

Energy-efficiency rebate program

Members can receive \$1,000 incentives for building ENERGY STAR houses

Kenergy offers \$1,000 energy-efficiency rebates to the first 20 members who construct ENERGY STAR homes.

The program is set to end Sept. 30, 2011.

To qualify for the rebate, homes must meet guidelines that make them 15 percent to 30 percent more efficient than standard houses. A certified ENERGY STAR rater will work closely with the homebuilder's general contractor throughout construction and complete a final analysis, ensuring energy efficiency criteria are met.

To earn the ENERGY STAR certification, a home must meet one of the following requirements.

- It must achieve a home energy rating — or HERS score — of 85 or below. A home built to code earns a HERS score of 100. Each 1-point decrease in the HERS Index corresponds to a 1 percent reduction in energy use. Therefore, a home with a HERS Index of 85 is 15 percent more efficient than a standard home.

- Install prescriptive measures outlined in a Prescriptive-Builder Option Path. This option allows the builder to follow a prescribed checklist to achieve the required efficiency.

Here is how the program works:

- The builder enters into a partnership agreement with ENERGY STAR and selects a home energy rater, who will work to qualify the home.

- The builder submits the architectural plans to the home energy rater for review and analysis.

- With the energy-efficient features selected, the builder constructs the home, and the rater performs a series of inspections and diagnostics to verify proper installation of features and overall energy performance.

- Once the rater determines all requirements have been met, he or she will provide the builder with an ENERGY STAR label, which is placed on the home's circuit breaker box.

For more information on this rebate program, go to www.kenergycorp.com or call Scott Heath, technical services adviser, at (800) 844-4832, extension 6156.

ENERGY STAR refrigerator rebate

Also, up to 150 members will be eligible to receive a \$50 gift card for buying an ENERGY STAR refrigerator between October 1 and December 31, 2010.

Members must provide all of the following as proof of purchase: an invoice from the dealer, UPC code from the carton and the Energy Guide showing ENERGY STAR certification of the new refrigerator. Removal and recycling of the old refrigerator by the dealer is required to receive the rebate. The dealer must certify on the invoice that he or she has removed and recycled the old unit.

Sharlon Wigginton

(a.k.a. "Mama Sha" to her family and friends) from Fredonia in Caldwell County shares this great recipe with us.



Mama Sha's Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes
1/3 cup butter
2 eggs
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 small can coconut

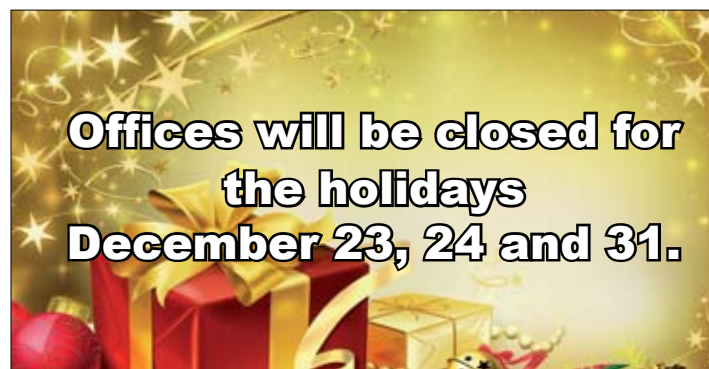
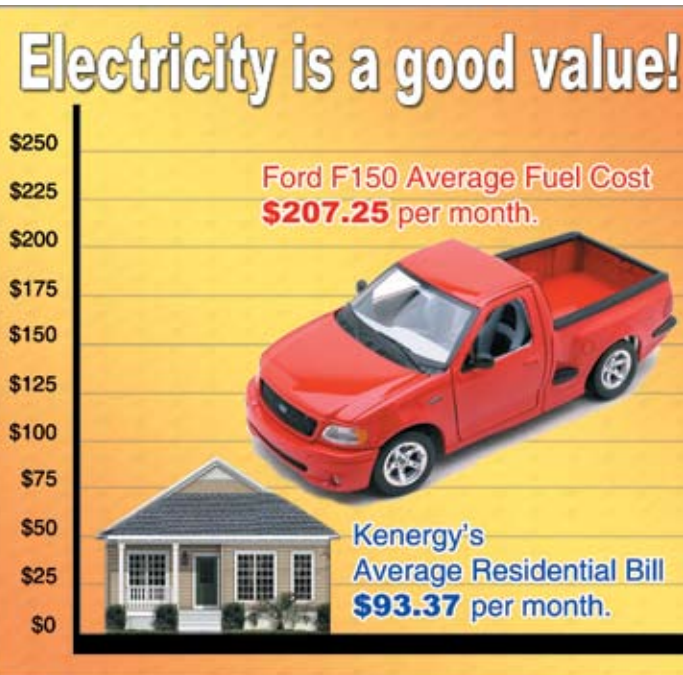
Mix ingredients into sweet potatoes; spoon into buttered casserole dish.



Topping

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup pecans
1/2 cup flour
1/3 cup butter

Mix ingredients with melted butter. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.



Five directors to be elected in 2011

Prior to Kenergy's annual membership meeting to be held on June 7, 2011, individuals will be elected to represent Districts 4, 6, 8, and 9, as well as the cooperative's large industrial customers.

A ballot listing the qualified candidates in a contested district election will be mailed in May to each Kenergy member residing within the district. Ballots also will be mailed to those industrial leaders eligible to vote for the Industrial Director.

District 4, which currently is represented by Randy Powell, includes the area of Henderson County west of the Pennyrite Parkway and west of that portion of Highway 41 that runs to the north of the Pennyrite Parkway.

District 6, which currently is represented by Larry Elder, includes that area of Daviess County west of U.S. 431.

District 8, which currently is represented by Billy Reid, includes that area of Daviess County north and east of Kentucky 54.

District 9, which currently is represented by Brent Wigginton, includes all of Hancock County.

A district director must be a member of the cooperative and must reside in the district he or she represents.

The Industrial Director must be a member of Kenergy or the employee of a member industry having a contract demand of

at least 1,000 KW and must reside in a county all or a portion of which is located within Kenergy's service territory. Allan Eyre is the current Industrial Director.

It is the duty of each district nominating committee within the Member Resource Committee to nominate a person or persons for election to the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee within the Industrial Resource Committee is responsible for nominating one or more persons for the Industrial Director seat.

The name(s) of the nominee(s) must be posted at Kenergy's headquarters no later than February 7, 2011.

The co-op's bylaws also specify that any Kenergy member may nominate by written petition an individual for election to the board. The petition for a district nominee must be signed by at least 15 members residing within the given district. The petition for an Industrial Director nominee must be signed by any five or more individuals eligible to vote in the Industrial Director election.

The petition must be submitted to the cooperative by February 17, 2011. Thereafter, if the petition is valid, the name of the nominee will be posted.

Get to know your CEO



Sandy Novick dabbled in art at an early age out of a need for decorations on the cheap.

His mom was decorating his sister's bedroom, and Sandy, who was about 10 at the time, had been sketching. Sandy's mom gave him two paint-by-number kits and told him to get busy. She wanted the paintings to brighten his sister's bedroom.

He continued to sketch, taking his first inspiration from Weekly Reader. Then, he used MAD magazine as his muse. Sandy liked Alfred E. Neuman, MAD's goofy-faced fictional coverboy.

In college engineering classes, Sandy learned drafting and spent summers as a temp employee using those same talents, which required lots of precise block lettering.

After he graduated from college, Sandy had little money for decorating his new apartment. "I said, 'I can do graphic art, which was in vogue at the time.'"

He painted some avant-garde squares in squares and circles in circles using acrylic paints. The look suited a young bachelor's apartment just fine.

Then, Sandy fell in love with art deco poster-style art. One of his paintings was 4 feet tall by 2 feet wide. It showed a man in a 1920s-style fur coat. The look was more graphic than art, he says. "Weird stuff."

But not bad. In fact, his paintings hung in his home through the years. And the Novicks' daughter, who is a London artist, has one of his paintings. In all, Sandy thinks the family still owns eight or nine of his originals.

His wife, Kathy, once bought him a traveling watercolor set, which he hasn't used yet. "When I retire, I may start back."





GOING



In the kitchen, doorknobs are in the shapes of various vegetables, such as the pea pods shown here.



VERTICAL



Top: Kenergy members Glen and Sandy Wells, who live outside Morganfield in Union County, turned a 70-foot tall grain silo into a vertical home. This unique house has seven levels — one in the metal shed and six in the attached silo. **Right:** The third floor of the house contains a spacious bathroom with a large soaker tub. **Bottom:** Sam, one of three dogs that live in the silo-turned-home, feels right at home on his owners' king-sized bed. Sam carries a stuffed duck everywhere he goes, even outdoors.

UNION COUNTY — Glen Wells simply had too much time on his hands, as he tells it.

So, in April 2002, the retired Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employee — and self-confessed tinkerer — started renovating an abandoned shed attached to a 70-foot tall grain silo that sat on his Union County farm. He wanted a man cave, a common phrase to describe a place where men hang out.

Little did Glen know his simple shed redo would turn into a two-year, \$140,000 odyssey.

When his wife Sandy saw how well the shed turned out, she got an idea: The shed could be the living room of a new home. All Glen had to do was renovate the 70-foot tall grain silo attached to the shed.

At the time, Glen and Sandy owned two homes on their 100-acre farm, which is located on State Route 141 S.

In July 2004, they moved into their third home on the acre-

age — the former grain silo.

"We love it," Glen says.

The vertical part of the house has six floors. Each one holds a single room. For example, when guests leave the family room, which was once the shed, they climb a few stairs into the kitchen. It holds triple the cabinet space that Sandy enjoyed at the couple's previous home.

Some neat features in the eat-in kitchen include cabinet knobs shaped like tomatoes, corn on the cob and peas in a pod.

The silo's diameter is 20 feet, so all the rooms are spacious — and circular in shape. In all, the silo has seven small windows, which provide a surprising amount of natural light.

Stairs along the outside of the building connect room to room.

One entire floor is a large bathroom with a marble floor.

A game room sits one floor up from the main bath.

Overnight guests sleep on the fourth floor, which includes a

half bath.

Next up is the master bedroom with a full bath. Instead of building a closet, Glen and Sandy asked a cabinet maker to make a wardrobe of sorts out of cedar. The cabinet sits in a modified V-shape. Clothes hang in the top half. Drawers beneath hold folded items. Out-of-season clothes remain at Glen and Sandy's former home on the farm.

The top floor, which is another family room, offers a bird's-eye-view of rolling farmland in rural Union County.

Although contractors did most of the work on the silo, Glen pitched in. It's a unique home, he says, because no blueprint existed. Glen, Sandy and the contractors came up with the design on their own.

Glen and Sandy's home draws the curious. Since they moved in, they estimate a couple hundred people have requested a tour.

"We wouldn't change a thing," Glen says of his silo-turned-house.