug prices by location, use the Drug Pricing Lookup tool at Rxpricequotes.com before you visit the pharmacy.
3. Present your Co-op Connections card along with your prescriptions to the pharmacist. The pharmacy will compare the discount price with their retail price, and you pay the lower of the two prices directly to the pharmacy at the point of sale.

<p>CORDELL EVETTS DRUG CLINIC PHARMACY</p>	<p>HYDRO DEER CREEK PHARMACY</p>
<p>CLINTON CLINIC PHARMACY SALISBURY PHARMACY HOMELAND PHARMACY S & D DRUG WESTERN DRUG KMART PHARMACY</p>	<p>LEEDEY LEEDEY DRUG</p>
<p>ELK CITY UNITED PHARMACY KEYES' COMPOUNDING & SPECIALTY DRUG GRANDVIEW PHARMACY WALGREENS PAUL JONES DRUG HOMELAND</p>	<p>MANGUM UNITED PHARMACY BRATTON DRUG PUCKETT DISCOUNT DRUG</p>
<p>HOBART GRINNELL PRESCRIPTION SHOP BOOTHE DRUG STORE WALMART PHARMACY</p>	<p>MOUNTAIN VIEW JERRY'S PHARMACY</p>
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	<p>THOMAS THOMAS DRUG CO.</p>

Recipes

Valentine's Day Dessert

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (18 oz) package refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 (21 oz) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (8 oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Roll the cookie dough to ¼ inch thick and form it into a heart shape. Place the heart shape on a cookie sheet.
3. Bake at 350°F. for 10 minutes, or until the cookie is lightly brown on the edges.
4. In a large mixing bowl, mix cream cheese with confectioner's sugar. Spread the mixture on cooled cookie dough. Cover with cherry pie filling and whipped cream. Yield: 9 servings

SOURCE: ALLRECIPES.COM

coming up

German Feast and Auction • February 7, 2015
Corn Bible Academy • 208 W. Reimer Street • Corn, Okla.

Bring friends, family and a healthy appetite if you're planning to visit Corn on February 7. That's the day of Corn's famous German Feast and Auction, a festival that tips a hat to the community's German heritage with an authentic feast featuring foods such as traditional verenika, sausage and cracklins, and schnetka, a tasty German pastry.

Festivities began at 10 am when homemade baked goods including pies, cakes, schnetka, candies, homemade breads, jellies, rolls, cakes and German sausage will be available. Sign up for the silent auction for a chance to win gift certificates, handmade toys and other handcrafted items.

AT 11:30 am, lines begin forming for the delicious German feast. The live auction begins at 12:30pm with a variety of items up for auction such as vacations, fishing trips, handmade quilts and afghans, sports collector items, gift baskets and much more.

And if you didn't get enough to eat at lunch, come back at 5 pm for another traditional German meal and another live auction. For more details, please call 580-343-2262, or visit http://www.cornbible.org/giving_opportunities/german_feast.html.