



Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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SAC OSAGE MOURNS THE PASSING OF DIRECTOR



John Jimmy Murray was born on November 08, 1935, in Iconium, Missouri, to Roy and Eleanor (Garrison) Murray and passed away October 12, 2022 at home. Jim attended grade school at Iconium and high school at Osceola, graduating in May 1953. He was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church in Iconium.

Jim married Audrey Baumgarden on September 1, 1961, in Kansas City, Missouri and to this union two children were born: Sharon and Jon. Jim spent two years in the Army, stationed at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico for most of that time. He worked for Avon Products in Kansas City, Missouri for 30 years, retiring in 1986 when the company closed its Kansas City branch. He drove from Iconium to Kansas City to work the last 12 years and did not miss a day of work during that time.

After retiring from Avon, he ran a cow/calf operation on his farm at Iconium. Jim greatly enjoyed spending time on the farm and with his family.

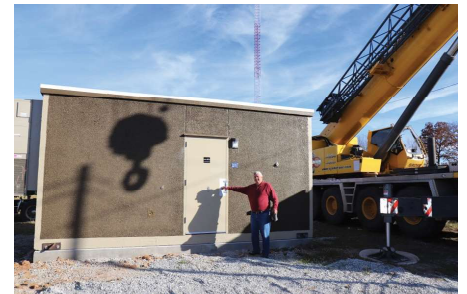
Jim was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative in El Dorado Springs, Missouri in March 2005 and continued to serve until present. During his time he served as President and Vice-President. He also served on the KAMO Board of Directors in Vinita, Oklahoma from 2006 to present. Jim served on the Iconium Cemetery Board for many years as well.

Jim thoroughly enjoyed serving on these boards and dedicated many hours and days freely. He was a hard worker at the job and on the farm and was always ready to lend a hand to neighbors and friends.

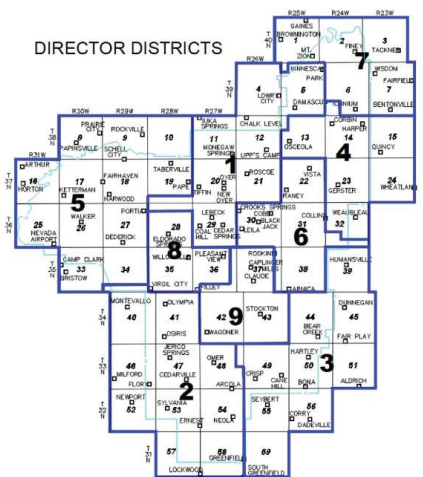
Jim is survived by his wife, Audrey of 61 years, daughter, Sharon (Kevin), son Jon (Renee), three grandsons, Mat (KaLee), Jacob (Haley), Blake (Brooke), great grandchildren, Ben, Ada and Rhett Wisner, one sister, Barbara (Joe), one brother-in-law, Jerry Shelby. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews and many friends.



Jim Murray at the center receiving grant funds from St. Clair County Commissioners



Jim was an advocate to help start the Fiber To The Home Project. This three year project has completed over 700 miles of fiber installation and has over 900 members now online in just over the first year span.



Jim was Director representing District 7. The Board of Directors will appoint his successor to fulfil the remainder of his term.



Sac Osage Attend Chamber Meetings

On October 13th, 2022, General Manager Aaron Ash and Member Services/Marketing Representative Chance Cyr attended the El Dorado Springs Chamber of Commerce meeting.

With nearly 40 chamber members attending, Aaron and Chance were able to discuss the progress of the Fiber To The Home Project, along with giving a quick live electric line safety demonstration.

Aaron and Chance then attended the Stockton Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 19th, 2022 and presented a similar presentation to 35 Chamber Members.



Aaron and Chance showing the Stockton Chamber Members the progress map for Conexon Connect.



Blast From The Past: 2020 Office Staff Christmas Photo.

Holiday Hours

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative offices will be CLOSED December 23rd through December 27th.

Offices will close at 12pm on December 30th and will be CLOSED through January 2nd.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Christmas Light Safety

Your safety precautions should start before you begin holiday decorating. Inspect all the lights you plan on using. Make sure the wires are in good condition—not cracked, brittle, or frayed. The sockets should not be damaged, and no light bulbs should be missing.

Never tack or nail through a strand of lights. Do not place cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Never string more than three strands of lights together unless the packaging says it is safe to do so. The lights could overload and start a fire.

Turn the lights off before going to sleep or leaving the house. A timer can help you do this.

To learn more safety tips for this holiday season, visit safeelectricity.org

Calendar Contest Winners

Each year Sac Osage Electric gives free calendars to members from our cooperative headquarters. Every year, members have the opportunity to submit their own pictures to be a part of the calendar. This year's winners took advantage of this contest and will receive a \$25 credit on their electric bill.

Kelly McPeak
Susan Abbott
Janna Dody
Terry Fast
Joyce Cain
Rachel Daulton
Kristen Zitting
Brian Fugate
David Brunson
Lorri Terry
Jerry Brackenridge
Julie Halvorson
Barbara Wallen
David Brunson

Photo must be taken by the member of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative submitting the entry.

Photo must be taken within the cooperative territory.

Photos should be in a landscape (wider than it is long) to fit the calendar.

By submitting the photo through the website, the member is giving permission to Sac Osage to use the photo in the calendar and other promotional material.

Members can submit multiple entries, but a new form must be filled out with each one. Sac Osage encourages members to take photos in all seasons as this will increase the chances of being included in the calendar.

Free calendars will be available in December at our cooperative headquarters for the 2023 year.



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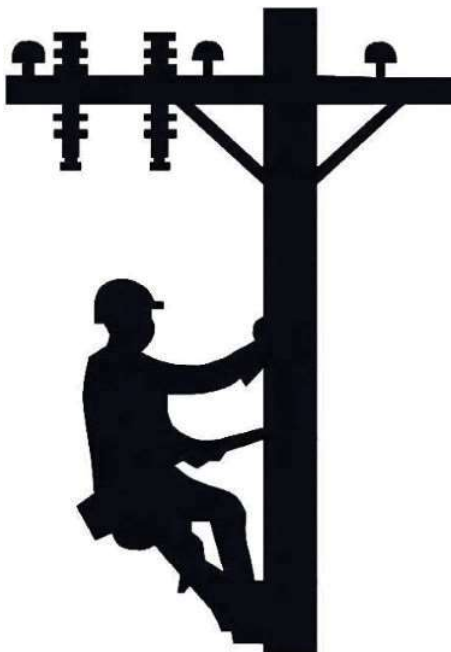
From Work Life to Retired Life

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative has been known as a second home at times to many employees. Throughout the years, employees have spent several days or even weeks at a time working through damages caused by storms, often being called out from home in the middle of the night.

All of these hours of hard work and dedication to the community have paid off for six employees this year. Noland Davis, Dan Hackleman, Jim Davis, Ralph Bland, Kristi Toliver, and Dennis Markham have announced their retirement.

When asked what they look forward to the most during retirement, they replied with answers such as the availability to travel to visit their families when they wish, upkeep and maintenance of their farms, or just the ability to sleep in a day or two.

As these employee's transition into retirement, they said they will miss the family environment and memories that have been made over the years employed at Sac Osage.



Noland Davis - 45 years of service. He started his career as a Groundman and retired as Line Superintendent.



Jim Davis - 43 years of service. He started his career as an Engineer and retired as General Manager



Dan Hackleman - 24 years of service. He made his career as a Staking Engineer.



Kristi Toliver - 31 years of service. She started her career as an Assistant Bill Clerk and retired as Senior Consumer Service Specialist.



Dennis Markham - 23 years of service. He made his career as Purchasing and Material Handler.



Ralph Bland - 15 years of service. He made his career as Financial Manager.

Don't Stay *Frozen* This Winter!

With fiber internet from Connect, powered by Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, your screen won't freeze up this holiday season.

Connect fiber internet will allow you to:

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