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Rolling Hills in the Community

Rolling Hills Electric has been busy in our communities the past few months. Here is a recap of some of the events we have been a part of lately.

150th Beyond the White Rock Parade, Burr Oak

TYLER ROESTI, outpost foreman, drove the Rolling Hills float along with his co-pilot and grandmother, Wilma Roesti. Tami Harts and Steve Roesti rode on the float and Jerry and Bobette Roesti walked alongside the bicycle crew of Cooper, Lilly and Hayzen Roesti and Parker, Hudson and Beau Harts, and Sheila Lorence.



150TH BEYOND THE WHITE ROCK PARADE, BURR OAK



COWTOWN DAYS PARADE, ELLSWORTH



CHAMBER INTERN TOUR, BELOIT

Cowtown Days Parade, Ellsworth

DOUG ERREBO, journeyman lineman, manned the wheel while his family Kayla, Brayton and Raelynn Errebo waved at parade attendees from the float.

Chamber Intern Tour, Beloit

The Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce summer interns toured our office and shop facilities as part of their career day, showcasing that rural Kansas has a lot to offer in technology, engineering and technical skills.

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Our office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

BE SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS



10 TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY JOLLY

- 1 Do not toss light strands into the air when decorating outside. They could come into contact with a power line.
- 2 Before using a ladder, always look up and assess all power line locations.
- 3 Carry a ladder horizontally when transporting it.
- 4 Keep at least 10 feet between yourself (and any item you are holding) and a power line.
- 5 Do not use staples, nails or tacks to secure light strands, cords, wires or extension cords.
- 6 String together no more than the number of strands (or fewer) recommended by the manufacturer.
- 7 Plug all lights and extension cords into GFCI-protected outlets.
- 8 Use lights and extension cords rated for outdoor use.
- 9 Use only lights and products certified by a reputable testing lab.
- 10 Do not use frayed, cracked or otherwise damaged cords, plugs or lights.



Roesti Promoted to Foreman

TYLER ROESTI has recently been promoted to the District 1 outpost foreman. Tyler has been with Rolling Hills Electric for 13 years as a journeyman lineman. Congrats Tyler on your well-deserved promotion!

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Fort Harker Days Parade, Kanopolis

TYLER ROESTI, outpost foreman; **Hayden Roesti**, front-seat passenger; **Cooper Roesti**, in the bucket; and **Willie Wiredhand** (a.k.a. **KENNY CASTOR**, member services tech).



FORT HARKER DAYS PARADE, KANOPOLIS

Jubilee Pride Parade, Alton

Rolling Hills' **TRENT WEBB**, journeyman lineman, and **Willie Wiredhand** (a.k.a. **KENNY CASTOR**, member services tech) represented the cooperative in the parade.



JUBILEE PRIDE PARADE, ALTON

House Move, Clyde

Rolling Hills crews assisted in moving the Mahin family house. It is a large house and took some planning, preparation and coordination by both Rolling Hills, Prairie Land and City of Clyde crews to make it a safe and seamless process.



HOUSE MOVE, CLYDE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

Fall is the perfect time to prep your home for the winter. One of the best ways you can save energy and stay comfortable is to caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors. Seal plumbing, ducting, and areas where electrical wiring comes through walls, floors and ceilings for additional energy savings. **SOURCE: ENERGY.GOV**



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JUNE 16-23, 2022



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COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP



COLORADO

JULY 15-21, 2022



BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR
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Now Accepting Applications for 2022 Trips and Scholarships

Attention High School Juniors: Are You Eligible for the Trip of a Lifetime?

- ▶ All high school juniors whose parents or guardians reside on Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. lines.
- ▶ Complete and return the entry form at right by Dec. 21, 2021. You may also find the form at www.rollinghills.coop, in the *Kansas Country Living* magazine, from your high school counselor and on Facebook.
- ▶ Contestants will receive an entry packet. Finalists will be chosen from a completed application, resume, open-book quiz and short essay.
- ▶ Finalists will be interviewed to determine winners (time and date to be announced).
- ▶ Trip winners are expected to speak at Rolling Hills Electric's Annual Meeting.

Rolling Hills Electric is now accepting applications from high school juniors who are interested in competing for a "trip of a lifetime." In addition to the two trips to be awarded, each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship upon high school graduation. Parents or guardians must reside on Rolling Hills Electric's power lines. Material packets will be mailed to applicants Dec. 22, 2021.

For an eligible high school junior to enter the competition, the cooperative office should receive the completed form below **BY DEC. 21, 2021**. Submit your application by email to cmellies@rollinghills.coop. You can also mail or deliver your application to: Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Catie Mellies, P.O. Box 339, Beloit, KS 67420.

2022 YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Student Phone _____ Student E-mail _____

Grade _____ School _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Electric Account # _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Phone _____

Parent/Guardian(s) E-mail _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Applicant Signature _____

The safety of our students and chaperones is our top priority. If the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp organizers feel that travel is unsafe due to concerns with the coronavirus (or any other acts of terrorism, disaster, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities), then the trip will be canceled.

Cold Weather Rule: What You Need to Know

Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative Inc. wants consumer-members to have the electric service needed to keep their homes warm during the winter. Rolling Hills Electric also recognizes the member's responsibility to make contact to establish payment arrangements. When we work together it ensures both goals are met.

What does the Cold Weather Rule mean for me?

The Cold Weather Rule helps existing consumer-members maintain electric service for their homes during the winter. You must make payment arrangements with Rolling Hills Electric.

How do I qualify?

If you cannot pay your entire electric bill, call Rolling Hills Electric to make payment arrangements:

- ▶ Agree to pay 1/12 of the past due amount of your bill, plus your current bill, all disconnection and connection fees, and agree to pay the remainder in equal payments over the next 11 months.
- ▶ Negotiate a payment plan to pay the past due amount off in fewer billing cycles.
- ▶ It will be necessary to pay your current monthly bill while paying off the past-due amount.
- ▶ It will be necessary to contact Rolling Hills Electric if you are unable to fulfill the above qualifications.

What can you expect from Rolling Hills Electric?

Rolling Hills Electric will inform you of the Cold Weather Rule payment plan as well as other available payment options. Remember, under the Cold Weather Rule, you have the option of spreading your payment over a 12-month period.

Rolling Hills Electric will send written notice to consumer-members 10 days before disconnection, plus will call by phone or make personal contact the day before.



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Can I be disconnected during the Cold Weather Rule?

Rolling Hills Electric will not disconnect your primary residence when the temperature is forecast to drop below 35 degrees over the next 48 hours, except in certain circumstances.

To prevent disconnection when it is 35 degrees or above, or to be reconnected regardless of temperature, you must make payment arrangements with Rolling Hills Electric.

Rolling Hills Electric may start the final notification and disconnection process if there is a 48-hour forecast of temperatures above 35 degrees.

If the 48-hour forecast changes before the period ends and there is a forecast of below 35 degrees, Rolling Hills Electric will not disconnect until there is another 48-hour forecast of temperatures above 35 degrees.

Questions?

Please call Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. at 800-530-5572. The Cold Weather Rule applies only to existing residential consumer-members at their primary residence and is subject to the rules and regulations of the cooperative.

How Efficient is My Space Heater?

The efficiency of a space heater really depends on how it is being used. For instance, space heaters are not intended to heat the whole home 24/7. Below is a bit of information for determining how large of space a 1,500-watt space heater will heat and an approximate cost per hour of use.

A 1,500-watt heater producing 5,100 BTUs can heat 150 square feet. That's equivalent to a 10-by-15-foot room, an 11-by-14-foot room or a 12-by-12 1/2 foot room with a standard 8-foot ceiling. This heater will use 1.5 kWhs per hour of use. A heater operating 8 hours per day is equivalent to 12 kWh. If you are using more than one 1500-watt heater for the same length of time, multiply the kWh by the number of heaters.

For example, an approximate cost of operating three 1,500-watt space

heaters for 8 hours continuously is calculated below:

- ▶ 1.5 kWh X 8 hours of use = 12kWh
- ▶ 12kWh X 3 heaters = 36 kWh
- ▶ 36 kWh X 12.734 cents/kWh = \$4.59
- ▶ \$4.59 X 30 days = \$137.70

Did you know that the performance of a 1,500-watt heater can vary from room to room? A north-facing room with little or no insulation and drafty windows that let in cold air, a large open room or an odd-shaped room with shelves and fixtures will also affect the performance of the heater. And always follow the safety directions for your heater.