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The Voice



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Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for May is a credit of \$.00205/kilowatt hour. This amounts to a credit of \$2.05 per 1,000 kilowatt hours. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/kwh) charged to us by our wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Here for You, Even at a Distance

By the time you receive this issue of The Voice, we are hoping the coronavirus issues have reached a significant decline. During April, the cooperative continued to work at providing reliable electric service, while implementing modified operations to care for the health and well being of its employees and the public.

Linemen were stationed at home and called to line work only when circumstances required. The customer service activities continued as normal except

for access to the office being limited to the small, enclosed cubicle space by the front entrance, which is shielded from employees by a glass partition. Reduced customer service staff enabled social distancing.

Here's trusting that May brings us the opportunity to at least envision the return to some level of normalcy in the not-too-distant future. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Allen A Zadorozny, General Manager

Taking Sealed Bids on 2009 Ford F550

Caney Valley Electric is taking sealed bids through noon, May 29, 2020, on a 2009 Ford F550 super duty truck with an ETA 371H bucket unit and body.

- ▶ Drive Type: 4WD, manual hubs
- ▶ Transmission: 5 speed auto (replaced new 2016 at 132,000 miles)
- ▶ Engine: 6.4 V8 diesel (new rebuilt engine 2015 at 125,000 miles)

- ▶ Rear End: 4.8 ratio limited slip axle
- ▶ Extras: Air conditioner, heavy duty grill guard, AM/FM radio
- ▶ Mileage: 158,702 – Hours: 9,255

Vehicle sold as is and can be seen at Caney Valley Electric 401 Lawrence, Cedar Vale, KS, 67024.

Deliver bid to above address, or mail to PO Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024-0308.



Submit your bid for the F550 above by May 29, 2020.

Electrical Safety: What Your Teen Should Know

Parents of teens can relate: You want to share important information with your teen but he or she braces for the next lecture. Your teen may give you the quintessential eye roll, but sharing the following safety information could help save his or her life.

So when the time is right, relay this information to your teenager to prevent electrical shock.

At Home

- ▶ Do not use a cell phone near the bathtub or sink or with wet hands while it is plugged in and charging. Do not use an extension cord in the bathroom to extend your phone's reach closer to the tub. Teens have died after a charging phone dropped into bath water.
- ▶ Do not sleep with your charging cell

phone under your pillow or in bed with you. The phone can overheat, causing bedding to catch on fire or burns to the skin. Also, a short in the charging cord can cause electrical shock when you are using your phone. This is especially a risk when using generic or incompatible charging equipment. Always replace charging equipment with brand name/matching items. They cost more, but they are less likely to malfunction.

- ▶ Do not charge your cell phone, tablet or other devices on soft surfaces such as a blanket, pillow or bedding.

On the Road

- ▶ **THIS ADVICE CAN SAVE YOUR TEEN'S LIFE:** If you are in an accident involving a downed power line or damaged pad-mount transformer or other

electrical equipment, **DO NOT** get out of your car. Call 911, warn others to stay away and to wait for assistance.

- ▶ Only exit if there is smoke or your car is on fire. If that is the case, make a solid jump out of the vehicle without touching the car and hop with feet together as far as you can. **DO NOT WALK.** If there is damaged power equipment, the ground and anything else the lines touch could have electrical current running through it.
- ▶ If you approach an accident with a downed power line, **DO NOT** attempt to help the victims and do not go near the scene. Instead, call 911 and warn others not to approach the area.

Outside

- ▶ Do not use plugged in devices (e.g. a charging cell phone) near water like a pool or hot tub or in damp conditions.
- ▶ Sometimes electrical currents can leak into water and can cause electric shock drowning. If you feel odd sensations in a wading pool, hot tub or swimming pool, get out. If you are swimming in a lake and feel odd sensations in your body, such as tingling or zaps, swim away from the dock or other source of electricity (e.g. lights).

In the Dorm Room

- ▶ Do not hang decorative light strands with metal tacks or nails.
- ▶ Do not overload outlets or extension cords.
- ▶ Do not run extension cords under a rug or use them if they are frayed or cracked.
- ▶ Use extension cords with care, they are for temporary use only.
- ▶ Use reputable laboratory-tested cords.
- ▶ Only use appliances allowed by your dorm/campus.
- ▶ Although you can't cover all these tips with your teen in one sitting, they are important to convey and could prevent injuries and save lives.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY
for Teens

- Do not use generic chargers or cords. They could overheat or shock or burn you.
- Do not put your cell phone under your pillow or take it to bed with you.
- Do not bring a charging cell phone or other electrical devices near water, including a bathtub or pool.
- If you are in a car accident involving a downed power line, do not get out of the vehicle unless you see smoke or fire.
- If you must exit a burning vehicle near or on a downed power line, make a clean exit from the car and land on both feet; then hop with feet together, do not walk, to safety.

FROM THE LINE SUPERINTENDENT

Right-of-Way Clearing Continues



Craig Lampson

As part of the cooperative's ongoing program to control harmful vegetation near our power lines, we have contracted with Poor Boy Tree Service Inc. of

Fairplay, Missouri, to apply herbicide along our rights-of-way in 2020. The lines in the **SEDAN, PERU, SOUTH OF MOLINE AND WEST OF SEDAN AREAS IN CHAUTAUQUA AND ELK COUNTIES** are scheduled to be covered over the next few months.

Poor Boy's two-man crew will be applying high-volume foliar spray herbicide directly to small trees, saplings, and harmful re-growth that has occurred since the lines were cleared by tree

cutting. They will be using the minimum amount of herbicide judged to be effective and will be targeting specific plants that pose a hazard to the electric system. You should expect to see their pickup and/or ATV with spray equipment working along the rights-of-way under Caney Valley's electric lines.

Trees continue to pose the greatest physical obstacle to providing economical and reliable electric power to the consumers on Caney Valley's system. The problems caused by trees and the costs of controlling them are born by all of our members collectively. We appreciate your support of the cooperative's efforts to reduce tree-related problems in a fair and cost-effective manner. If you have any questions about our spraying or line clearing activities, please call us at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262.



We will be CLOSED on Memorial Day

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, our office will be closed.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Outages for March 2020

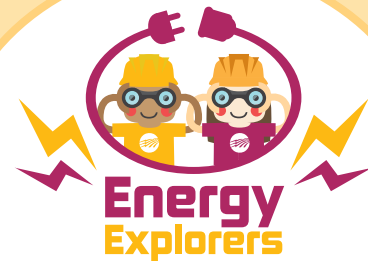
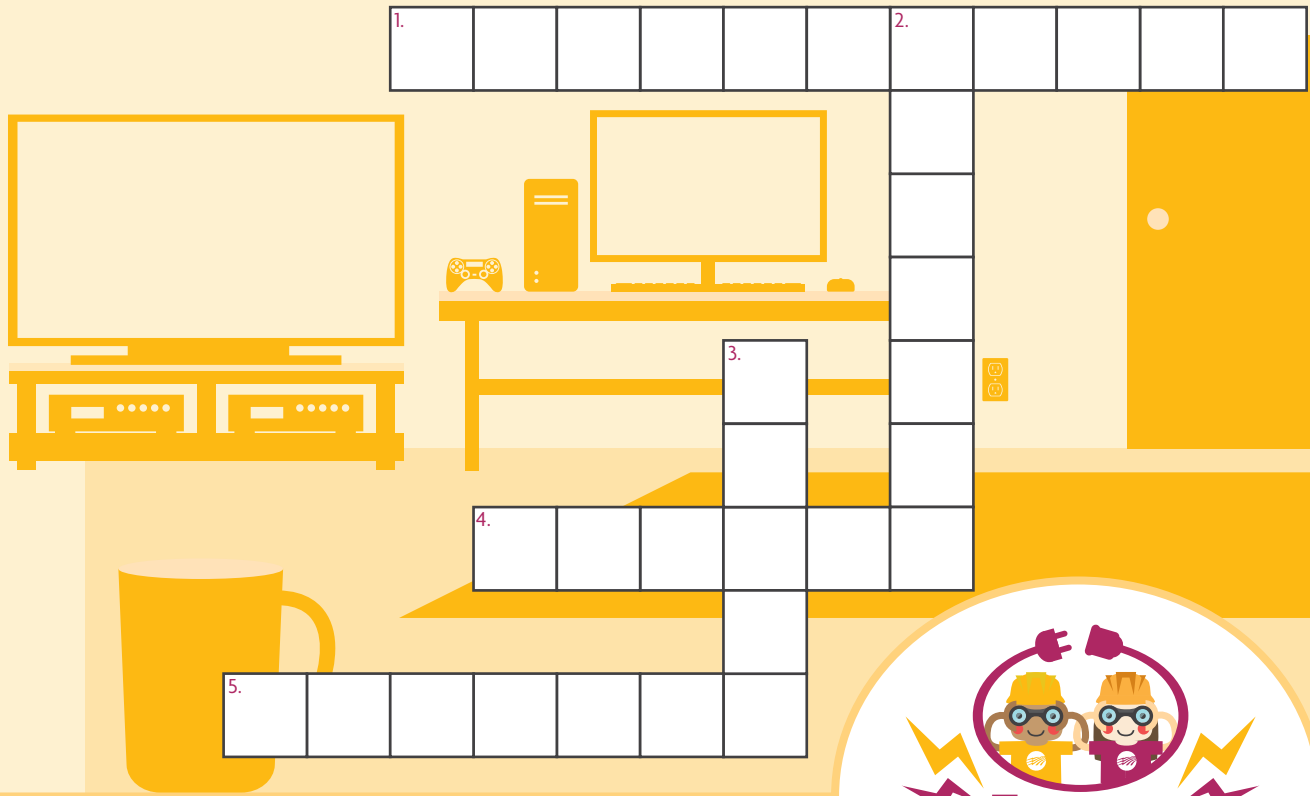
Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Following are the larger outages that occurred in .March.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
3/19	Cedar Vale & Phillips substations	916	1 hr 30 min	69 kV feed open near Ark City
3/23	B-phase Burden meter point	40	3 hr 30 min	Ravelin on line in wheat field
3/28	North of Havana	45	1 hr 40 min	Tree fell through line

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Feb 2020	Feb 2019
Meters Billed	5,280	5,317
kWh Purchased	5,371,280	5,472,731
Cost Per kWh	0.06710	0.06980
kWh Sold	5,256,008	5,529,198
Total Revenue	\$ 693,573	\$ 739,555
Purchased Power	\$ 360,871	\$ 382,346
Operating Expenses	\$ 234,375	\$ 239,269
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 68,389	\$ 67,512
Interest Expenses	\$ 45,079	\$ 45,891
Other Expenses	\$ 163	\$ 100
Operating Margins	\$ (15,303)	\$ 4,437
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 4,395	\$ 2,141
Total Margins	\$ (10,908)	\$ 6,578
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 6,853	\$ (30,597)

ELECTRICAL SAFETY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



May is Electrical Safety Month!

Read the safety tips below to complete the crossword puzzle.

1. **ACROSS:** Keep all liquids away from _____, like TVs, computers and gaming consoles.
2. **DOWN:** Never overload electrical _____. This creates a greater risk of fire.
3. **DOWN:** Never use electrical _____ that feel warm to the touch or are damaged in any way.
4. **ACROSS:** Smoke _____ should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
5. **ACROSS:** Don't run electrical cords under rugs. This creates potential fire _____.

1. electronics 2. outlets 3. cords 4. alarms 5. hazards

ANSWER KEY