



# Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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## News



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### IT'S ELDO PICNIC TIME!



Join us for the 143rd Annual El Dorado Springs Picnic, happening on July 17th, 18th, and 19th. This year, Sac Osage Electric Cooperative will have a booth ready to welcome you once again. Members can sign up in person for Operation Round-Up or Paperless Billing. Additionally, you'll find valuable information about energy efficiency and rebate programs offered by Sac Osage Electric Cooperative.

Don't miss the chance to stop by and register for Operation Round-Up or Paperless Billing. By doing so, you'll be entered into raffles, with winners drawn on Saturday evening.

**SAC OSAGE ELECTRIC  
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
INDEPENDANCE DAY**



### GIFT CARD WINNER

As some of you may recall, we recently ran a promotion encouraging our members to switch to paperless billing. Any member who signed up for paperless billing by April 1st would be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.

Congratulations to Marty and Christy Bosserman for being the lucky winners of our paperless billing promotion.

A special thank you to our members of Sac Osage Electric who made the switch to paperless billing during this time.

### HOMESCHOOL GROUP VISITS CO-OP

On April 17, 2025, we had the opportunity to provide information about electricity and give a safety presentation to the Nevada and El Dorado Springs Missouri Homeschool Hangout Group. Following the presentation, the students were given a tour of the Sac Osage Electric Headquarters.



### REBATE PROGRAM REMINDER

We want to inform our members of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative of the upcoming changes to our Take Control and Save Program. This will affect the following rebates of **July 1st, 2025:**

#### **ASHP/Mini-Split Systems (ducted)**

- Duel fuel requirement
- Energy Star Cold Climate Rating of 8.1 HSPF2 or greater
- Require AHRI and Invoice with submission to Incentit
- \$300/ton for replacement systems with existing fossil fuel back up
- \$500/ton for new or replacement system with new fossil fuel backup

#### **Mini-Split (ductless)**

- Energy Star Certified
- Limit of (2) condensing units/ meter
- Cannot be equipped with electric auxiliary heat
- Require AHRI and Invoice with submission to Incentit
- \$150/condensing unit

#### **Ground Source Heat Pumps**

- Require AHRI, Invoice, and a Manual J Load Calculation submission to Incentit

#### **Discontinued Rebates**

- Window A/C
- Electric Water Heater

Rebates are paid as an electric bill credit. See [sacosage.com/rebate-programs](http://sacosage.com/rebate-programs) for full details.



## UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. is seeking to locate members who are either owners or joint owners of unclaimed capital credit refunds. These individuals were previously sent checks by the Cooperative for past years; however, the checks were returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service.

To see if your name is on the list of members with unclaimed capital credit refunds, or if you are the legal representative of a deceased member listed, please visit our website at <https://sacosage.com/unclaimedcapcred>. There, you will find the names and amounts associated with these unclaimed refunds.

If you identify your name on the list, the Cooperative requests that you notify us to ensure these refunds reach their rightful owner. To submit a claim, you can:

- Visit our website to complete the form online or download a printable version of the Unclaimed Capital Credit Refund Information Form.
- Obtain the form from our headquarters in El Dorado Springs.
- Contact our office directly at 417-876-2721, where our office personnel will be ready to assist you with the process.

Please note that if these unclaimed capital credit refunds are not claimed by the September deadline, they will be reallocated to the accounts of current members according to the Cooperative's bylaws. We encourage you to act promptly to secure any funds you may be entitled to.

<https://sacosage.com/unclaimedcapcred>

Adding a barn or building?  
Be aware of power lines!



## EASEMENT INFORMATION

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative maintains a 30-foot general easement along our electric lines, with 15 feet on each side. Sac Osage Electric Cooperative would like to remind members of the following

- Do not plant trees directly under electric lines. Trees should be planted at least 25 feet away from the electric line. This distance accounts for trees that typically reach a mature height of 25 feet and a horizontal spread of 20 feet, such as Dogwood or Crabapple trees.
- Do not place objects such as hunting blinds under the electric lines. Also do not attach objects like tree stands or advertisement signs to our electric poles. Any attached objects will be removed.
- Hunters must not shoot animals from or near the electric lines or our new fiber lines, as this can interrupt service and is punishable by law.
- As the farming season begins, we ask farmers to be cautious of their equipment's size, including height and width, especially when moving between fields or operating near electric lines.

If any objects, such as buildings or trees, are placed within our easement, they must be moved at the owner's expense.

## CALENDAR CONTEST

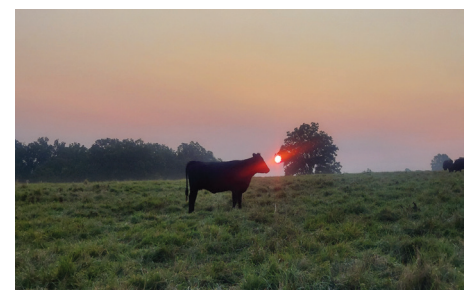
Each year, Sac Osage Electric Cooperative offers free calendars to its members. These calendars can be collected in person at our headquarters in El Dorado Springs while supplies last.

Members have the exciting opportunity to submit their own photographs taken within the Sac Osage Electric Cooperative territory. If a member's photograph is chosen for the calendar, they will receive a \$25 credit on their electric bill.

To submit photographs, members should complete a form available on our website, <http://sacosage.com>. By submitting a photograph through our website, members grant permission to Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, Inc. to use the image in the calendar and other promotional materials.

Members can submit multiple entries, but each entry requires a new form. We encourage members to capture images in all seasons to enhance their chances of being featured in the calendar.

- Photographer: Must be a member of Sac Osage Electric Cooperative.
- Location: Photograph must be taken within the Cooperative's territory.
- Orientation: Photographs **must be in LANDSCAPE orientation** (wider than longer) to fit the calendar format.





## KEEP YOUR COOL WHILE THE POWER'S OUT

Severe summer storms can cause outages that last days. When a power outage occurs during hot weather, take steps to maintain safety and comfort until power is restored.

High winds that topple utility poles and power lines cause many summer outages. It's important to stay clear of downed power lines at all times, even during cleanup efforts. Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an electrical hazard.

Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are electrical and treat all downed or hanging lines as if they are energized and dangerous.

If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay in your vehicle, warn others to stay away and contact emergency personnel or your electric utility. Also when driving, be careful at intersections where traffic lights may be out.

If power to your home is out for a prolonged period, know and understand important safety precautions and steps to cope with heat until power is restored:

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- Drink plenty of water and avoid heavy meals, caffeinated drinks and alcohol.
- Keep refrigerator or freezer doors closed. A freezer that is half full or full can keep foods frozen 24 to 48 hours. Foods can stay safe in an unopened refrigerator up to four hours. If an outage lasts longer than four hours, remove and pack meat, milk and other dairy products in a cooler with ice.
- Use safe alternative food preparations. A barbecue grill is an excellent way to prepare food. Always grill outside.
- Check on friends and relatives — especially children, seniors, and those with medical conditions or disabilities. These people may need to seek emergency cooling shelters.
- Keep a first-aid kit in your home and one in your car. Make sure that it includes scissors, tweezers, safety pins, aspirin, sure that it includes scissors,

tweezers, safety pins, aspirin, eyewash and rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide.

- Close all drapes and blinds on the sunny side of your residence.
- Take your family and pets to a basement or the coolest level of your home. Also consider going to an air-conditioned public place during warmer daytime hours.

During an outage, Safe Electricity recommends turning off electrical appliances and unplugging major equipment, including air conditioning units, computers and televisions. Power sometimes comes back in surges, which can damage electronics. Your circuits could overload when power returns if all your electronics are still on and plugged in.

Leave one light on to indicate that power has been restored. Wait a few minutes then turn on other appliances and equipment one at a time.

If you use a standby generator, make sure a transfer safety switch is used or connect the appliance(s) directly to the generator output through an isolated circuit before you operate it. This prevents electricity from traveling back through the power lines, what's known as "back feed." Back feed creates danger for anyone near lines, particularly crews working to restore power.

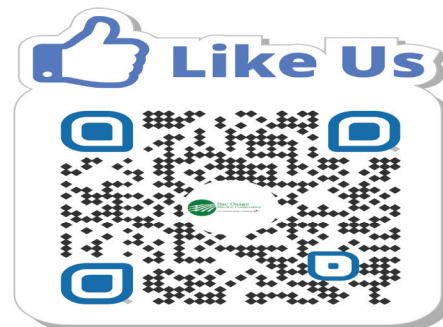
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### Happy Anniversary to our July Employee!



Kim Jones - 17 years





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