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2024 Energy Campers

Energy Campers enjoy a summer of learning and adventure

For 25 years, Kay Electric has been sending students to Energy Camp. This year, four eighth-graders represented the co-op: Emmalyn Grantz, Jacie Schneeberger, Brynn Liberton and Kara Meyers. KEC Director of Communications Desiree Masterson-Whitehead served as a camp counselor.

Held from May 28-31 at Canyon Camp near the picturesque Red Rock Canyon just south of Hinton, the camp offered participants the chance to swim, hike, and make new friends. They enhanced

their leadership skills and learned about rural electrification, one of the nation's critical industries. Attendees were immersed in the world of rural electricity through hands-on experiences, including safety demonstrations, pole climbing, and observing cooperative crews at work. These activities provided practical industry insights while ensuring plenty of outdoor fun.

Students were selected for Energy Camp through an application process. Learn more: www.kayelectric.coop/youth. 



KEC Campers



Emmalyn Grantz

Top left: 2024 Energy Campers. Top right: Kay Electric campers Emmalyn Grantz, Jacie Schneeberger, KEC Director of Communications/Camp Counselor Desiree Masterson-Whitehead, Brynn Liberton and Kara Meyers. Bottom: Emmalyn Grantz climbs a pole. Photos courtesy of Oaec



OUR MISSION

Founded in 1937, Kay Electric Co-operative remains focused on our primary mission: to provide safe, affordable and reliable power for our member-owners. Today, our service territory includes 2,263 miles of line and more than 5,900 meters located in Kay, Grant, Noble, Osage and Garfield counties.

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LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

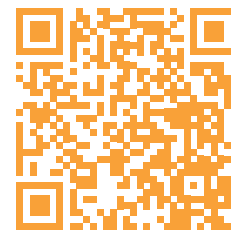


Co-op volunteers make a difference at the Oklahoma Special Olympics Summer Games

Volunteers from Kay Electric and electric cooperatives across Oklahoma participate each year in the Oklahoma Special Olympics Summer State Games in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This year, co-ops set a new participation record with 160 volunteers supporting 4,600 athletes during the three day competition, May 15-17.

For three decades co-op employees, directors, managers and retirees have volunteered with Special Olympics, typically making up one of the largest volunteer groups at the games.

This year, Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives received the Mike Synar Award of Excellence for our continued commitment and support of Special Olympics Oklahoma. Congratulations to the athletes and thank you to the volunteers! 



Scan here to watch a video recap of the Special Olympics.

Peak Hours

Peak energy hours may be called between June 20 and September 9, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Be sure to check our Facebook page and our website for when our power supplier calls a peak day. It's important that members limit electricity use on those days as it helps keep our rates down. 1146015

Beat the heat and save!

Your electric cooperative offers rebates and programs to help you stay cool this summer.

Summer months bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy use, and the hotter it gets, the harder (and longer) your air conditioner works to keep you cool.

One of the great things about being a Kay Electric member is that we're locally owned by you, our members. So instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our community. That's why we've developed rebates and programs to help you keep your money in your wallet, not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the year.


Rebates – Kay Electric offers rebates to give you money back for efficient equipment you purchase, like heat pumps, water heaters and attic insulation. Our rebates can be claimed by simply filling out a form. Learn more about our rebates at www.kayelectric.coop/rebates.

Take Control of Your Use – Use our free SmartHub app to track your energy

use. You can set up alerts when your use spikes and make changes in real time.

Rates – Help us keep our rates down by reducing usage during Peak Alerts. When our power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, calls a peak day, please help us limit use between 3 and 7 p.m. Learn more: www.kayelectric.coop/peak-alert.

Ways to Pay – If you're having a difficult time paying the bills that come with increased used in the summer, contact us at 800-535-1079 to learn about our average billing option, which levels your monthly payments so they're consistent throughout the year.

Most people don't know everything about electricity, and that's why we're here to help you. There are no investors making profits here—just knowledgeable people with local jobs, working for our neighbors to ensure there is electricity available when you need it. Contact us, and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy and money. 

SUMMER SAVING STRATEGIES



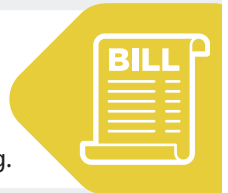
Rebates
Get money back on efficiency upgrades.

SmartHub
Use our free app to monitor & adjust usage.



Rates
Mind peak alerts to help us keep rates down.

Billing
Call us to learn about options like average billing.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use. Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature to determine drying time, remember to reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

Source: homesandgardens.com

GOOD COOKIN'

Fireworks Cookies

Yields 2 dozen

Ingredients

- 1 vanilla cake mix
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 14 Oreo cookies, broken into chunks
- ¾ cup red, white & blue M&Ms
- ½ cup red, white & blue sprinkles

Instructions

Mix together the dry cake mix, butter, cream cheese, egg, and vanilla until a soft dough forms. Gently stir in the cookie chunks, ½ cup M&Ms and ¼ cup of the sprinkles. Refrigerate the dough for 30-60 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll dough into 24 balls. Press the remaining M&Ms and sprinkles into the tops of the dough balls. Place the dough balls on cookie sheets and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool on the cookie sheets for 2 minutes, before moving them to a piece of parchment paper on the counter. Once cookies cool completely, store in a sealed container.



Kay Electric's office will be closed Thursday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. In case of an outage, please call 800-535-1079.



NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

RUBY CLARK

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Ruby Clark is our newest Kay Electric employee, and serves our members as a customer service representative. If you stop by or call the KEC office, you might speak with her! Born in northern California, Ruby moved to Oklahoma during her junior year of high school and graduated from Blackwell. Ruby has a 15-year-old son, Alex, and is engaged to Dan. Outside of work, she enjoys outdoor activities including camping, fishing and kayaking as well as spending time with her son. Welcome, Ruby!



FAVORITE TEAM: OU



DREAM VACATION: BEACH



ENJOYS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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