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Oklahoma is Definitely OK!

By Lenna White

Summertime and the living is easy. And you can be sure the fish are jumping somewhere in Oklahoma's 150+ lakes. With today's gasoline prices and the fact that mile for mile, Oklahoma offers the nation's most diverse terrain, why not choose the Sooner state as your summer getaway? Oklahoma's beauty includes everything from Rocky Mountain foothills to cypress swamps, tallgrass prairies and hardwood forests to pine-covered mountains and beautiful lakes, rivers and streams.

It's sure got me thinking about an Oklahoma vacation this year. Of course, first thing I'm going to do is check out the Co-op Connections website at www.connections.coop and see how much money I can save along the way.

I know that lodging is covered as Best Western Hotels nationwide offer their lowest possible rate to Connections members. Simply call the Best Western's 24-hour toll free reservation number at 1-800- 937-8376. Tell the reservation agent that you have a discount agreement with Best Western through there Best Business Worldwide program and give them your Touchstone Energy Cooperatives ID Number: **01399660** (This number identifies you as a co-op member). Or you can Visit www.bestwestern.com and make your reservation and receive your "Best Business Worldwide" rate.

Other lodging discounts across the state are available at Cherokee Inn in Cherokee – 10% off room rates; Holiday Inn, Elk City – 10% off corporate flex rate; Standifer House Bed and Breakfast, Elk City – 15% off stay and dinner; Ruby's Inn and Restaurant in Purcell – 10% off room rate. And these are just a few offering you savings. Once again, see the website for additional participants.

Eating is always a fun part of any vacation. Many eating establishments offer great discounts for all types of cuisine. Even right here at home, I can stop at the Indian City Lanes and get a 10% discount on all of their food items. Believe me, they have one of the best cheeseburgers you've ever eaten! That's our first stop. After all, you should never begin a trip on an empty stomach.

An avid RedHawks fan, my next stop will be to take in a game. All I have to do is show my Connections Card and get two tickets for the price of one on any Tuesday game. I can certainly start my vacation on a Tuesday, no problem.

While we're in Oklahoma City, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum is offering a 2 for 1 admission or \$2 off for one person. What a wonderful place to feel the spirit and passion symbolized by the American West.

Moving up the turnpike my husband and I stop and pick up our grandchildren. They are so excited to go with us, especially as our first stop is the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks. Two dollars off the price of admission per person! And did you know that there are over 200 marine and aquatic exhibits that are housed in the aquarium? My youngest grandson still doesn't understand why he can't take his fishing pole.

With his father being a golf coach, my oldest grandson has a natural interest in the sport. Crimson Creek Golf Club in El Reno offers a \$10 green fee anytime. Sugar Creek Canyon Golf Club in Hinton will give you a 50% discount off green fees with cart rental. And traveling to northwest Oklahoma, Boiling Springs Golf Course in Woodward will give you \$5.00 off green fees Monday through Friday. Our course is charted to play at least one of these beautiful golf havens.

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Manager's Monologue

Energy Conservation is a Choice!



With the change of every season, not only do the colors of nature change, but the cost of a comfortable stable life style change as well. As the cost of comfort rise, it seems as though our income stays the same instead of taking the upward trend like everything around us. In some instances trying to maintain comfort is put aside by trying to maintain stability and the beauty of living is surpassed by the worry of what tomorrow will bring.

We at Kiwash Electric Cooperative would like you to know that we care about each of our members. In the ever changing economy we want to bring an understanding and provide guidance in a way that will help you gain that comfortable life style for which we all strive. Natural gas is used to generate electricity that provides a portion of our energy services. In turn as the price of natural gas rises, so does the cost of providing our members with service. As we all know we cannot control the cost of oil and natural gas, but you can begin to conserve energy which will reduce the amount of money you will pay for a necessity and increase the amount of money you will have to spend on the things that you and your family can enjoy.

Energy Facts

1. The energy used to operate your hot water heater is an estimated 14% of your utility bill. When you take a bath you use between 15 to 20 gallons of water, but a 5 minute shower uses around 10 gallons of water. Over 80% of the energy used to wash clothes is in heating the water alone.
2. When landscaping, carefully positioning trees to provide shade can save up to 25% on the energy for heat ing and cooling. The DOE predicts that just three trees properly placed around a house can save an average household \$100 to \$250 in heating and cooling costs annually.
3. If you replace 25% of your lights in high-use areas with fluorescent, you can save about 50% of you light ing energy bill. Compact fluorescent bulbs last far longer than ordinary bulbs. One fluorescent bulb last about 7 years. In that time, an ordinary light bulb would have to be replaced more than 10 times. Compact fluorescent lights produce low heat, so it takes less energy to cool your home and in turn will reduce your cooling costs.

Tips for energy conservation

1. Take more showers then baths
2. Use less hot water to wash clothes
3. Set the thermostat as high as possible for comfort in hot weather (about 78 degrees)
4. Close shades and curtains
5. Use compact fluorescent bulbs
6. Use or purchase electrical appliances with the Energy Star Logo.

For more information on Energy Star log on to www.energystar.gov

A Product KEC Offers

Kiwash ELEC is offering our members Compact Fluorescent Lights at a special price. Besides being low cost and saving electricity these DuraBright Energy Saving Bulbs last 6 to 10 times longer than ordinary incandescent bulbs. Each light can save you up to \$46 in energy cost per lamp a year. These bulbs produce low heat, which means it's take less energy to cool your home. Each light lasts 13 times longer than regular incandescent bulbs. We are offering these lights to our members for \$4.95 each. These bulbs come with a 9 year manufactures warranty. To get this type of light at the same price you will have to drive several miles to a large city. So why not save gas and purchase the energy conserving, money saving light from your local cooperative.

Once again we at Kiwash Electric Cooperative want you to know that we care about you, our neighbor. We strive to bring you the best quality of service and provide the knowledge of energy so that you will gain the comfort you deserve.

Scenes from the 67th Annual Meeting



Kiwash Electric Cooperative holds 67th Annual Meeting

The 67th Annual Meeting of the members of the Kiwash Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Cordell High School Auditorium, Cordell, Oklahoma on May 22, 2006, with Mr. Ralph Cunningham, President of the Cooperative presiding as chairman.

A special health fair was held during registration, which was sponsored by Cordell Memorial Hospital and Dr. Dave Macarty Family Eye Center. Blood pressure checks were available to everyone.

At 6:30 p.m., Brandi Beth Morris. Brandi's powerful voice was enjoyed by all ages.

General Manager, Dennis Krueger introduced VIP guests and recognized Kiwash Electric Cooperative employees.

Next, a video entitled "The Power of Partnering" was shown. The video showcased several of the different partnerships that KEC has formed. These partnerships have resulted in economic development for communities as well as expanding businesses and attracting new businesses.

Next, Miss Oklahoma 2005, Jennifer Warren spoke. She talked about her life changing experience as Miss Oklahoma as well as what it means to set goals and to live your dreams.

Mr. Ralph Cunningham introduced all the Board of Directors and their spouses as well as the company attorney, Mr. Mark Wesner. During this introduction he told where each of the nine directors serves and the year they began serving on the board.

Next, Mr. Cunningham declared a quorum of members was registered and present, and that the meeting was officially open for the following transactions of business.

Mr. Cunningham requested a motion to approve the 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes, Notice of Meeting and Affidavit of Mailing and advised that both of these documents were included in the monthly publication, the Kilowatt, and sent to each member of Kiwash Electric. The motion of acceptance of these documents was approved unanimously.

Mr. Cunningham then stated the results of the District Meeting Elections for the Board of Directors in District numbers 3, 8 and 9.

Mr. Krueger then took a few minutes to recognize the retired employees of Kiwash and thanked them for the work they had done to build a quality business.

Next, a video was shown highlighting the Cooperative Connections Card Program and the benefits that are available to the members through this program. Lisa Willard, Director of Marketing introduced each of the 2006 Youth Tour winners, Rebeca Roberson and Desirae Sarver.

The highlight of the evening was the prize drawings.

The following were the winners of the cash and prize drawings.

William Barrick, Arapaho	\$100	Karen Payne Miller, Thomas	\$25
Milburn Walker, Clinton	\$100	Putnam Senior Citizen, Putnam	\$25
W.R. Lehman, Weatherford	\$100	Lanny Whitacre, Putnam	\$25
Ed Sweeney, Thomas	\$100	Leon Dobson, Putnam	\$25
Leland Robertson, Putnam	\$100	Eldred Schneberger, Foss	\$25
C.L. Hostetter, Jr., Burns Flat	\$100	Larry Weaver, Little Field, TX	\$25
Jesse W. Parker, Dill City	\$100	Mrs. Archie Baird, Cordell	\$25
Allen Diffendaffer, Rocky	\$100	Elton Chirstian, Cordell	\$25
Mrs. Gib Stockton, Hobart	\$100	Grant Griffith, Rocky	\$25
Don Cannon, Cordell	\$50	James Fletcher, Cordell	\$25
Glenn Dickey, Weatherford	\$50	Walter Swart, Cordell	\$25
Charles McCarthy, Weatherford	\$50	Robert Fischer, Lone Wolf	\$25
James Miller, Custer City	\$50	Colony Country Jamboree, Clinton	
Carl Shepherd, Arapaho	\$50		
Pat Schneberger, Foss	\$50	Two lawn chairs provided by Western Farmers Electric Cooperative	
Christine Mandrell, Dill City	\$50	Gary Duvall, Foss	\$300 Credit on Electric Bill
Bennie Waters, Rocky	\$50		
Don Godfrey, Lone Wolf	\$50	Kids	
Jerry Schmidt, Arapaho	\$25	Ages 5 -8	
Claude Snider, Clinton	\$25	Brooke Fletcher, Cordell	Ipod
Chapel Hill Church, Clinton	\$25	Ages 9-12	
Gossen Farms, Inc., Corn	\$25	Denton Williams, Cordell	Ipod
Dannie Kliewer, Weatherford	\$25	Ages 13-17	
M.R. Vogt, Corn	\$25	Thomas Whittacre, Putnam	Ipod

At the conclusion of the drawing, the meeting adjourned.

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If you want the “perfect” stop for folks of all ages, Perfect Swing Family Fun Center in Norman offers 2 for 1 miniature golf. And two free adult passes are available when you book a birthday party. Their 15,000 square foot game room has a large selection of video games, air hockey, pinball, pool and skill games that reward tickets. Then you can redeem those tickets for prizes. In addition to miniature golf and the game room, there are bumper boats and go karts and my favorite – pizza! The only problem is getting the grandkids to leave.

So take your Cooperative Connection card in hand, click on www.connections.coop and start mapping your next vacation. For savings on some of the finest restaurants, comfortable lodging and top-notch recreational activities, check out Oklahoma. Is this a great state or what!!

The Co-op Connections Membership Card is brought to you by Kiwash Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative. Check out the following businesses in your area for additional discounts available.

Local Businesses Participating In Co-op Connections

The Bank Lofts * Cordell	10% off a one or two night stay or 15% off a Three nights or more stay
Butcher’s Clothing Co. * Weatherford	15% off regular priced items
B&K Bait House * Foss	10% off all fishing and tackle
Clinton Daily News *Clinton	Existing subscribers – Save \$10 off A one year subscription. New subscribers – Get a one time 50% Discount off regular price subscription Up to 6 months.
The Country Store * Weatherford	10% discount on regular priced merchandise
Dean’s Greenhouses * Cordell, Elk City, and Weatherford	10% off all plant purchases
Fletcher’s Auto * Cordell	10% off in shop labor
Jack’s Flowers and Gifts * Cordell	10% off silk, floral arrangements, Wall pictures and lamps
Kathy’s Kottage * Thomas	10% off purchase of regular priced items
Lindley Farm Equipment, Inc. * Cordell	10% discount on oil and engine Oil and fuel filters
Mozelle’s Gift Gallery	20% off any \$20 or more purchase Excluding sale items.
Oklahoma Route 66 Museums * Clinton	2 for 1 admission
Panther Hills Winery and Vineyard * Bessie	\$2 off purchase of 3-6 bottles or \$4 off purchase of 7 -11 bottles, or \$10 off a case purchases
Petals and Blooms * Cordell	10% off all in stock landscape rock.
The Small Gift Shop * Clinton	10% discount
Standifer House * Elk City	15% off stay & dinneror SPA goody basket in room
Starvin Marvin * Cordell and Hinton	\$3 off any order of \$15 or more Or \$5 off any order of \$2or more
Tautfest * Weatherford	20% off regular priced furniture accessories
Total Expressions * Cordell	\$5 off membership

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What’s Happening In Your Community

July 11 - Start your own business – free training seminar in Clinton 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

July 15 – Quartz Mountain Nostalgic Railroad Excursion – Train departs from Quartz Mountain at 10:00 a.m. Must be ready to load at 9:30 a.m. For reservations, please call 580.846.9078

July 21 – 22 – Hot Dog Daze Parade, Rodeo, and Wiener Nationals

To report the events in your community, or for more information, call Kiwash Electric Cooperative.

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