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Home Sweet (Fiber-to-the) Home

By: Tim Lindahl, Kenergy President and CEO

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is a hidden gem in the midst of the vast span of land we call the United States. When I was young, we would drive through the Commonwealth to see relatives, and later our family would spend a couple of our vacations here, taking in the beauty of both the landscape and the people. I was elated when I was presented with the opportunity to join the communities of western Kentucky by serving at your electric cooperative.



When our family was looking for a new home, we really wanted to be in a rural setting, but it was critical that we have broadband so we would be able to properly conduct our vocations. We had several reasons for choosing the home we did, but an item that tipped the scales was seeing Kenergy's fiber being installed up the road. We knew it would only be a brief time with miserable internet and that we would have the greatest broadband in a few short months. The value of that home went up for us at that point.

There are many critical parts that make up a successful rural economy. Two of the most critical are energy and communication. Having the opportunity to be a part of a member owned and governed organization allows each of us to have a voice in providing these two necessities to enhance our modern life. In the 1930's, electricity was a far-off dream for folks in rural areas. Communities came together in cooperative spirit and solved this hardship. Electric cooperatives have been successful in maintaining a system that others thought would never be possible. We fast forward nearly 90 years and we have a similar situation with the internet. There are pockets of good broadband in rural areas, but the vast majority of these rural areas go unserved or significantly underserved, which has created a digital poverty.

Energy policy in America is swiftly changing, requiring innovative solutions to keep the lights on and the electricity affordable. By building a fiber optic network throughout our service territory, we will be not only solving the digital poverty issue, but will have the foundation in place to help make our electric grid "smarter" while being able to manage this changing landscape. All of this while improving the value of the energy that is provided to you.

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 All Kenergy
offices will be
closed Monday,
July 3rd and
Tuesday,
July 4th, for the
Independence
Day Holiday.

We hope you
have a safe
holiday
celebrating
with family
and friends!





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Henderson 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Utilizing the new fiber infrastructure for both of these large initiatives will allow us to get the best return for every dollar invested into the system. I am proud to be a part of the Kenergy team to work toward solving this digital divide and managing this energy change in a cooperative way.

Though it will take us a little while to get to everyone, we are on pace to be one of the fastest fiber builds in history so that we can get fiber-based broadband to all members in the shortest amount of time. This also gives us the advantage to more quickly develop the tools needed to manage the changing energy landscape and keep our electricity safe, reliable, and affordable.

We appreciate your patience as we continue our buildout with this project and share in your enthusiasm to finally bring high-speed internet to you, our members.

Kenergy Board Election Winners

Susan Blanford of Corydon has been elected to the District 4 position on the Kenergy board of directors. Ms. Blanford was challenged by Houston Keach of Henderson.

Incumbents Larry Elder representing District 6, Billy Reid representing District 8, Brent Wigginton representing District 9 and Richard Basham representing the large industrial members faced no opposition and will retain their board seats for another three-year term.



Susan Blanford



Larry Elder



Billy Reid



Brent Wigginton



Richard Basham

IN THE KITCHEN

Peanut Butter Swirled Chocolate Fudge Popsicles Recipe

Popsicles on a hot summer day are glorious. Chocolate popsicles on a hot summer day – perfection! Try out this dessert recipe from Half Baked Harvest. The only thing you'll need is patience while they freeze.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (14 ounce) can full fat canned coconut milk
- 1/4 + 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 ripe bananas
- 6-8 dates + 1/3 cup pitted medjool dates
- 1/2 cup cacao or cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons hemp seeds
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts
- 8 ounces dark chocolate, melted



DIRECTIONS

1. In a high powered blender or food processor, combine the coconut milk, 1/4 cup peanut butter, bananas, 6-8 dates, cacao powder, hemp seeds, and vanilla and blend until completely smooth and the consistency of a thick smoothie.
2. To assemble, layer the chocolate mix and the remaining 1/3 cup peanut butter evenly among 10-12 popsicles molds. It's okay if the layers are not perfect.
3. To make the granola: in a food processor, combine the remaining 1/3 cup dates, oats, and peanuts and pulse until the mix is finely ground and resembles granola. Sprinkle the "granola" over the tops of the pops, gently pressing into the pops (you will not use all the "granola"). Insert popsicle sticks, cover the tops of the mold and freeze until firm, about 4 hours. To remove the popsicles run the mold under hot water for 10 seconds and then pull the popsicles out of the molds.
4. If desired, dip each popsicle in chocolate and then quickly sprinkle with the remaining "granola". Store in the freezer.

Picture and recipe courtesy of Tieghan Gerard of HalfBakedHarvest.com.

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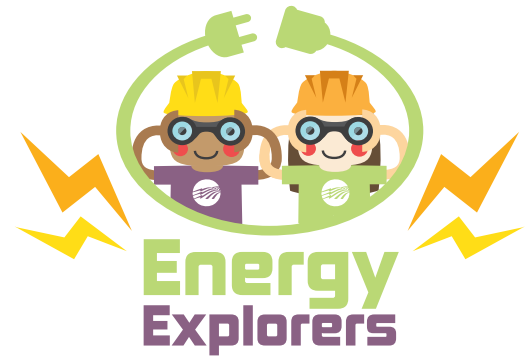
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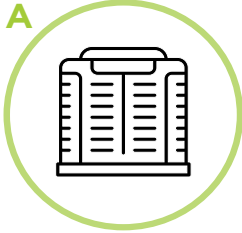
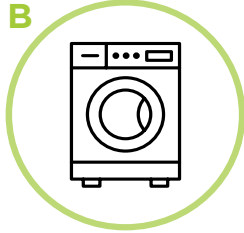
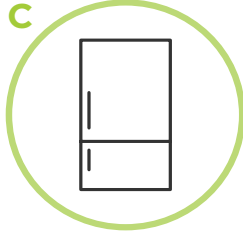
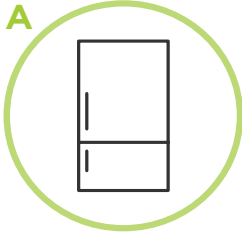
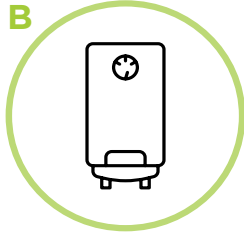
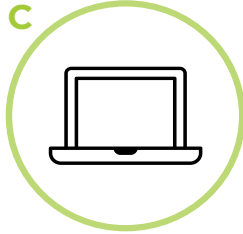
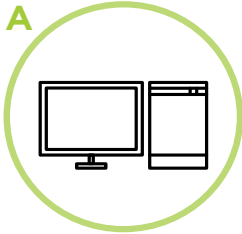
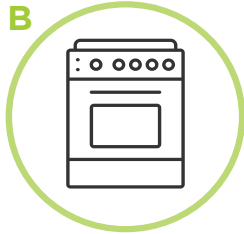
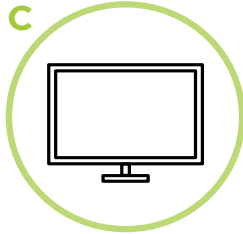
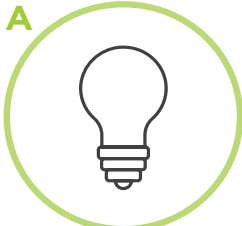
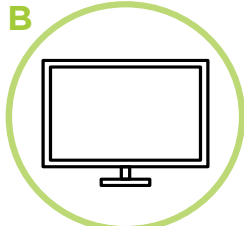
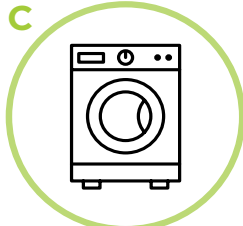
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SPOT THE BIGGEST ENERGY USER

We use electricity every day, but we rarely think about the appliances and electronics that consume the most energy. Can you spot the biggest energy users?

Review each grouping below, then circle the one that you think consumes the most energy. Check your work in the answer key.



- 1.**
- A)** Heating and Cooling Unit **A**  **B**  **C** 
- B)** Clothes Washer
- C)** Refrigerator
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- 2.**
- A)** Refrigerator **A**  **B**  **C** 
- B)** Water Heater
- C)** Laptop Computer
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- 3.**
- A)** Desktop Computer **A**  **B**  **C** 
- B)** Electric Oven
- C)** TV
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- 4.**
- A)** LED Lights **A**  **B**  **C** 
- B)** TV
- C)** Clothes Dryer

Answer Key: 1. A 2. B 3. B 4. C



Save Energy!

- Wash clothing in cold water and air-dry when possible.
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Unplug electronic devices when not in use.