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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

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Changes at Rolling Hills

Rolling Hills promoted **ADAM BADGER** to operations assistant. Badger has been with RHEC for more than 13 years and is excited to begin his new role.

We are also thrilled to announce the newest addition to our Belleville Outpost team, **KEVIN KOLARS**, a talented journeyman lineman. Kolars is originally from Belleville and was previously a journeyman lineman at Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Ulysses. In his spare time, you will find him fishing, hiking, backpacking or enjoying photography.

With 15 years of experience in the electrical industry, he brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team. As a journeyman lineman, he will play



Adam Badger



Kevin Kolars

a vital role in ensuring reliable electrical power for our communities.

Please join us in welcoming Kevin to the team! We are confident that he will make significant contributions and help us continue to provide top-notch service to our customers. Welcome to the RHEC family, Kevin!

MEET THE INTERNS

Brayden Barnes
Lineman Intern — Belleville

HOMETOWN

▶ Clyde

EDUCATION

▶ Manhattan Area
Technical College

HOBBIES

▶ Fishing
▶ Golfing
▶ Hunting



Brayden Barnes

Derek George
Lineman Intern — Osborne

HOMETOWN

▶ Natoma

EDUCATION

▶ Pratt
Community
College

HOBBIES

▶ Fishing
▶ Hunting
▶ Old vehicles
▶ Welding



Derek George

▶ Woodworking
▶ Working with cattle



Scott Splichal, safety coordinator, discusses electrical safety before the demonstration begins.

RHEC IN THE *Community*

Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative recently hosted several groups for demonstrations. RHEC employees discussed what to do if you come in contact with a power line and electrical safety tips.



Cover your ears! Students respond to the loud arcs produced during the safety demonstration.



Rolling Hills Operations Manager Marc Martin calls for questions.



Summer Kids Cafe participants raise their hands to answer questions during the presentation.



Rolling Hills Operations Manager Marc Martin points out the parts of the demo trailer.



Scott Splichal, safety coordinator, shows City of Beloit public works employees the effects on the inside of a grapefruit after contacting a live power line.



The members of the 8-Man All-Star football team try on lineman gloves while Rolling Hills Operations Manager Marc Martin explains how the safety equipment protects linemen.



Rolling Hills Operations Manager Marc Martin addresses the 8-Man All-Star football team players visiting from across Kansas.



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS AT ROLLING HILLS ELECTRIC?



We offer a **VARIABLE** and a **FIXED BUDGET** option for the **RESIDENTIAL BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN**. Both plans are based on a 12-month average, and still require the member to pay their bill on time each month. The fixed option uses a set 12-month average and has a catch-up month that is due in May each year. The variable plan recalculates the 12-month average each month, with no catch-up month unless the member is removed from the plan or moves from our lines. These payment plans are optional but provide alternatives to our regular billing process.

If you are interested in either of these options, please call the office during normal business hours of Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and we would be happy to determine which plan fits your needs best.

CALL 800-530-5572 TO REVIEW OPTIONS AND FIND THE PLAN THAT FITS YOUR NEEDS TODAY!

Ways to Save Energy and Money

Save some green by going green. The Energy Education Council provides a checklist for those who want to make their home a green one with no cost, low cost and higher cost options.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE EFFICIENT THAT DO NOT COST A DIME:

- ▶ Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- ▶ Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise in cold months and counterclockwise in warmer months.
- ▶ In the summer, keep your curtains closed to keep heat out. In the winter, open curtains on sunny days to let sunlight in. At night, close the curtains.
- ▶ Set your water heater temperature to no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ▶ When cooking, match the pot size to the burner size. Do not unnecessarily open the door to the oven while cooking or baking. Heat escapes, and the oven will have to reheat.
- ▶ For laundry, wash clothes in cold water. Hang clothes to dry when you can.
- ▶ Only start the washing machine or the dishwasher when loads are full.
- ▶ Turn off electronics and unplug chargers when they are not in use.

HERE ARE SOME LOW COST WAYS TO BOOST YOUR HOME'S EFFICIENCY THAT WILL QUICKLY PAY FOR THEMSELVES:

- ▶ Replace old incandescent lightbulbs

with more efficient and longer-lasting CFL or LED bulbs.

- ▶ Install a programmable thermostat to automatically change your home's temperature.
- ▶ Replace furnace and air conditioning filters on a monthly basis.
- ▶ Caulk cracks between windows/doors and walls.
- ▶ Purchase an insulating blanket to use on your water heater.
- ▶ Install motion sensors, dimmers and timers for indoor and outdoor lighting.
- ▶ Plant trees to shelter your home from the elements.
- ▶ Invest in low-flow showerheads to save water.
- ▶ Fix leaky faucets.

THESE SUGGESTIONS COST MORE UP FRONT, BUT PAY FOR THEMSELVES OVER TIME:

- ▶ Upgrade an older furnace, HVAC system, water heater, and other large appliances to updated high-efficiency models.
- ▶ Invest in double-pane windows with low e-coating to reflect thermal radiation.
- ▶ Upgrade insulation in the attic, exterior walls, basement and crawl spaces.
- ▶ Consider renewable energy options such as wind or solar.

For more information on home efficiency, visit www.EnergyEdCouncil.org.

LOAD CONTROL

If you are not signed up for text alerts on peak days, please call our office at 785-534-1601. If any irrigators experience issues, please call the office and speak with the operations department.

Keep **IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT** and **water streams** 15 feet away from overhead power lines.

