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Butler REC NEWS

FROM THE MANAGER

Operation Round-Up: Spare Change Changes Lives

Incorrect Collection Message

The first thing I would like to do this month is apologize for our big mistake with the recorded message the first part of June.

We had good intentions to give you great news that we were reducing the time you needed to watch your demand by three hours. Instead, due to a technical glitch in the software, we sent you a very disturbing message that your bill had not been paid and you were in danger of possible disconnection.

As soon as we discovered the problem we did everything we could to rectify the situation by sending out a retraction by phone and e-mail. We also immediately contacted our answering service and told them to have you disregard the collection message. We have made some changes to prevent the possibility of this type of mistake happening in the future. Once again we are very sorry for upsetting your weekend and hope you will forgive us for the mistake.

Operation Round-Up: Spare Change Changes Lives

I've always told my kids it's the little things that count in life; being kind to your neighbors, returning a lost wallet, picking up after yourself while enjoying the great outdoors. While each action might not amount to much on its own, if everyone does a little we see a big impact in our communities.

That's why I'm a proud supporter of Butler Rural Electric's Operation Round-Up® program.

Six bucks isn't a lot of money—it's about what you would pay for a meal at a fast food restaurant, but \$6 equals the average amount folks who support our Operation Round-Up program give every year, all through spare change.

Members—people like you who receive electricity from the co-op—have their bills automatically rounded up to the next whole dollar amount. Let's say your bill is \$82.90. It would be rounded up to \$83, with a dime going to Operation Round-Up.

The extra pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters then flow into a fund managed by a committee of Butler REC employees. That fund assists worthy local organizations as well as fellow members who have fallen on hard times.

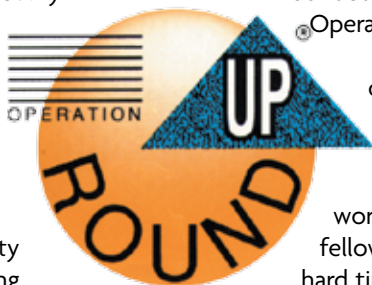
Sure, donating \$6 over the course of a year may seem like a little thing, but if you put all of that money together—well, things start to get exciting. Roughly 3,695 members of Butler REC are chipping in to support Operation Round-Up, and that number grows every month. Which is a good thing, because the need has never been greater.

Last year, we distributed \$16,357.62 to members with personal disasters such as losing their home to a fire, worthwhile groups like Salvation Army Toy-a-Thon, YMCA Strong Kids Program, National Fire Safety, Butler Homeless



R. Dale Short

“Together, we can use a little pocket change to change our communities.”



Board of Trustees Meeting Notice

August 30, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d, please take notice that the Board of Trustees of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will meet on August 30, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Headquarters, 216 S Vine in El Dorado, to discuss and vote on the adoption or modification of any or all of the following rules, regulations, rate schedules, riders, or terms of service:

A modification to the Application Fees charged to review interconnection applications for member-owned generation.

The Board will consider increasing the fees charged to members making application to interconnect generation to the Cooperative's system. The Board will discuss and vote on the fee appropriate for the cooperative to recover the costs associated with the technical review of the applications and changes to the cooperatives rules and regulations regarding interconnection of generators.

The meeting is open to any member that wishes to attend. Members have the right to request review by the Kansas Corporation Commission of any rate change approved by the Cooperative as provided in K.S.A. 66-104d(g). Any member with questions may contact Dale Short, General Manager.

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Initiative, Children's Miracle Network, Trinity Heights Respite Care, American Cancer Society, Soldiers in Afghanistan, Kansas Food Bank, Hearts of America, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Community Helping Our Kids, Big Brothers Big Sisters, March of Dimes and local 4-H organizations, fire departments and schools.

Since we launched Operation Round-Up in 2003, we've given community groups and folks in need more than \$173,248.09.

That's something we should all be proud of—your assistance is changing lives in our communities.

As I said, it's the little things that count in life. About 250 local electric co-ops nationwide currently run Operation Round-Up programs. All told, members at these co-ops have raised more than \$100 million since the idea was started by South Carolina's Palmetto Electric Cooperative in 1989.

If you're one of the members who makes Operation Round-Up possible, thank you. If you haven't heard about the program before and would like to participate, visit our website at www.butler.coop or call us



Butler's Sarah Madden (center) presents \$100 gift cards to KZSN Radio representatives. These gift cards were purchased with funds from Operation Round-Up and were donated to the El Dorado Toyathon for Butler County Kids.

at 800-464-0060. Together, we can use a little pocket change to change our communities.

In closing, I hope you are having a great summer. It seems to go so fast with all of the activities and vacations.

My wife and I just spent a week of our vacation keeping our two and four year old grandsons so our daughter and her husband could have a well deserved vacation together. They live in Albuquerque, NM, so we don't get to see them as often as we would like to. We had a great time, but grandma and grandpa are worn out. So I am back to work to rest up. Ha!

Need to Make a Payment?

Payments can be made in our office at 216 S. Vine St, El Dorado, KS

We accept payments at Intrust Bank in Andover and Augusta. You will need to have your payment stub and pay with a check or money order. They do not accept cash.

We also accept Visa, Mastercard and checks by phone. There is a \$3.95 convenience fee when paying with these methods. Call us at 800-464-0060.

Note: We do not accept payments through Walmart or Dillons.

World's Most Expensive Dirt

Dust Dollars Off Your Energy Bill By Regularly Changing Filters

The most expensive dirt in the world may lurk in your home's heating and cooling system. If neglected, dust collecting on the equipment's air filter could increase your energy bills hundreds of dollars every year and result in costly repair or replacement costs.

Dirty filters cause a system to work harder and break down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime work into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

As you move around your home you drive dust into the air from carpets, drapes, and furniture. Pets generate dust particles by shedding, grooming, and tracking in dirt from outside.

Regardless of where it comes from, dust trapped in a heating and cooling system air filter leads to several problems, including:

- ▶ Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs.
- ▶ Costly duct cleaning or

replacement.

- ▶ Lowered system efficiency.

Every time a system with a dirty filter kicks on, the day of reckoning—total replacement—draws closer. To avoid this expense, change filters monthly when a system's in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

While most types of filters must be replaced, a few filters are reusable. They're available in a variety of types and efficiencies, rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). MERV, a method developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, tests filter effectiveness. The higher the MERV number, the higher the filter's effectiveness at keeping dust out of your system.

To learn more about how to save energy around your home, visit www.energysavers.gov, or go to www.TogetherWeSave.com.

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Dirty air filters cause a heating and cooling system to work harder and break down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime works into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

How does a dirty air filter cost you?

- Reduces air flow in the home, leading to up to 15 percent higher operating costs
- Leads to costly duct cleaning or replacement
- Lowers system efficiency

To avoid these expenses, change filters monthly when your heating and cooling system's in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

Learn more ways to save at www.energysavers.gov.

Source: High Performance HVAC, U.S. Department of Energy



Make **FREE** Demand Work For You

How Billing Demand is Determined Throughout the Year

You get **FREE DEMAND** before 5 p.m. and after 8 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends and most major holidays.

- ▶ In July and August, the billing demand will be the highest hourly demand during the week day peak hours (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.).
- ▶ For the months of September through June the billing demand will be the greater of:
 - The minimum demand which is 70 percent of the highest billing demand from the prior July and August billing demand; or
 - The highest hourly demand during the week day peak hours (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) of the current month.

Propane Extravaganza



Prepay and deposit contracts are due back in the office by August 16.

Members get one year FREE tank rental. Includes delivery, set-up, regular, pigtail, blocks and a 500 gallon tank. There is no need to wait until your tank is empty we can transfer your remaining propane.

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