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Our mission is to provide our members with safe, reliable service at the lowest cost, while maintaining an environmentally responsible, accountable and sustainable operation now and in the future.

PLAN TO ATTEND K.C. ELECTRIC'S 73RD ANNUAL MEETING

BY DAVID CHURCHWELL GENERAL MANAGER

Once again, it's annual meeting time. On behalf of K.C. Electric Association, I personally am inviting you to join us on Thursday, June 6 at Genoa-Hugo High School for our 73rd annual meeting. Registration starts at 6 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. The Genoa-Hugo school has parking on both the north and east sides of the school. I look forward to gathering with you, the members of our cooperative community, to catch up, hear what you have to say and enjoy tasty desserts and fellowship.

This event is not only a chance to visit with members of our cooperative community, it's also a great opportunity to hear about programs offered by K.C. Electric and get to know your cooperative staff. Our annual meeting makes it possible for us to gather feedback from you by providing a forum where you can let us know how we can better serve you.

This is an occasion to discuss and learn more about the issues affecting our local communities. It's also an opportunity for you to learn about the happenings and successes at your electric cooperative and exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric cooperative: voting for the upcoming year's board of directors. K.C.'s annual meeting is designed to inform you about the financial and operational status of your cooperative, along with the equally important business of building a real sense of community.

K.C. Electric is not owned by faraway investors and it is not run by an appointed board of directors. It is run by

a democratically elected board of directors — a board that has the privilege of serving because of your vote.

Our directors are members of your community. They are concerned with the issues you face every day because they face them too. And don't forget that members of K.C. Electric, including you, are eligible to run for the board.

A democratic and open election is one of the many elements that make our electric cooperative stand out from other utilities. Having a voice in who makes the major decisions that directly affect your life and your family is a right we all share as Americans. We all vote for our state and federal congressional representatives, but not every American has the right to vote for those who will represent community interests within their electric utility. You have that right, so why not exercise it?

If you were not able to attend K.C.'s annual meeting in the past, I suggest you take the time to attend, learn more about your electric cooperative and catch up with your friends and neighbors. This is a great opportunity for you to grab your kids or grandkids and show them the value of being a member-owner of an electric cooperative. Membership is ownership.

Rest assured, no matter what happens, we remain dedicated to providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service, but we encourage you to take part in helping us improve how we deliver that service. So, make it a point to join us on June 6 at our 73rd Annual Meeting. We promise we will make it worth your while.



DAVID CHURCHWELL



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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the A/C to run longer than necessary.

Source: energy.gov

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members of K.C. Electric Association June 6, 2019

In accordance with the order of the Board of Directors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular 2019 Annual Meeting of the members of K.C. ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION will be held in Hugo, Colorado, at Genoa-Hugo High School on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Registration will commence at 6 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Saving Time, for the following purposes:

1. The presentation of reports covering the previous fiscal year.
2. The election of directors.
3. All other business which may properly come before a regular Annual Meeting of the members of K.C. Electric Association.

STORM WATCH

Keep an eye on the forecast and make sure you are inside when a thunderstorm approaches. Lightning can strike up to 10 miles from the area in which it is raining. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning before returning outdoors.

How Low Can You Go?

Most people know that a surge of too much electricity running through a home or building is a bad thing — equipment can be damaged, could catch fire or cause shock. However, many of us don't stop to think about what too little voltage, or not enough electrical power, can do.

Anemic or low voltage is often caused by an overloaded power grid during high-demand times, such as weekday afternoons or during the dog days of summer when air conditioners are running high. Regional energy shortages and other extreme weather events can cause brownouts as well. Problems can also originate from faulty electrical circuits in a home.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED LOW CURRENT?

Low current is defined as 90% or less of normal capacity for one minute or more to a device. Evidence of a power supply dip includes poor appliance performance, dim or flickering lights (aka brown-outs) and intermittent outages.

It's important to know equipment may malfunction or even overheat simply because it's not getting an adequate supply of the power it needs to operate. This could be due to a limiting source in your home or a low supply from your electric provider, causing brownouts.

Unfortunately, there is not a lot homeowners or renters can do to protect themselves against the "ebb" in the ebb and flow of power that sometimes happens, but here are a few options to consider:

1. Look into appliance-specific protective devices, like a brownout surge protector for your refrigerator.
2. Consider the bigger and stronger brother of surge-protector strips, known as uninterruptable power supply devices. They plug in to an outlet but also contain battery backup to keep your devices running smoothly during surges, power reductions or brief outages.
3. If you can, limit major appliance use during peak energy usage times, usually weekday afternoons and on hot days.
4. Turn off any appliances you're not using.
5. If you suspect your home has faulty wiring, consult a qualified electrician.

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org

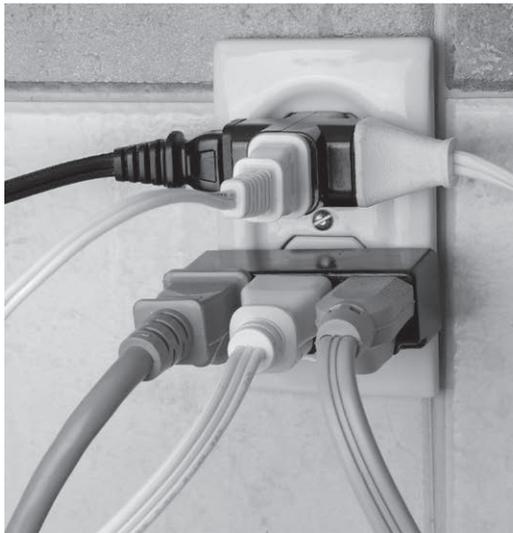
WORK SAFELY



If you are on equipment that makes contact with a power line, stay put. Do not attempt to climb off the equipment because you do not want to become the path to ground for the electricity. Call for help and warn others in the area to stay back until help arrives and the line is de-energized.

Can You Dig It? Call 811 to Find Out BEFORE YOU DIG, CALL 811 AND REMEMBER TO:

- Get your yard re-marked if you plan to dig in a spot that was marked more than 10 days ago. Erosion and root system growth can alter the depth or location of buried lines. In addition, we or another utility company may have worked on the lines since the last time you had your yard marked.
- Outline the area in white spray paint or mark with white flags, available at home improvement stores, if you are only digging in a small area of your yard. This ensures that only the utilities within that area will be located and marked. Be sure to let the safe digging representative know your plans.



Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Lower your risk of electrical fires by not overloading your home's electrical system.

Safety starts with you.

MAY IS ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Claim Your Savings

Each month, members have a chance to claim a \$10 credit on their next electric bill. All you must do is find your account number and call the Hugo office at 719-743-2431 and ask for your credit. The account numbers are listed below. How simple is that?

You must claim your credit during the month in which your name appears in the magazine (check the date on the front cover).

Richard May, Stratton — 921000000

Dillon Tanner, Vona — 1001350004

Clarence Pedersen,

Cheyenne Wells — 412100000

Roger Evans or Betsy Evans,

Kit Carson — 1110690000

In March 2019, all three consumers called to claim their savings: Creighton Osborne, Hugo; Amber Stum, Hugo; Thomas Herman, Seibert.

EXPERIENCE Renewables

Make it to our annual meeting this year and we'll fly you up on top of a 300-ft, as-tall-as-the-Statue-of-Liberty, wind turbine.

Well, not actually. Instead, we'll take you through a virtual reality experience about how 30 percent of the energy you use as a co-op member comes from renewable resources.



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2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR K.C. ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

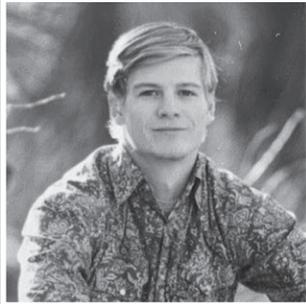
K.C. Electric is pleased to announce nine scholarship winners from its service territory. K.C. Electric awards two \$1,000 scholarships and three \$750 scholarships and is the administrator for other scholarships awarded by related electric utility organizations. The scholarships will be presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting on June 6, 2019. The following scholarships were awarded:

Basin Electric Power Consumer \$1,000



Josephine Hornung
Kit Carson High School

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association \$500



Eltan Yarger
Stratton High School



Madison Weed
Cheyenne Wells High School

K.C. Electric Association \$1,000



Nathan Saffer-Arriba
Flagler High School



Lauren Tagtmeyer
Stratton High School

K.C. Electric Employee Scholarship
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Employee Scholarship \$1,000



Ashlyn Churchwell
Limon High School

K.C. Electric Association \$750



Kaci Chadwick
Cheyenne Wells High School



Michael McCaffrey
Arickree High School



Lorena Herrera
Bethune High School