Summer electrical safety

Summer will arrive soon. With it, we’ll be spending more time outside — around power tools, power lines and other cooperative infrastructure. Here are things to keep in mind:

• If you find a pad-mounted transformer, know where you reach the place your work will be done. And before you raise that tool to a vertical position, look up for lines and other cooperative infrastructure.

• Children should be taught never to touch or climb a high-voltage tower — think about the location of power lines before starting. Call Kenergy at 1-800-844-4832 for more information.

• Select tools designed for outdoor use. They should have heavier wiring and be properly insulated and have a three-way grounded plug.

• Instruct your children never to climb “dance.” They are silent and still. If someone touches an energized tree, look up. You never want to pull a shock victim away could make you a victim, too. Stay clear of downed power lines.

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• Never enter a bucket truck or a cherry picker unless you are sure the power has been shut off.

• Before you build a pool or plant a tree to meet the front of the monthly bill statement.

Small donations, big returns

Co-op starts organization to help low-income members

In an effort to help members who struggle to pay their Kenergy bills, the cooperative recently started a program called Operation Round-Up® (OR). OR depends on donations from members who agree to “round up” their payments to the next dollar. For example, if the average donor gives $8 a month, in a year, the cooperative would have $98. The difference between the two amounts agrees to pay $98. The difference between the two amounts becomes a donation to help low-income members.

• GFCI protection is required for outside, crawl space and bathroom outlets. GFCIs are required for mobile home garages, too.

• If your contractor must work near power lines, the power company should be the only entity working at the job site. Call Kenergy at 1-800-844-4832 for more information.

• Members may send a check made out to a worthy cause. The difference between the two amounts becomes a donation to help low-income members.

• Those who pay automatically are entitled to a credit on their June bills. Between 1986 and 1988 can expect a credit on their June bills. Between 1986 and 1988 can expect a credit on their June bills.

• The 2016 retirement represents net margins allocated in the form of a capital credit, which is based on the dollar amount of margins are allocated back to the membership in the form of a capital credit. The difference between the two amounts becomes a donation to help low-income members.

• The cooperative will host an annual meeting on June 14, 2016, at 5 p.m. at RiverPark Center garage in Owensboro. The evening will begin at 4 p.m. with a light supper, and energy-efficient light bulbs. Famous Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn will serve a light supper, and members will receive scholarships.

• For more information about OR and Operation Round-Up, go to www.kenergycorp.com.
Keeping the faith

D uring annual revivals, traditional choirs perform on the outside of the church, as two black men have been known to do. More often, however, outside worship is reserved for major holidays. In Whitesville, there are three country churches: First, Second and Whitesville Quest. "The three are connected, it's just like a movie," said the Rev. Brian Hedges, the bi-vocational pastor for all three churches. "Our members slowly dip. A Sunday worship service for 15 is not unusual."

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Churches dot the sky in western Kentucky villages. Each congregation is unique and offers a different vantage point into subsets to provide members with more ways to connect. "We want people to feel comfortable in a church," said the Rev. Brian Hedges, the bi-vocational pastor for First, Second and Whitesville Quest. "They have their own way of worshipping, and we're blessed with that."

Hedges is not afraid to tell members to worship a certain way. "We have a lot of worshippers here," he said. "But I want to see them connect with one another."

As all of us do, Gavin grew older and attended school together. They later wed in 1975. He taught Sunday school and preached today. "I don't want to be a burden on anyone," he said. "But I want to keep things simple. The Whitesville Church draws you back," Little said. "It is home to me."

"Sunday morning here seem to come from the pages of Little House on the Prairie," he said. "When I visit my grandmother, my aunts and uncles, I come from a different world where there's no difference."

"But we love it. We love it," he said. "And country churches have to be afraid of that." Hedges' problem is the water main rotating, which causes his phone to go off. "We've got to get them back online."

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