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FROM THE MANAGER

Unplug with Meaningful Community Programs



Scott Ayres

Most adults vaguely remember that “checking for messages” meant listening to an answering machine. We carried on with our days without relying on cell phones and managed just fine. But today, we are more connected than ever through our smartphones and other devices. Our phones are so much more now — from cameras to calendars to social media connections — and truly disconnecting from them can be tough. But it’s even harder for our kids to unplug because they only know life with these tiny screens. It’s difficult for them to imagine life without computers, gaming devices, tablets or cell phones.

But there’s great value in unplugging for children and

adults, even if it’s for just a short period of time. For kids, time away from the screen to be outside with other children allows them to connect with nature and others in a way that a virtual experience simply does not allow. They are able to experience life in the moment and allow their creativity and energy to break free.

Fortunately, we have access to great community programs and organizations like 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., that provide children with a safe place to play, learn and grow, while cultivating new skills and interests.

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BOB NICHOLS, USDA

Co-ops like Sedgwick County Electric support community organizations like 4-H across our service area.

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These types of clubs and programs offer kids an opportunity to explore activities and interests outside of school academics. Children can investigate areas they might not otherwise have access to and discover new interests and passions. They often learn new skills and strengthen existing ones. It's no secret that the broader the range of experiences and activities children are exposed to, the more likely they are to find their own path and possibly career. Community programs also foster important leadership development and public speaking skills. Through guided and informal play and activities, children learn problem-solving and interpersonal skills that enable them to resolve conflicts peacefully and improve interpersonal relationships.

Adults can also find meaningful opportunities to spend time with the kids when we all unplug. From board games to craft projects to playing in the park, there are many ways we can unplug for some family fun.

While you and your children are disconnecting, take a moment to identify potential energy savings. Unplug electronics that are not in use to avoid "vampire" energy loss. This is the energy that is drained from technology and electronics even when they are not in use. For example, although it is turned off, your TV is waiting to receive a signal from the remote and your DVR is waiting to record the next show or perform an update. When you're unplugging from your electronics, try unplugging them from your home to achieve those energy savings.

Let's encourage youngsters to step away from the screens and join in. To play and be part of an organization that helps them connect with others and find meaningful interactions and explore new activities and interests.

Help us Locate the Following Co-op Members

The names listed below have a capital credit refund due to them, but we are unable to locate these former members. If you have information that would help us contact any individual or business listed below, please call the office at 316-542-3131 or 866-542-4732.

Paul Arnold	Leon Heimerman
Dallas D Boyer	Glynn Jones
James J Bratt	Ronald Hein
Raymond J Brown	Delbert R Westerfield
Donna J Elkins	Stephen HH Wilkerson
Christine Fisher	Taher Zeglam
Delmar Gorges	
Julian A Guerra	



Know one of these individuals? Help us contact them about their capital credits.

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Welcomes Two New Employees

KADIE SMITH

joined the staff of Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative on March 29, 2021, as an accounting assistant. She attended high school in Cheney and furthered her education by earning a degree at Cowley Community College in Arkansas City on an athletic scholarship. After college, she worked at RCB Bank in Hutchinson. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her two dogs, Piper and Boots. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends.



JENNIFER KREHBIEL

accepted the billing/accounting assistant position and began working at the cooperative on May 11, 2021. She



and her family live in the Cheney area. She joins Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative after working at Novy Oil and Gas. Jennifer and her husband, Dallas, have two daughters, Addi and Amie. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family, riding horses and dedicating time to her local 4-H club where her daughter Addi shows sheep.

Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative is pleased to welcome Kadie and Jennifer to our co-op family.

Listen for Peak Alerts and Save

This month, we are asking members to participate in Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative's Peak Control program. This voluntary program helps you save on your summer energy bills and can also help the co-op hold down wholesale power costs in the last eight months during our off-peak period.

A major portion of our annual wholesale power bill is based on power consumed during the 3-6 p.m. demand time frame during the summer months. The price of electricity is at a premium during that three-hour window due to the "high demand" for energy production during those hot, summer hours.

What is Peak Control?

Peak control is a voluntary program in which our members can participate to hold down electricity cost.

How Can I Participate in Peak Control?

You can participate by monitoring your use of electric appliances and equipment that require larger amounts of electricity during peak hours. Any steps you can take to lower your energy use from 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday will help control costs.

When Should I Participate in Peak Control?

Participate when "Peak Alerts" are issued, typically during the hours of 3-6 p.m. weekdays from June 1 through Sept. 30. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to receive peak alerts.

The actual peak demand for June, July, August and September is the billing demand for each respective month. Special emphasis is placed during July and August, as the peak electricity demand registered by the co-op during those two months drives the demand

billing for the following "off peak" eight months. Be aware of days when temperatures are forecast to be above 95 degrees. These are the type of days when peak demand can occur.

What are the Benefits of Peak Control?

Reducing electric usage between 3-6 p.m. will help reduce our peak load. Each kilowatt shaved or shifted during peak load is a cost savings for Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative members.

Working on the LINE

Line Crew Practices Pole Top Rescue

Every year, linemen practice the technique of rescuing a disabled person from atop a pole. This mandatory pole top rescue training simulates

methods and precautions to rescue a fellow lineman if an accident were to occur in the field. The lineman must lower a life-like mannequin to the ground, safely and within a set amount of time.

The mannequin is placed on a power pole. The lineman must climb up the pole and safely lower the 200-pound mannequin to the ground.

Safety is a top priority at Sedgwick County Electric Co-op. Linemen practice this training yearly and hope they never have to use it, but it's good to know that your fellow workers have the ability to get you down from a pole if something were to happen.



Sedgwick County Electric Journeyman Lineman Tommy Hill practices rescuing a fellow lineman in danger.

Changes in Net Metering Fees

Effective July 19, 2021, Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved the following changes to the Net Meter rider:

Small Generating Facility no larger than 10kW – Non-refundable processing fee of \$500.

Large Generating Facility over 10kW – Non-refundable processing fee of \$1,000 with a supplemental fee of \$2,000 on a request that does not pass the Fast-Track Process.

Happy Labor Day

Sedgwick County Electric Co-op will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 7, with our normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FARM SAFETY COLORING SHEET

Farm Health and Safety Week is Sept. 19-25!

Whether you live on a farm or in the city, always remember to avoid playing near power lines and other electrical equipment.

