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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

NEWS

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2021 Continuation of Annual Meeting

August 26 at 6:30 p.m. | Cooperative Headquarters

NOTICE OF CALL reconvening the Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting, which was recessed, subject to call, on April 9, 2021.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the president of the cooperative has called for the annual meeting of Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., to reconvene on Aug. 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The reconvened meeting will again be held at the cooperative’s headquarters located at 3075B US Highway 24 in Beloit, Kansas.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. The recessed annual meeting will resume at 6:30 p.m. for an informational meeting, as well as questions and answers. The CEOs from Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) and Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC) have been invited to speak. An electrical power line safety demonstration will also be presented.

Please RSVP one of the following ways if you plan to attend:

- ▶ **PHONE:** 785-534-1601 or 800-530-5572
- ▶ **ONLINE:** www.rollinghills.coop
- ▶ **MAIL:** Fill out and return the form below to the address listed



5:30 p.m. Registration



6 p.m. Dinner



6:30 p.m. Reconvene Annual Meeting

RSVP BY MAIL

RSVP by mail by cutting on the dotted line and mailing this bottom portion to Rolling Hills Electric, P.O. Box 339, Beloit, KS 67420.

NAME _____

ACCOUNT # _____ **PHONE #** _____

TOTAL # OF ATTENDEES _____ **ADULTS** _____ **KIDS (12 & UNDER)** _____

Meet Our Interns



Jaden Atwood

Jaden Atwood

- ▶ Based out of the Rolling Hills Beloit Office
- ▶ Graduated from Smith Center Jr/Sr High School, Smith Center
- ▶ Graduated from Pratt Community College as an electrical power technician



Quinn Coffey

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- ▶ Based out of the Rolling Hills Osborne Outpost
- ▶ Graduated from Stockton High School, Stockton
- ▶ Taking electrical power and distribution at Dodge City Community College



Colton Davis

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- ▶ Based out of the Rolling Hills Belleville Outpost
- ▶ Graduated from Thunder Ridge High School, Kensington
- ▶ Graduated from Pratt Community College in May 2021

Tractor Safety Course at Smith Center



Marc Martin (right), operations manager, and Clay Pickel (center), journeyman lineman, present at the 2021 Tractor Safety Course.



Electricity is one of the most overlooked, yet deadliest hazards of working on a farm. It is crucial to follow safe work practices at all times to prevent tragic accidents.

With this thought in mind, Rolling Hills Electric was asked to present to individuals taking the 2021 Tractor Safety Course that was held in Smith Center on May 8. Marc Martin, operations manager, and Clay Pickel, journeyman lineman, performed the electrical safety demonstration for the course participants. This information was especially relevant for this group and a great visual of the hazards of electricity in case they ever find themselves involved with a power line out in the field.

This event was held as a collaboration

between K-State Research and Extension Districts of Central Kansas, Cottonwood, Midway, Post Rock and River Valley.

The training program provides trainees with knowledge of tractor, machinery, and other farm hazards to reduce the farm accident rate. It also provides sufficient information to pass a written examination and an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to pass a safe tractor driving examination. Federal law requires youth to participate in a Hazardous Occupations Training and become certified in order to work for hire for anyone other than their parents.

Farmers contribute so much to our everyday lives, and we care about their safety. We thank farmers for all they do and want them home at the end of each day.



Load Control

The new load control system is now operational. If any irrigators experience issues, please call the office at 785-534-1601 and speak with the operations department.

Keep IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT and water streams 15 feet away from overhead power lines.

SAFETY DAYS



Marc Martin (far left) and Trent Webb (far right) with students from Tipton Catholic Jr/Sr High School.

Tipton Catholic School

Students at the Tipton Catholic Jr/Sr High School were studying circuits and electricity as their final unit for science class and had asked Rolling Hills Electric to be a part of that lesson. **MARC MARTIN**, operations manager, and **TRENT WEBB**, journeyman lineman, presented to the fifth through 11th grade classes explaining how electricity works, the dangers of it, and how to stay safe in an emergency involving electricity.

The students' final assignment was to create electrical safety posters using the information they had learned. They were able to take away great information and lessons on how to stay safe and prevent electrical accidents.

Thank you, Kanopolis Middle School, Ellsworth County Kansas Farm Bureau and Tipton Catholic Jr/Sr High School for inviting us for a safety day!

Kanopolis Middle School

Rolling Hills presented to Kanopolis Middle School students at their April 14 Safety Day. This informational day was coordinated by the Ellsworth County Kansas Farm Bureau. **MARC MARTIN**, operations manager, **TYLER ROESTI**, journeyman lineman, and **HUDSON SMITH**, apprentice lineman, presented to two great groups of students. The students had lots of good questions for our crew!



Left: A Tipton student tries on lineman gear. Middle: Tyler Roesti (left) and Hudson Smith demonstrating the effects of electricity on the human body. Right: Marc Martin (far right), Tyler Roesti (center) and Hudson Smith (far left) use the safety demonstration trailer to present to the Kanopolis Middle School students.

Summer Line Crew Hours

Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative's line crew began working summer hours, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on June 1 and will continue through Sept. 6. Each year during this period, the line department switches to summer hours in an effort to complete most of the day's work before the major heat of the day arrives. The office will retain our normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have questions or need to report an outage, please call 785-534-1601 or 800-530-5572.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest.

SOURCE: NRECA



HAPPY
4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our office will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the holiday. There will be staff on call 24/7 for outages and emergencies.

Memorial Day Celebrations

Beloit Parade

Rolling Hills participated in the Memorial Weekend Parade held in downtown Beloit on May 29. We might be a tad biased, but we had some pretty cute little helpers to assist throwing candy! We started with a BIG tote full of candy and still ran out before making it to the end of the parade. The kiddos may have gotten a little carried away early on.

Rolling Hills entered a digger truck and a pickup pulling the safety demo trailer. Willie Wirehand also made his appearance and came along to join in the festivities! It was a gorgeous morning for a parade and fun was had by all.

Thank you to our employees who volunteered to help make the event a success, including **TYLER BAILEY**, journeyman lineman, and his wife, Keegan; daughter Isabell and son Cooper; **J.R. HYNEK**, journeyman lineman, his wife, Sara; son Liam; and daughter Sophie; **MARC MARTIN**, operations manager, and granddaughter Brooklyn; **KENNY CASTOR**, member service tech; and **CATIE MELLIES**, member services, and one of her sons, Trey.

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to have Rolling Hills be a part of, please contact Catie Mellies, member services, at 785-534-1601.

Raise the Flag

Over Memorial Day weekend, Rolling Hills Electric honored and saluted the brave men and women who courageously gave their lives in service to our country by displaying the flag up high in the air on an extended bucket truck along Highway 24 at the Beloit office. We are forever grateful for their sacrifice and for the freedoms we enjoy today.



Top left: Journeyman linemen Tyler Bailey (driver) and J.R. Hynek drove the digger truck in the Beloit Memorial Day Parade.

Top right: Willie Wirehand hitched a ride on our safety demo trailer during the parade.

Above: The rowdy Rolling Hills candy throwing crew! Left: We flew a flag high at the Rolling Hills Electric office along Highway 24 in Beloit over Memorial Day weekend.