



# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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## News

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## SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC WAS “OUT AND ABOUT” IN THE YEAR 2023

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many outings or appearances for Sac Osage Electric had come to a halt. But this year, the saying “out and about” had become a regular phrase around the co-op.

In January, we were able to present the Youth Tour and CYCLE Program to the Junior classes of the El Dorado Springs R-2 School and the El Dorado Springs Christian School.

We also participated in the High School Career Day event, along with being able to present our Safety Presentation to all of the 5th grade students at the El Dorado Springs R-2 School.

In March, we hosted a 1st Responder’s Safety Presentation to local emergency services with approximately 70 personnel in attendance.

Stockton High School hosted their Career Day as we were in attendance for that as well!



In April, 3M in Nevada Missouri hosted an Energy Day at their facility. We were one of many booths available to discuss energy efficiency practices and provide information in reference to rebate programs available here at Sac Osage Electric.

In May, we were greeted by approximately 14 home-schooled students at the co-op and were able to present our Safety Presentation.

In June, we spoke at the Osceola Chamber of Commerce meeting about our Fiber to the Home Project, which was in the start of the construction phase for the rural area of Osceola.

In July, we expected a hot and humid El Dorado Springs Picnic, but enjoyed the unusual beautiful weather while we sat at our booth.

In August, we attended the Missouri State Fair and helped at various



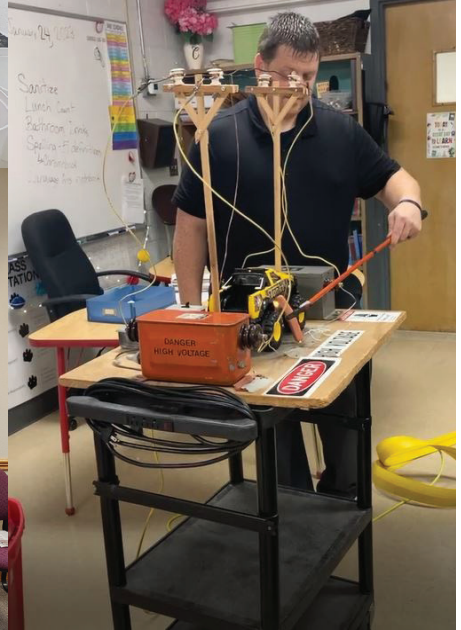
stations provided by AMEC. It was hot August day but we were blessed to be indoors with air conditioning for this event.

In September, Stockton Missouri held their Annual Black Walnut Festival. Members of Sac Osage Electric from different locations of our service area came to visit our booth. The hot topic was the Fiber to the Home Project.

Our office ladies also volunteered to work the concession stand at El Dorado Springs High School Homecoming Football Game. They also provided a delicious meal to the Booster Club the following week.

As we conclude the 2023 year, we hope that many more opportunities will come in 2024.







## KEEP HOLIDAYS BRIGHT AND SAFE



The bright, festive holiday season can also be a time of potential hazards, injuries and even death. No not from a fracas at the mall over the last holiday necktie, but from electrical holiday decorations. Those beautiful Christmas trees, holiday lights, and festive ornaments take a significant toll annually by contributing to fires, electrical burns and death.

On average, 5,000 people visit the emergency room each holiday season, says the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). More seriously, the holiday season will record an average of 400 fatalities and 130,000 fires that are attributed to electrical decorations. In 2009, the CPSC says there were 200 Christmas tree fires in US homes caused primarily by faulty electrical light strands, with 10 resulting fatalities.

Why do so many electrical fires occur at Christmas? Consumer research indicates that 76% of homeowners decorate their homes, and 70% will use electrical decorations. More than 20% of those homes will leave decorations on throughout the night or when no one is home. Since Christmas trees usually cannot be blamed for spontaneous combustion, the National Christmas Tree Association says overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are the most common cause of fires.

Holiday decorative lights are involved in more than 200 home structure fires per year, causing more than \$7.5 million in direct property damage according to the National Fire Protection Association.

To avoid being part of the statistics, create a safety checklist when preparing your home for the holidays:

Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked sockets, frayed, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.

When hanging decorations, do not connect more than three light strings together.

Never attach electrical decorations with nails or staples. Use plastic hooks.

Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to prevent electric shock.

Before using any electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved for outdoor use.

Look for ENERGY STAR qualified LED products instead of traditional incandescent light strands.

Always look for the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or other testing agency label when shopping for new electronic devices.

Find more information at [safeelectricity.org](http://safeelectricity.org)



**HOLIDAY HOURS**  
DEC. 25TH - JAN. 1ST

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	7:00 - 5:00
WEDNESDAY	7:00 - 5:00
THURSDAY	7:00 - 5:00
FRIDAY	7:00 - 5:00
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	CLOSED



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