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# TUESDAY JUNE 8

Annual Membership Meeting

6402 Old Corydon Road Henderson, KY, 42419

> MEMBER REGISTRATION 10:30 A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING 11:00 A.M.

# **BUYING A NEW HOME?** MAKE SURE ITS ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IS UP TO PAR

May is traditionally a big month for buying and selling homes. May is also National Electrical Safety Month. Your friends at Kenergy want to be sure that if you are buying a new home you don't overlook the hidden system of wires that surrounds you in the home.

"Curb appeal, location, floor plans, schools, even the kitchen countertops and window treatments are the things everyone thinks about first," says Scott Atherton, Manager of Field Engineering. "A home's electrical system the wiring, outlets, light switches—isn't flashy stuff, but it's something that every home uses constantly and is vitally important."

Atherton says you should always have a licensed electrical contractor thoroughly check out any home you're buying, especially if it's older. "You just want to make sure the electrical system is up to snuff because the last thing you want is to have an electrical fire in your new home," he says.

During an inspection, the electrical professional will:

- Make sure all the electrical components are working safely.
- Identify any problem areas/wiring mistakes or problems associated with older wiring.
- Identify any fire or safety hazards. These include frayed, exposed or damaged wires as well as inside and outside receptacles not protected with arc or ground fault circuit interrupters and tamper-resistant outlet electrical receptacles.
- Help you meet insurance risk assessment inspection requirements.



Kenergy office lobbies are currently closed due to COVID-19 precautions. You can still visit our drive-thrus at our Henderson and Owensboro offices and utilize our night drop boxes at all of our office locations.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Henderson** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 6402 Old Corydon Road

**Owensboro** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 3111 Fairview Drive

Hanson 2620 Brown Badgett Loop

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Marion 3000 Mott City Road

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# **Remembering Susie Givens**

Kenergy board member, Susie Givens tragically passed away on Saturday, March 13th as a result of a gas explosion at her home in Corydon. Susie was appointed to the Kenergy board of directors in December 2015 to fill the unexpired term of her father, Randy Powell, who passed away earlier that year. She then ran for and was elected to the District 4 board seat in 2017.



Please continue to keep Susie's family in your thoughts and prayers. We wanted to be sure and share Susie's obituary in honor of her impact as a wife, mother, and pillar in her community.

LITTLE DIXIE, KENTUCKY - Susie Powell Givens, 68, of Little Dixie, Kentucky, died Saturday, March 13, 2021.

She was an active member of Little Dixie United Methodist Church, where she served as organist for many years. Susie was the founder, owner, and CEO of Givens International Drilling Supplies, which shipped drilling supplies to more than 60 countries and received the 2003 World Trade Success Award given by the Kentucky World Trade Center. She was a member of the Kentucky Groundwater Association, Missouri Water Well Association, Tennessee Water Well Association, and Kentucky District Export Council. Susie was proud to be a Certified Woman-Owned Small Business. She also served on numerous industry and local boards, including Kenergy, Deaconess Henderson Hospital Advisory Board, and the National Groundwater Association Board. Susie was a Kentucky Colonel.

Susie was also known as "Mama Suz" because of her natural way of making others feel like family. Most important to Susie, was her husband, children, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Dorris Edward Givens, who died December 28, 2020; and her parents, Schuyler Randolph "Randy" Powell, who died September 12, 2015, and Freeda Ashby Powell, who died July 24, 2005.

Survivors include two daughters, Dawn Caton and her husband, Roger, and Randa Gary and her husband, Bill, both of Little Dixie, Kentucky; her sister, Bonnie Powell Baggerly and her husband, Hal, of Little Dixie, Kentucky; four grandchildren, Aaron Edward Caton, Mason Sidney Lee Caton, William "Isaac" Gary, and Isabelle Pennington Ann Gary; nieces and nephews; and cousins.

As soon as is possible, a celebration of Susie's life, along with her late husband Dorris, will be held for all their family and friends-date to be announced.

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# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE JUNE 1ST

Kenergy has an established annual scholarship program that assists in financing the higher education of students whose family are cooperative members. In 2021, the cooperative will continue to award three \$1,000 scholarships and twenty-four \$500 scholarships. These scholarships can be used for tuition, fees, campus housing, textbooks, computers, school supplies and other costs directly related to the recipient's education.

The scholarship application is located at <u>www.</u> <u>kenergycorp.com</u> under **'Our Programs'** and then by clicking the **'2021 Scholarships'** tab.

During the first week of July, a random computerized drawing will be held and the winners will be contacted following the drawing. Winners will be notified by email and must contact Jeanette Weedman by return email by July 15, 2021 verifying they received notification and accept the scholarship according to guidelines or they will forfeit and another winner may be drawn as scholarship winner.

## **Eligibility and Criteria**

The student must be a Kenergy member-owner or have his or her primary residence with a parent or legal guardian who receives electric service from Kenergy.

High school seniors or graduates may apply. They must attend or have plans to attend college during the upcoming fall and/or spring semester. Applicants must be enrolled in a fulltime program (no fewer than 12 credit hours) at a fully accredited college, university, technical college or trade school. Nine credit hours meets full-time requirement for Masters' program. Post-graduate college students also may apply. Non-traditional students are welcome as well.

Kenergy scholarships are one-time-only awards. Previous winners may not apply.

Scholarship recipients must permit Kenergy to use their names, parents' names, county of residence and photograph in the cooperative's publications, including the member newsletter.

## **Questions?**

Contact Jeanette Weedman at 800-844-4832 extension 6157 or email <u>jweedman@kenergycorp.</u> <u>com</u>



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Once you have moved into your new home, there's still some "homework" to do.

- Make sure all circuits in the service panel are labeled correctly for the rooms or major appliance they serve.
- Make sure adults and teenagers in the home familiarize themselves with the service panel and know how to work the circuit breakers or replace fuses.
- Make sure everyone knows which is the master power switch. While you're at it, make sure everyone knows the locations of the main shut-off valves for the water and gas lines and how to work those, too.
- Make sure the lightbulbs you're using are the correct wattage for the fixtures. If the wattage is higher than recommended, the wiring in the fixture may be damaged from the excessive heat.

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Susie loved supporting the good works of her church's ministries and of the educational scholarships provided through her professional organizations. Contributions may be made to Dixie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 215, Corydon, KY 42406; Kentucky Groundwater Association Scholarship Fund, 153 Booger Hollow Road, Gray, KY 40734; Missouri Water Well Association Scholarship (which was established in her honor), 3344 Bentwater Place, St. Charles, MO 63301; or Tennessee Water Well Association Scholarship, c/o Summer Lane, 3449 Old Airport Road, White Pine, TN 37890.

# CO-OP CONNECTIONS

It has been great offering the Co-op Connections discounts to our members for the past 25 years. However, our association with Touchstone Energy (TSE) has come to an end. Members will no longer have access to the TSE website to print discount coupons or to the Co-op Connections smart phone app. Local discount providers may choose to continue their discount at their own discretion, so members may continue using their card at their favorite local businesses that do so.

You will no longer see discounts listed in your *Member Matters* newsletter or on Kenergy's website.



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# STRAWBERRY CRISP RECIPE

May is national strawberry month and we suggest you celebrate with this easy strawberry crisp recipe! This dessert is the perfect way to welcome in summer.

## INGREDIENTS

Filling:

- 5 heaping cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 1/4 cup granulated white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 Tablespoons cornstarch

## **Topping:**

1 cup all purpose flour 3/4 cup old fashioned oats 2/3 cup granulated white sugar 2/3 cup packed brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted



## DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a deep dish pie plate or large baking dish with butter or cooking spray and set aside.
- 2. Combine the chopped strawberries and sugar in a large bowl and mix until the strawberries fully absorb the sugar. Add in the cornstarch and vanilla extract and stir until all of the strawberries are evenly coated. Pour into the prepared baking dish.
- 3. In a separate medium size bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, granulated sugar, salt, and cinnamon. Pour in the melted butter and stir well until well coated and crumbly. Sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the strawberries.
- 4. Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream on top. Enjoy!

Picture and recipe courtesy of Belle of the Kitchen.

# **MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURE**

All Kenergy offices will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.



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