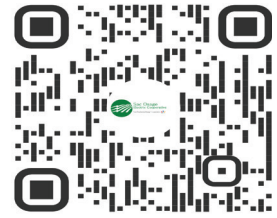




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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

Delegates Selected for D.C. and Jefferson City

Youth Tour is an all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capitol where participants go with more than 100 students from the Show-Me state and over 2000 students nationwide to tour museums, visit Americas 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.

While attending Youth Tour, students will see the Washington Monument, US Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Vietnam Memorial, take a boat cruise on the Potomac River & much, much more!

CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience) is a three-day leadership conference held annually in Jefferson City. It brings in some of the best and brightest young leaders from across Missouri. The focus is to show students more about electric cooperatives, teach leadership skills and experience Missouri state government. Students create memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

During the CYCLE program, students will hear from nationally known speakers, tours of great museums, and a day at the state capitol.

To complete the Youth Tour and CYCLE program competition for Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, interviews were conducted in March to select this year's delegates who will represent the cooperative in Washington, D.C., and Jefferson City.

Thirteen students from Appleton City,

Stockton, and El Dorado Springs high schools submitted applications. From these, five finalists were chosen: Laryn Sprinkle of Appleton City; Jozie Warner of Stockton; and Alec Farran, Darlinda Davis, and Syler Keirsey of El Dorado Springs.

The interview panel included representatives from neighboring cooperatives—Osage Valley, Southwest Electric—and a retired employee from Ozark Electric. Members of the Board of Directors and the General Manager were in attendance as well. All judges were highly impressed by the professionalism each finalist displayed.

Alec Farran was selected as the Youth Tour delegate and will travel to Washington, D.C. while Darlinda Davis was chosen as the CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience) delegate and will attend the conference in Jefferson City.

Being a co-op kid takes a little extra effort—especially when it comes to participating in the Youth Tour and CYCLE competition. This competition challenges students to write and submit

an essay to the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC), where entries are judged.

This year, Brock Hull, son of Sac Osage employee Christie Hull, was chosen by AMEC to represent Sac Osage Electric in Jefferson City. Brock placed 4th out of 24 contestants.

Congratulations to all who advanced this far in the competition! We are excited to have these delegates represent both the State of Missouri and Sac Osage Electric Cooperative.

For more information about the Youth Tour and CYCLE program, visit moyouthtour.com



Missouri Youth Tour & CYCLE
 AMEC CYCLE Delegate, Brock Hull



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Alec Farran, Youth Tour Delegate



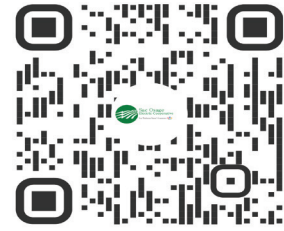
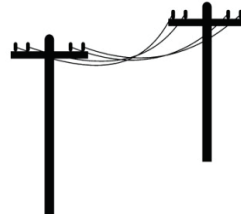
Darlinda Davis, CYCLE Delegate



Alec Farran, Darlinda Davis, Jozie Warner, Laryn Sprinkle, and Syler Keirsey

108 delegates
10 chaperones
2 photographers
16 monuments
7 museums
90,000 steps
7 days

The Trip of a Lifetime



SOEC Attends STEAM Night at El Dorado Springs R-2 School

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative was able to participate in the 2026 STEAM night for the El Dorado Springs R-2 middle school students. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.



We were able to provide our safety presentation, which displays the transfer of electricity by finding a path to ground.



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



Easement Reminder

Sac Osage Electric Cooperative has a general easement along our electric lines of a total of 30 feet (15 feet on each side of the line).

Members are not to plant any trees underneath electric lines. Trees should be planted at least 25 feet away from the electric line as most trees have a 25-foot mature height and 20-foot horizontal spread, such as a Dogwood or Crabapple Tree.

Members are not to place objects under the electric lines such as hunting blinds. Members are also not allowed to attach any objects, such as tree stands or signs for advertisements, to our electric poles. Objects that have been attached to our poles will be removed.

If an object, such as a building or a tree, has been placed within our easement, the object will need to be moved at the owner's expense.

Hunters are not to shoot animals, such as birds, off of the electric line or our new fiber line. This will interrupt service and is punishable by law.

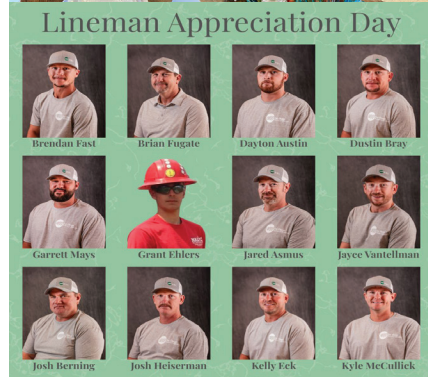
As the farming season begins, we ask farmers to be aware of the size of equipment they have, such as the height and width, when moving from field to field or operating near electric lines

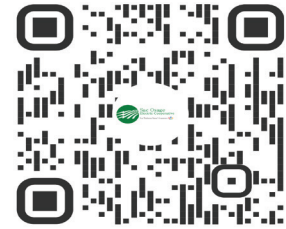
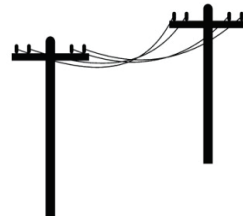
We Appreciate Our Linemen!

We wrapped up Lineman Appreciation Week in April with an ice cream social event! Little did we know, our linemen would be putting in an all-nighter



the very next day, working through storms to restore power for our members. The timing couldn't have been more fitting.





Summer Heat: Smart Ways to Save Energy

- Article from Safe Electricity

Don't sweat the heat

Summer heat can strain both your comfort and your budget. As temperatures soar and energy demand peaks in the late afternoon and evening, it's time to take steps to lower your energy consumption and stay cool without breaking the bank.

Boost your home's energy efficiency

Start with an energy audit. We can't fix what we don't know about. Request a home energy audit from your local utility provider or a home energy auditor to identify where energy is being lost. Then, take action to reduce usage this summer.

Keep cool air in and hot air out with these tips:

- Seal air leaks around pipes, doors, windows, cracks and openings with caulk or weather stripping.
- Schedule an HVAC system inspection with a professional to maintain performance. Check with your utility for rebates on energy-efficient replacements.
- Change your air filter regularly. A clogged air filter makes your HVAC system work harder.
- Switch to LED bulbs for increased efficiency.
- Install a smart or programmable thermostat for automatic temperature control. Check with your local utility for incentives..

Reduce energy costs with smart appliance use:

- Run dryers, washers and

- dishwashers outside of peak hours if possible.
- Wash full loads of laundry in cold water. It's the detergent, not hot water, that cleans the clothes.
- Clean the dryer's lint trap after every laundry load, and air-dry clothes when possible.
- Reduce heat-generating activities at home, like cooking during the hottest parts of the day or using heat-producing appliances.
- Use a microwave oven or countertop appliance instead of a conventional range or oven. Better yet, grill outside!

Take easy actions for big energy savings:

- Change ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise to cool rooms

and turn them off when you leave the room. Ceiling fans don't

- actually cool the air; they create a wind chill effect on your skin by circulating air around you.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your home for naturally cooler air.
- Close blinds and shades on sunny days to block excess heat.
- Increase your thermostat by two degrees or more and set it to higher temperatures when you're away.
- Turn off and disconnect electronics that are not in use.
- Prepare no-heat meals like salads, wraps and dips.

Making small changes to reduce energy use can make a big impact. You'll keep cool, save money on your utility bill and help reduce energy demand.





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