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Butler REC **NEWS**

FROM THE MANAGER

Great Job! You Beat the Peak!

Right off the top this month I want to tell you how impressed I am with your efforts to conserve during the peak times for the month of June. What you accomplished was more than anything I expected, the graph below gives you an idea of our progress in a 24 hour period (1 a.m. to 12 p.m.). The red line shows a typical hot week day in June, the green line a hot weekend day in June and the final line a temperature overlay.

As you can see from the chart, together you all did a great job of

lowering usage during the 5-8 p.m. peak usage time frame. The more your friends and neighbors join you in these timely conservation habits the better for everyone, so tell them what you're doing to save on your electric bill and encourage them to join you. Once again, great job!

I know your bill may not look like you are making much of a difference, but consider these issues.

Our hydroelectric dams, which normally make up about 30 percent of our generation, were short on water

earlier this spring. Then, when we did get the water, it came in bucket loads that caused major flooding. This limited the amount of water that could be released for generation because of the increased flooding it would have caused.

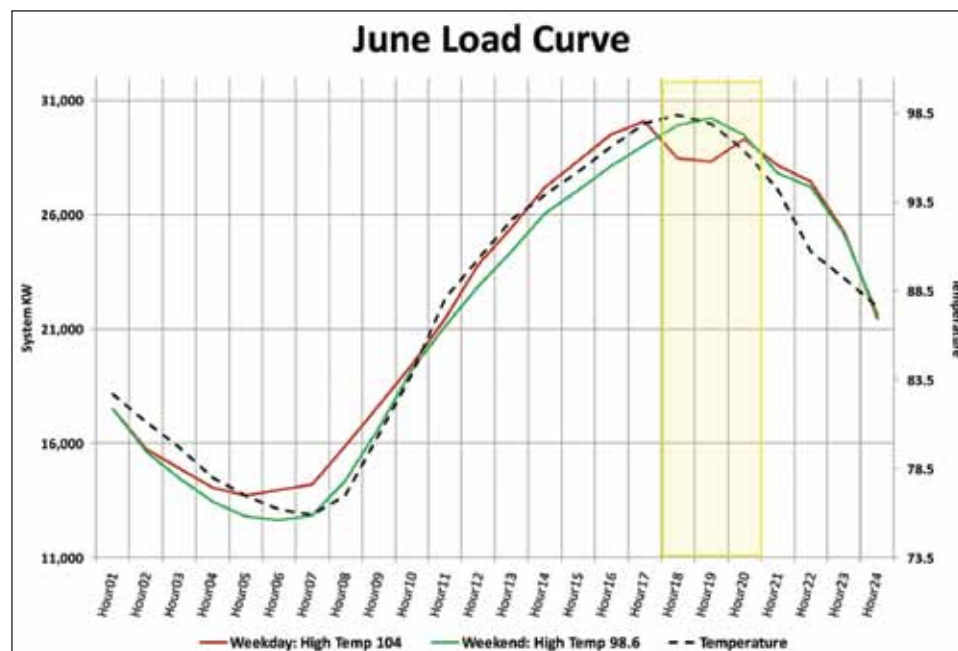
Until last month we were only getting about 10 percent of our power from hydroelectric dams.

Wolf Creek Nuclear generating plant had one of its longest outages in its history to refuel and make repairs. Much of the added outage time was caused by extra inspections brought about by the Japanese Nuclear disaster. That caused us to pay for the operation of Wolf Creek without any power being generated and then we had to go out on the market and buy replacement power. Wolf Creek typically produces 35 percent of our power needs.

If not for your conser-



R. Dale Short



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Co-op Connections Card Puts Value in Your Wallet

Butler REC's commitment to you goes beyond providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

We're always looking for ways to provide value to our members and our community, especially during tough economic times. Butler REC's Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving tool we're proud to offer our membership. The card connects you with discounts on everything from hotel stays to prescription drugs for example you can show your card at Freddy's in El Dorado and receive a free mini dish of ice cream with the purchase of a value meal.

Visit www.connections.coop for more than 21,000 national and local discounts.

Do You Have Your Card?

When we introduced the card each member received a card and two key fobs in a

bagged copy of the *Kansas Country Living* magazine. If you no longer have your card, please contact our office and we will get you a

new card.

Local Deals

Looking for a deal on chocolate? What about a

discount on learning how to crochet? A wide variety of merchants throughout our community accept the card, including Sweet 120,

Get Discounts from these Local Vendors & More!
Click on the Co-op Connections Card on our website www.butler.coop for information.



Sugar Bunny Boulevard, Scrap*Funatic. Be sure to present the card at the register to receive your discount!

We hope local businesses participating in the Co-op Connections program benefit from increased traffic from Butler REC members. Businesses can sign up for the program at no cost. For a complete list of all participating businesses in our area, simply log on to our website www.Butler.coop and follow the Co-op Connections Card link.

National Discounts

The card also gives you access to online savings at more than 95 national retailers like Barnes&Noble.com, Hertz Rental Cars, Best Western hotels and Pro-Flowers.com. You can check out these great national discounts at www.connections.coop.

Pharmacy Savings

One of the most valuable features of the Co-op Connections Card is the pharmacy discount. While it is not insurance, the discount

can mean savings of 10 to 60 percent on prescription drugs. The logo and information on the back of your card is recognized at more than 60,000 national, regional, and local pharmacies.

The pharmacy discount has been widely used by members of Touchstone Energy co-ops across the country, resulting in combined savings of nearly \$20 million on prescriptions.

Want to find out more? Log on to www.locateproviders.com to search for pharmacies in our area. Under the "Groups" login section use code 22203. Next, enter your zip code.

As a Touchstone Energy co-op, Butler REC strives to serve our members according to four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Our Co-op Connections Card is one of the ways we live up to those values.

We're eager to answer any questions you have about the card and how to take advantage of the discounts it provides.

Get the New Cooperative Connections App!



Get discounts at your fingertips! iPhone and Droid users can now download the Co-op Connections app to access savings!

For smartphone and iPad users, finding deals from pharmacies and a host of regional, online, and national retailers just got a lot easier. Co-op Connections® has released the latest version of its mobile Co-op Connections Card app.

"The new mobile platform offers the full database of all active deals within the Co-op Connections network," explains Jason McGrade, Touchstone Energy Cooperatives senior web development and social media specialist. "We've also added a GPS feature so you can map deals in your immediate area. You can say, 'I want restaurants' and get a list of all your nearby options. Then simply show your smartphone or iPad at the restaurant, and you're all set."

Co-op Connections cards provide Butler REC members access to more than 21,000 discounts from Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives and lo-

cal businesses. The markdowns can be substantial.

Nationwide, consumers have saved approximately \$33 million at more than 60,000 pharmacies since Co-op Connections was launched in May 2007. In addition, co-op consumers at 379 co-ops in 45 states can also use the card for trips to the dentist, optometrist, or audiologist as well as tap concessions on hundreds of other products and services.

The Co-op Connections Card app, which debuted in March, is currently available for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch. To download, go to the iTunes Store and enter "Co-op Connections" in the search box. The Droid version is also available now in the Android Market. The app for Blackberry devices is scheduled for release in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit the website at www.connections.coop.





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vation efforts we would have been required to buy even more replacement power. These extra costs show up in the power cost adjustment (PCA) portion of your electric bill.

A final thought for this month, is to enlist you to watch out for theft of copper and aluminum from our distribution system. This is not only expensive to replace, but it is very dangerous for those that try to steal it. A new law sets the penalty for this kind of theft

at the total cost of labor and materials to repair and replace the conductor. If you see something suspicious going on with our electric lines you may be saving someone's life.

At the very least, you could be saving the co-op and its member's considerable repair cost. Thanks for your help this month in conserving energy and in helping us to keep costs down and people safe.

Have a great August, Dale Short

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