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Away Back When.....

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Cathy and Terry and daughter Stephanie enjoy their comfortable rural home. Stephanie is just nine months old. Terry has lived here all of his life. His parents, former Kiwash members, Mr. and Mrs. Glen "Buss" Baker moved to Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Randal, southeast of Custer are Cathy's parents and are Kiwash members. The young couple are members of the Baptist Church at Butler. In high school, Cathy was majorette for Custer School Band and was selected as band queen. Her hobby is to play the piano. She was very active in speech and drama and received honors in both district and regional competition.

The TV-Stereo combination provide much entertainment, the young mother remarked and added, "The food freezer is a supermarket on the farm."

"I was thinking just this morning that when we got electric service, it was considered a luxury, but now it is very much a necessity," the congenial Terry commented.

Terry is a graduate of Butler High School and was so very active in the local FFA Chapter. In 1965, he received the State Farmer Degree and in 1968, he was awarded the American Farmers Degree, the highest degree awarded to FFA members. He presently operates a farm of 600 acres that produced wheat, cotton, alfalfa, grain sorghums and Bermuda grass. Eight pigs and 160 head of cattle are prepared for market.

"We have good Kiwash service-men," the young couple stated. "We remember one night when it was not fit for man or beast to be out and these men restored service promptly."

It is very gratifying that this young couple has chosen farming as their vocation. Certainly they have a well planned farm operation and do look forward to it with enthusiasm. This enthusiasm for operating the farm and life in the country create a perfect environment for success and happiness.



Manager's Monologue
By Dennis Krueger

What We Learned From "Rose"



I really don't know what Manager's did before the Internet and Email. This article has absolutely nothing to do with the electric cooperative; but, it does contain a lesson for life. As sappy or as silly as it may sound, we do learn by example and good stories need to be shared.

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake.

We became instant friends. Every day, for the next three months, we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up. At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet.

I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

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Electric Cooperatives have always been focused on their member-owners and the communities they serve. This concept is the cornerstone of a new card-based program KEC is bringing its members.

Co-op Connections cards provide discounts to cooperative members on products and services at local and national businesses. There's no signup. No annual fees. You get your Co-op Connections card simply because you're a member of Kiwash Electric Cooperative.

KEC members should have received their cards in the mail in the month of August. "All our members have to do is present the card at participating businesses to begin realizing their savings," stated Marketing Director, Lisa Willard. "We believe this program is just another form of Kiwash's commitment to the communities we serve," Willard says.

Participating businesses determine their discounts and the offers can change through the year. For instance, Each Stan Clark business – Eskimo Joe's, Joe's Clothes, Mexico Joe's, and Joseppi's – has separate monthly offers. This month you can buy one adult long sleeve hanes tee and get the second 1/2 price at Eskimo Joes.

Co-op members can visit KEC's website at www.kiwash.coop to learn what discounts are available. Through KEC's website, you are able to search discounts on a local, state wide and national level. You can also look for the Co-op Connections participant stickers in the storefront window or near store cash registers and continue to read the Kilowatt for updated information.

Touchstone Energy®, an alliance of more than 600 electric cooperatives nationwide, including KEC, is making this program available and it is being adopted by cooperatives across the nation in an effort to promote local companies.

There's no out-of-pocket expense for the companies. KEC does the advertising for them, so the only costs they have are the ones associated with the savings they offer. Kiwash feels it is a win-win situation for the businesses, our members and the communities.

If you have any questions about the Co-op Connections Card program or how your business can participate, call Lisa Willard at (580) 832-3361 or toll free at 1-888-832-3362.



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September 8-10, 15-16 – Beau Jest, Southwest Playhouse Fine Arts Center

September 24 – Fall Festival's Kiowa County Heritage Indian Pow Wow – Downtown Hobart.

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