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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

Missouri Youth Tour and CYCLE Applications Due

WHAT IS YOUTH TOUR?

It is an all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capital where participants go with more than 100 students from the Show-Me state and over 2000 students nationwide to tour museums, visit America's most cherished monuments and even meet their elected officials. All while learning about electric cooperatives and their role in the community, but more than anything these students have the time of their lives and create friendships that last a lifetime!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

High school juniors within Sac Osage Electric service territory.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It is totally FREE!

WHAT WILL YOU SEE?

The Washington Monument, The US Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Wall, a Boat cruise on the Potomac River & MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!!

DATES:

June 14-20, 2026

Applications: Applications can be found on our website at <https://www.sacosage.com/youth-tour>. Applications can be emailed to Chance Cyr (ccyr@sacosage.com). Applications are due March 13, 2026.

Randy Fletcher Retires from SOEC After 35 Years



After starting a career with Sac Osage Electric Cooperative in 1990, Randy Fletcher has announced his retirement. Randy retires as the service lineman for the El Dorado Springs area after 35 years of service.

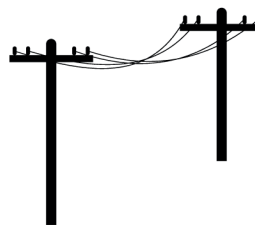
Congratulations on a successful career and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

During the employee Christmas luncheon, the following employees were recognized for years of service with Sac Osage Electric Cooperative:

Randy Fletcher - 35 years
Randon Marshall - 25 years
Janna Dody - 20 years
Aaron Ash - 20 years
Dustin Bray - 5 years

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Don't Let Energy Slip Through the Ceiling: A Quick Guide to Insulation

Upgrading your attic insulation is one of the easiest and most effective ways to lower your energy bills, make your home more comfortable and boost energy efficiency year-round. Older homes can save as much as 15% on energy costs by improving attic insulation.

Step 1: Seal air leaks - Before adding insulation, take care of air leaks. Common trouble spots include:

- Recessed lighting
- Chimneys
- Attic hatches or pull-down stairs
- Pipes, ductwork and wiring

Seal these gaps with caulk, expanding foam or weather stripping. This helps keep warm air in during winter and hot air out during the summer.

Step 2: Understand R-values - R-value measures how well insulation resists heat flow based on its type, thickness and density — the higher the number, the better. How much you need depends on your climate:

- Mild climates: R-30 to R-38 (10-14 inches)
- Cold climates: R-49 or higher (16-18 inches)

Quick check: If you can see the ceiling joists, you probably need more insulation.

You don't need to remove existing insulation unless it's wet, moldy or contaminated. Otherwise, it's safe to leave in place and add new insulation on top.

Step 3: Pick the right type - There are two main types of attic insulation:

- Batt or roll insulation:
 - Easier to install for DIYers.
 - Must be cut precisely to avoid gaps, especially around obstructions like pipes and vents.
- Blown-in or loose fill insulation:
 - Installed with a machine that "blows" insulation into place.
 - Fills gaps more evenly; great for hard-to-reach areas.
 - Blown-in cellulose is the top pick for attics due to its high R-value, good coverage and air-sealing benefits.

Step 4: Plan for storage - It's tempting to use the attic for storage, especially for those holiday decorations, but if you're looking to maximize efficiency, store them elsewhere.

If you store items in your attic, don't flatten the insulation. Build a raised platform high enough to keep insulation at the recommended depth.

Step 5: Check old wiring - If your home is older, inspect attic wiring before insulating. Cracked or brittle wire insulation can be a fire hazard — have a professional electrician replace it if needed.

Step 6: Insulate the attic hatch - Whether you have an attic hatch or a dropdown ladder, this opening can leak lots of air if it's not sealed properly.

You'll feel the difference - A well-insulated attic means lower energy bills and a more comfortable home, whether it's blazing hot or freezing cold outside. Start by sealing leaks, checking your R-value needs and picking the right insulation for your space — your future self (and wallet) will thank you!

**FIND MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT TIPS @
SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG**

FIRST RESPONDER SAFETY TRAINING

Topics Include Electrical Line Safety,
Dispatch Recommendations and Much More!

March 21st, 2026

9am to Noon

Free of charge

**Police, Fire, EMS, Certified 1st
Responders and Dispatchers
are welcome**

RSVP By March 13th, 2026

**Class held at Sac Osage Electric
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