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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.

YOUR OWNERSHIP MATTERS

BY DAVID CHURCHWELL
GENERAL MANAGER

Studies have shown that communities where owners occupy the majority of homes are more successful academically, are more physically fit and have a stronger sense of community. While owning a home may not be possible or desirable for everyone, ownership does matter. It just seems to make sense that we treat things we own with greater care.

Chances are you probably don't think too often about your ownership role with your electric cooperative. Every consumer-member of K.C. Electric Association can take pride in the fact that they are an owner of their electric co-op. While at times it may seem easy to take the provision of electricity for granted, we are working 24 hours per day, 365 days per year to make sure you, the consumer-members of the co-op, are well taken care of when it comes to your electricity needs.

As a locally-based electric cooperative, we have this special bond and obligation to be an integral part of the community. K.C. Electric understands that it can't sell electricity to a business that has closed its doors,

or to people that have left the community because there are not enough local opportunities. Electricity is a critical need, but it takes more than poles, wires and kilowatt-hours to make a community.

Finding local solutions can help keep money — and people — right here in our community.

Each of you are owners of our co-op, and, in a real sense, we are owners of our community. Our community is strong. Think about how much greater it can be when we work cooperatively to tackle our future challenges. If we act like owners on a consistent basis, we will put even more care and attention into our community, and we will look locally for solutions. Finding local solutions can help keep money — and people — right here in our community.

We all have a role to play. As your local electric cooperative, we promise to do our part for the communities we serve.



Community born.
Community led.
Focused on YOU.

*To all of you and your family,
may your blessings be
multiplied this year.*

Happy Thanksgiving from K.C. Electric
Association's employees and
board of directors.



**COOK UP
ENERGY
SAVINGS THIS
HOLIDAY
SEASON.**

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

**From our table to yours,
Happy Thanksgiving!**



AK.C. Electric line foreman Louden Hornung (left) and K.C. lineman Cameron Klann (right) perform a high-voltage safety demonstration for students at Farm Safety 4 Just Kids day camp in September.

K.C. Electric Sponsors Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids day camp was held on September 22 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Hugo. K.C. Electric Association, Mountain View Electric Association, Lincoln Community Hospital and the Lincoln County Extension Office joined forces to sponsor this event for six area schools and homeschooled students. We had a whopping 160 fourth- and fifth-grade students attend. We were thrilled to invite this year's fifth-graders, as they did not have the opportunity to experience the day camp in 2020 due to cancellation. Three local FFA chapters — Genoa-Hugo, Limon and Karval — were also major players in this event, presenting five of the 10 safety stations.

A safe farm environment

The purpose of this farm safety day camp is to promote a safe farm environment and to help prevent health hazards, injuries and fatalities to children and youth. During the day, a variety of stations were available to educate students on safety issues. This year we presented safety demonstrations in the following areas: first aid; gun safety; high-voltage electrical safety; hidden hazards; animal safety; PTO (power take-off) safety; seat belt and rollover safety;

fire safety; chemical look-alikes; and ATV safety. Capping off the day was a mock accident performed by the Limon FFA chapter involving a car rollover accident, where passengers didn't wear seat belts while driving, causing serious injuries and one death.

Thank you

The Big Sandy Chapter of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids wishes to thank the following supporters: Farm Bureau, K.C. Electric Association, Mountain View Electric Association, Lincoln Community Hospital, Limon Center Base Program students, Colorado State Patrol, Eastern Colorado Vet Services, Colorado Operation Life Saver, Mark Morrison, Perry Brewer, Limon Fire, Otteman's Meat Processing, First National Bank of Hugo/Limon, Hoffman Drug, Farmer's Automotive, Try-Me Spraying, Frasier Ranch LLC, Superior Buildings, Inc., Wiepking Fullerton Energy, Gordon Insurance Agency, Equitable Savings & Loan, Flagler Coop. Assn., Bob and Linda Hawthorne, First National Agency, Hugo Lions Club and Mile Saver Shopper/Flagler News.

Claim Your Savings

Each month, consumer-members have a chance to claim a \$20 credit on their next electric bill. All you must do is find your account number, 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).

Betty Pickner, Arapahoe

— 100400002

Chris Lueck, Stratton — 930300005

Shirley Pedersen, Cheyenne Wells

— 1105870001

Patricia States, Kit Carson

— 709600003

In September, three consumer-members called to claim their savings: Larry Nestor, Cheyenne Wells; Galen Travis, Burlington; and William Winger, Flagler.

Lights Out?

If blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers are a recurring problem, be sure to call a qualified electrician. This means there is something wrong with your electrical system and it needs to be inspected.



To Travel or Not to Travel

Here come the holidays, and with that comes travel and winter weather. While snow can be visually stunning, it can also be an unwelcome passenger. Watch weather updates and think safety before hitting the road.

Q & A WITH THE BOARD: WAYNE PARRISH



Wayne Parrish has been on the K.C. Electric Association Board of Directors for eight years. This is the third in a series that will run here in Colorado Country Life and is one way for consumer-members to become familiar with their board of directors.

Tell us about yourself and your family.

I came to Kit Carson County in 1971 and, except for a few years running our ranch in southeastern Colorado, I have been here since. I married my wife, Kathleen, in 1974 and we raised a daughter who is a ranch wife and a homeschool teacher in the Arkansas Valley of Colorado. We also have a son who is an active military officer.

Why did you make the decision to run for the K.C. Electric Board of Directors?

I am concerned about the future of our community and what is happening in the electric industry.

What strengths do you bring to the K.C. board of directors?

I spent 45 years as a well drilling and pump installation contractor. This brought me into direct contact with a huge segment of our consumer-members, as well as a good understanding of their reliance on electricity to supply water for their crops and homes.

What are the major challenges you believe K.C. Electric will face in the future?

The first challenge is the regulations coming down on the industry from bureaucracies, which really don't grasp the whole picture.

What are your thoughts on the status of the electric industry in Colorado?

The most imminent concern I feel is the Republican River Compact and the wells we will lose on our system. We still have the same infrastructure to maintain but lose the volume to carry it.

What industry changes do you believe will affect the electric industry in the next 10 years?

I see our wholesalers changing from generation and transmission to primarily transmission brokers.

What do you feel you would like to accomplish as a director for K.C. Electric Association?

Short term: To maintain the reliable and affordable service that K.C. Electric is known for.

Long term: To ensure that reliability and affordability continue in the most efficient manner possible.

What is the greatest concern you have for the electric industry and how it will impact eastern Colorado?

I guess that is our job: to protect our agricultural industry and communities from adverse impacts of the electrical industry as a whole.

Keefe Memorial Hospital Receives Rebate from K.C. Electric

K.C. Electric presented Keefe Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne Wells with a rebate check in the amount of \$3,885 for the hospital's recent LED retrofit project.

Rebates are available to all K.C. Electric consumer-members for Energy Star appliances, heat pumps, electric water heaters, LED bulbs and more. Visit www.kcelectric.coop/content/rebates for more information.

Left to right: Claressa Millsap, Keefe Memorial Hospital CEO; Casey Halde, Keefe Memorial Hospital CFO; and George Ehlers, K.C. Electric Association manager of member services. >

