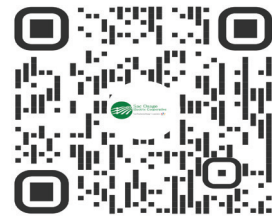




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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

Delegates Attend CYCLE

Earlier this year, Sac Osage Electric Cooperative selected Darlinda Davis to represent the cooperative as a delegate at the Missouri Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience (CYCLE) in Jefferson City.

To make the experience even more meaningful, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC) also selected Brock Hull, the son of Christie Hull, a Sac Osage Electric employee, to attend the CYCLE program as a delegate.

During the conference, these young leaders strengthened their leadership skills, formed lasting friendships, and learned more about what it means to be part of Missouri's electric cooperative family alongside 110 other delegates.

From meaningful conversations and hands-on learning to plenty of laughter along the way, this year's conference created memories these delegates will carry with them long after returning home.



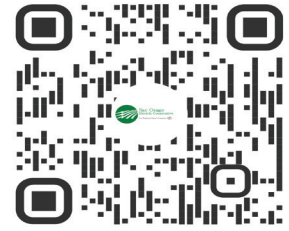
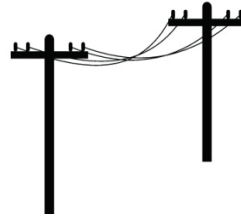
Missouri State Fair Fun

Each year, Missouri Electric Cooperatives attend the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. Cooperatives from across the state send employees to work on designated days to represent their districts.

Fairgoers can stop by to take a photo with Buddy Bear, explore exhibits featuring information from Missouri Electric Cooperatives and Rural Missouri magazine, and enjoy hands-on activities for the whole family. Visitors can race cars against one another by generating electricity with a hand crank, enter a coloring contest, and try on lineman gear.

Office Manager Sharla Wilkerson and Member Services Representative Chance Cyr represented Sac Osage Electric Cooperative on August 19th and 20th.





SOEC Work At Youth Fair



Sac Osage Electric Cooperative Office Employees volunteered their time to help work the concession stand during the Youth Fair in El Dorado Springs.

Employee Kid's Day

On August 20th, SOEC held a Co-Op Kid's Day, which allowed the children and grandchildren of employees to see just what takes place from day to day at Sac Osage Electric.

These kids got to wear linemen gear, see a demonstration of the dangers of a live electric line, close and open a fuse, and even get to experience new heights in the bucket truck.

The kids finished the day with fresh homemade ice cream from the General Manager.



Energy in Today's Class

Earlier this year, Cameron Hargrove, a teacher with the El Dorado Springs R-2 School, was selected by Sac Osage Electric Cooperative to attend the Energy in Today's Classroom program. This is the first teacher delegated by Sac Osage Electric Cooperative to ever attend this program.

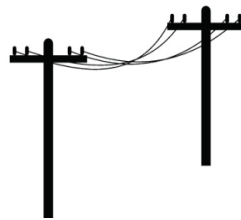
Cameron, along with other teachers from across Missouri, explored how energy is produced, delivered and used during the 14th annual Energy in Today's Classroom program, held July 29-30, in Jefferson City. Hosted by Central Electric Power Cooperative, the two-day workshop provided 15 hours of professional development for the 37 participating educators.

Attendees learned about energy fundamentals, the economics of energy, electric vehicles, energy demand and residential solar. They also completed a hands-on circuitry project and toured a Central Electric substation near St. Martins and the University of Missouri's Combined Cooling, Heat and Power Plant in Columbia.

Each teacher received educational materials and a \$500 scholarship for teaching tools to help bring energy lessons to life for students in their classrooms. The lessons can be adapted for students of all ages.

The next Energy in Today's Classroom program will be held July 28-29, 2027. Teachers within Sac Osage Electric Cooperative service area that are interested in participating should contact Chance Cyr by calling 417-876-2721 or by email ccyr@sacosage.com for details.





Use a Generator Safely - Safeelectricity.org

Portable or permanently installed standby generators can come in handy during long-term power outages. However, if you do not know how to use them properly, they can be dangerous.

Contact a qualified vendor or electrician to help you determine what generator is best suited to your needs. Before using, read and follow manufacturer's instructions.

If you are installing a permanent generator, it must have a transfer switch. The transfer switch prevents energy from leaving your generator and going back onto the utility electrical equipment, when it could be dangerous to a lineworker or others near downed power lines, a process known as "backfeed." A qualified electrician should install your generator and transfer switch.

Follow these tips to use portable generators safely:

Operate it outdoors in an area with plenty of ventilation. Never run a generator in a home or garage. Generators give off deadly carbon monoxide.

Do not plug a generator into the wall to avoid backfeed. Use heavy-duty extension cords to connect appliances to the outlets on the generator.

Turn the generator on before plugging appliances to it. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit. Remember, generators are for temporary usage; prioritize your needs.

Generators pose electrical risks, especially when operated in wet conditions. Use a generator only when necessary if the weather creates wet or moist conditions. Protect the generator from water and rain by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure

on a dry surface where water cannot form puddles or drain under it. Always ensure your hands are dry before touching the generator.

Be sure the generator is turned off and cool before fueling it.

Keep children and pets away from

portable generators. Many generator components are hot enough to burn you during operation.

Safe Electricity suggests these safety guidelines and basic operating instructions be posted in the home and with the generator.

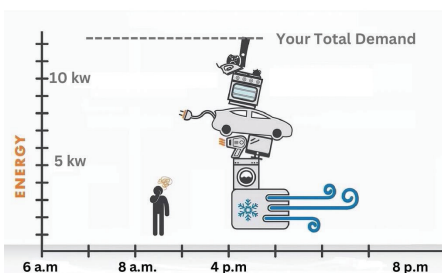
Safety Tip

Place your generator outside in a clean, dry area, and at least 20 feet from windows, doors, garages, porches and vents. Direct exhaust away from the home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

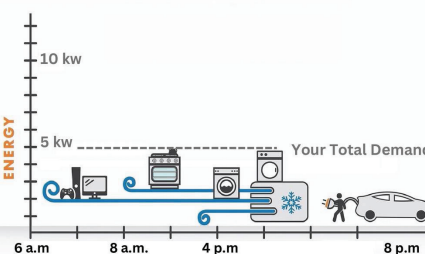


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