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# WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Providing or updating an email address on your account is quick and easy – and really helps us communicate with our members better! There are several ways to do it:

- Visit any Kenergy office Monday through Friday
- Go to www.kenergycorp. com and click on 'My Account'
- Download and use the Kenergy SmartHub app on your phone
- Call 800.844.4832
- Fill out the 'Account Information Change Request' form on the back of your bill and mail it in with your payment.



# **SEEING CLEARLY IN 2020**

**Happy New Year!** Before long, we'll get used to saying "2020," but as we begin the year, it still sounds futuristic.

Maybe it's because, up until now, the numbers "2020" have usually been in reference to vision that's good enough not to need eyeglasses or contacts. 20/20 vision doesn't mean "perfect" vision, by the way. It just means that from 20 feet away you can clearly see a line on the eye chart as well as the average person can see it from 20 feet away. A person with 20/15 vision is better than average. They can see something from 20 feet away that the average person can only see clearly from 15 feet away.

#### What does that have to do with Kenergy?

Much of our ability to serve you safe, reliable and efficient electricity today is only because Kenergy and our power supplier, Big Rivers Electric had adequate vision in the hours, days, months and years prior to today.

For instance, the electricity supply in any given moment needs to be forecast by experts who are tracking all kinds of variables, from the weather to what time a sports championship will end and when people will resume their normal activities. Energy experts also need 

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a much longer vision, years, even decades into the future to predict what the demand will be and where we will generate it or buy it.

Kenergy also needs a clear vision of the condition of our infrastructure and a plan to keep it maintained or replaced, accordingly. When you plant a tree on your property, do you plan for the future and make sure the mature tree's branches will be clear of electric lines?

# PAWS **OFF!**

#### **Keep your** pets safe from electrical dangers

- Make sure all plugs are inserted completely into their wall sockets.
- If your pet seems interested in electrical cords, check the cords frequently for signs of fraying and replace any damaged cords immediately.
- Appliances near sinks and bathtubs should only be plugged into outlets equipped with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection in case an electrical appliance is knocked into the water.
- Lamps with exposed bulbs especially halogens—can reach very high temperatures. Do not allow pets to play near lamps. If the lamp is knocked over, a fire could break out.
- Some pets, especially cats, will often seek out warm, secluded spots in the home. Do not allow your pet to hide or sleep behind your computer or TV equipment where numerous electrical connections are housed.







Leadership

### **ENGINEERS OF THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Glenn English National Cooperative Leadership Foundation encourages educational advancement by awarding higher education scholarships to eligible students. Scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing a future career in engineering.

This scholarship hopes to support future engineers with an interest and passion for defining and solving the electric utility challenges of the future, specifically in the rural parts of America.

The deadline for application submission is **May 15, 2020.** Awards will be distributed in August/September of 2020.

Visit www.electric.coop to read more information about the scholarship, requirements and to apply.

### Seeing Clearly in 2020 (continued from front page)

In addition to regular maintenance and responses to power interruptions, our lineworkers are constantly training so that they are prepared for whatever the future may hold. Meanwhile, inside our board room, our directors are testing their vision for the future. Does Kenergy have the right tools and people in place to adequately answer your questions and concerns about our service?

There are so many lines on that metaphorical eye chart that Kenergy needs good vision to see. Concerns such as workforce development, our leadership role in economic development for the communities we serve, and the political and regulatory issues that could potentially affect your bill and our service.

We are thankful for the vision of the men and women who built Henderson-Union Electric Cooperative and Green River Electric 84 years ago, that we have a vivid goal today in our service for you.

It's been said that "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." At Kenergy, we are checking our vision and always working to see clearly on your behalf.

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Photo courtesy of Kacey Harmeling

### IN **KITCHEN** Slow Cooker Crack Chicken Chili Recipe

Don't be fooled by the name – this stuff is good! Thank you to member, Valerie Hart for the recipe.

#### Ingredients

- 2 Chicken breasts, boneless, skinless
- 1 (11 or 15 oz) can corn, drained
- 1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- **1 (10 oz) can** diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup cooked, chopped bacon
- 1 (1 oz) packet Hidden Valley Ranch original seasoning and salad dressing mix

1 tsp cumin

- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp onion powder



- 1. Place chicken at bottom of slower cooker.
- 2. Add corn, black beans, diced tomatoes and green chilies, chicken broth, cumin, chili powder, onion powder, ranch seasoning and bacon to slow cooker. Stir together. Place cream cheese on top of chicken and mixture.
- 3. Cover with lid and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours.
- 4. Remove chicken from slow cooker and shred. Return shredded chicken to slow cooker. Stir in cheddar cheese.

5. Enjoy!

Picture courtesy of plainchicken.com.

## ANNUAL MEETING SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, June 9, 2020



### Unauthorized Meter Tampering

If you or a contractor are planning to work on your home or a project that requires power disconnection, please call to alert Kenergy at least 24 hours in advance. Kenergy will send a representative out to disconnect the meter or service free of cost. Once work is complete and an inspection by a state electrical inspector has been completed, Kenergy will also send a representative to reconnect and re-energize the meter or service free of cost.

Meter tampering is dangerous and illegal. Kenergy is immediately notified when a meter or service has been disconnected. Those caught tampering with Kenergy meters may be prosecuted, and the service will remain disconnected until an inspection has been completed. It is important that you, as a member, understand this law is in place for the safety of you and your home or business. You can read more at lrc.ky.gov with reference to 807 KAR 5:006.

In the event of an emergency, contact Kenergy at **800.844.4832** and a representative will be dispatched to the account at our earliest convenience.

For more information about Kenergy, visit www. kenergycorp.com

### Featured Businesses Offering Discounts

#### Jubilee Ballroom Dance

10% Off Private & Small Group Lessons Feb. 2020 - Valentine Special Free Gift Wrap for Gift Certificates Call 270-925-3287 for Appointment, Lewisport

#### 270 Power Yoga

20% Off the \$40 Intro Special Now Intro 40 Days for \$32 3333 Frederica Street, Owensboro

Clark's Health & Nutrition 10% Off Any Product in Store 3118 Alvey Park Drive E., Owensboro

Culligan of Cadiz Call for Free Installation Call 270-984-8812 for Appointment, Cadiz

Gene's Health Foods 10% Off Vitamins and Supplements 1738 Moseley Street, Owensboro

Owensboro Fitness Center \$25/Month, No Registration Fee 3239 Alvey Park Drive E., Owensboro

**Profile by Sanford** 50% Off Annual Membership 2928 Heartland Crossing Blvd., Owensboro

Soul Sanctuary New Clients Only: 10 Classes for \$50 1605 Scherm Road, Owensboro

Wheatigrass Juice Bar 10% Savings on Any Juice, Smoothie or Food Item 3500 Villa Point Drive, Owensboro

If you are a business wanting to participate in the Co-op Connections program, please contact Jeanette Weedman at (270) 689-6157 or jweedman@kenergycorp.com

Thank you to our generous members for donating socks in the

month of October! We were able to make donations to each of our counties in our service territory to help keep feet warm this winter.



# Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



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