

OWEN Electric Connection

Owen Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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Back to school—the co-op way

Owen Electric Cooperative was established to provide access to reliable, affordable electricity, improving the quality of life in rural homes and on farms in this area. Though access to electricity is no longer the key challenge, your cooperative remains engaged in its commitment to make life better for the people along our lines. It's why you'll find us headed back to school right along with your children.

Conservation Clubhouse

Owen Electric is committed to conserving the natural treasures that make Kentucky a beautiful place to call home. We're taking that commitment into local classrooms through a program called Conservation Clubhouse. A

co-op biologist teaches students about everyday environmental sustainability and renewable energy sources.

Students also have

the opportunity to hold non-venomous snakes and reptiles during this hands-on learning activity.

Safety demonstrations

We place a high priority on safety here at Owen Electric, so we provide educational programming that reminds students to use electricity carefully. Cooperative employees visit area schools to teach children how to play it safe around electric power lines and in their homes. We also conduct high-voltage demonstrations using a trailer equipped with a real power line, meter and transformer.

Youth Tour

Every June, Owen Electric awards four local teens expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to join 1,500 high school students from across the country for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The students spend a week in our nation's capital to



Conservation Clubhouse. Photo: Whitney Duvall

learn about America, develop leadership skills and gain a better understanding of electric cooperatives. In addition, our Youth Tour representatives also receive an expense-paid, one-day trip to Frankfort to tour various state government offices and meet with elected officials. The selection process begins in February, so watch this newsletter for more details.

To book a Conservation Clubhouse or safety program, contact Owen Electric at (800) 372-7612. We'll see you at school!



Mark Stallons
President/CEO

Investing in solar makes good sense

Cooperative Solar One provides co-op members an easy, affordable way to benefit from sun power without the hassle, maintenance and expense of owning their own solar electricity generation. Interested members pay a one-time fee of \$460 to license a single solar panel for 25 years.

Each solar panel is expected to produce between 23 and 50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. The energy output of each licensed panel will be credited to the participating member's bill each month.

To lease a panel, contact Owen Electric at (800) 372-7612. To learn more, visit www.cooperativesolar.com.



Important Announcement!

Please note that our payment remittance address has changed—if you send in your payment yourself, or have an accountant/accounting department, please make note of this change immediately.

Please send bill payments to:

Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 9001046
Louisville, KY 40290-1046

What's that smell?

The next time you think you smell a dead mouse in the house but can't find one, check your electrical outlets.

Overheated, damaged, or exposed wires can literally start to smoke and burn inside your wall. So can a dead mouse—or anything from loose insulation to debris of any kind—if it gets trapped in the box behind the outlet.

The dead-animal smell—or a smell like burning rubber—is a warning sign, so don't ignore it.

Instead, inspect every outlet in the house until you locate the one that smells. Unplug everything from the outlet; the plug will probably be hot.

Then, call a licensed electrician to diagnose the problem and repair the outlet.



Family and friends make the 2017 Kentucky Special Olympics a success

Nearly 1,500 athletes and hundreds of coaches and family members participated in stirring competitions during the 2017 Special Olympics State Summer Games at EKU in Richmond.

Owen Electric and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives once again proudly sponsored the games, which took place from June 2-4. The summer games included competitions in track and field, swimming, rhythmic gymnastics, bocce and flag football.

Fifty-six co-op friends and family volunteered to make it an unforgettable day.

"We were truly inspired by the joy and determination of these special competitors," says Whitney Duvall, spokesperson. "They showed courage and gave each event their best. We are proud to support them and the communities we serve."

The state summer games are the Kentucky Special Olympics' largest competition of the year. Typically, 1,200 athletes, 600 coaches and 500 family members attend. Each athlete qualifies through participation at a regional or area-level event.



OEC Field Distribution Supervisor, Josh Hearn, his wife Megan, and their children, Kristin and Brody, volunteered at the summer games.

The statewide summer games began with opening ceremonies that featured a parade of athletes and entertainment.



DON'T COME IN CONTACT WITH A POWER LINE.

When using a metal ladder to install an antenna, trim trees or paint your house, look up and make certain you have plenty of clearance from all power lines.



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THANKS!

Thank YOU SO MUCH for getting our power back on so quickly! What a blessing! We are on McGuire Lane in Burlington, KY. Praying for safety for all of your employees working hard to get power back.



Wanda

Today at 10:42am

Thank you once again Owen Electric. Lost power during the night but up and running around 9am. So appreciate your great staff that makes our life so much better.

“We just want to thank you for the phenomenal service you provide us with each day!...I commend your service personnel in the field as well as technical and behind the scenes people helping in the end result of providing your members with reliable, exceptional service.”

*Jill and John
Florence*



Thank you to Ms. Fleury's second grade class at St. Joseph Academy in Walton! They drew pictures and wrote notes of thanks for the veterans who will be traveling on the September 16 Honor Flight to Washington DC.