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Weep no more ...
***The Stephen Foster Story* returns this summer**

Salt River News

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On Our Cover

Opening night of the 62nd season of *The Stephen Foster Story*, sponsored by Salt River Electric, is Saturday, July 3. The official outdoor musical of Kentucky runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. from July 3–August 14 at the amphitheater in Bardstown. Photo: Ray Kirkland/*The Stephen Foster Story*

2021

Official Notice

SALT RIVER ELECTRIC VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Where: Facebook @Salt River Electric

When: Monday, June 7, 2021, 5 p.m.

We will take action on the following matters:

1. Call to order
2. Determination of a quorum and official meeting notice
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Report of financial condition of co-op
5. Report of 2021 board election
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our office will not be open to the public for the annual business meeting. We look forward to seeing you next year!



Drive-Thru Customer Appreciation Day Monday, June 7,

At all four office locations:
BARDSTOWN • SHEPHERDSVILLE
TAYLORSVILLE • SPRINGFIELD

Members can register for gift card giveaways and pick up their bucket and bulbs at any office location between 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday, June 7.

Prize winners will be notified at a later date.

Mail your proxy card, let your vote be counted at this year's virtual meeting

Despite pandemic restrictions preventing in-person attendance at this year's annual business meeting, you can still attend virtually via our live-stream on Facebook, and you can still have a say in the proceedings.

Remove the proxy card included with this newsletter and use the following tips:

If you wish to give your "right of vote" to anyone other than those specified on the card, cross out the names shown and write in the name of the person to whom you wish to give your proxy.

You can also give proxy instructions concerning votes on specific questions. Any member giving a proxy has the power to revoke it by giving notice to the secretary.

We aim to make this as easy as possible, because we realize not all members will be able to attend the virtual annual business meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021.

<p>Salt River Electric Cooperative Annual Business Meeting Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5 p.m.</p> <p>Meeting will be held at the main office: 111 W. Brashear Ave. Bardstown, KY 40004</p> <p>Please sign and mail proxy today.</p>	<p>PROXY SOLICITED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION</p> <p>The undersigned hereby appoints Jimmy Longmire, Linda West, Gayle Troutman and A.C. Cahoe, jointly and severally, proxies with full power of substitution, to vote on behalf of the undersigned at the Annual Business Meeting of the members of the Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation, to be held at our main office, located at 111 W. Brashear Ave., Bardstown, KY, on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5 p.m. (EDT) or any adjournment thereof.</p> <p>The undersigned is the same person (member) whose name is listed at the top on the reverse side of this proxy card.</p> <p>Date _____, 2021 _____ (Signature)</p>
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Just sign and date the proxy card. No postage is required. Complete the proxy card, and mail it back as soon as possible so we receive it at our Bardstown office no later than June 7, 2021.

All Salt River Electric consumer-members are encouraged to virtually attend the annual business meeting livestreamed Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5 p.m., on Facebook @ Salt River Electric. We hope to

**Sign
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see you there, and look even more forward to seeing you in person at our regular annual meeting and business meeting in 2022!

Spring storms can bring down power lines

It's not every day that a power line in your neighborhood falls to the ground. So most of us have very little experience when it comes to dealing with one when it does.

The best thing to do if you see a fallen electrical line: Stay far, far away from it.

A downed line can energize the ground as far away as 35 feet—even farther when the ground is wet.

NEVER drive over a power line, pick it up or try to move by

touching it with a stick or other object, or move it. Instead, call 911 and keep others away until Salt River Electric's electric co-op crews arrive and then give the all-clear signal.

It's hard to tell if a downed is a power line or another line, but do not go close enough to find out. Even when you know it's a power line, you still have no idea whether the line is energized or not. Assume

that all downed lines are dangerous. Steer clear of it—and teach your children to do the same.



“Weep no more my lady!” *The Stephen Foster*

After a long and dormant 2020, the lights at J. Dan Talbott Amphitheater in Bardstown will once again shine this summer as *The Stephen Foster Story* returns to the stage. The show's organizers recently made the announcement that the 62nd edition of the show will take place this July, once again bringing to life an annual Bardstown tradition.

The production, which has taken place for decades on the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home State Park, was one of countless summer activities canceled last year in the wake of the coronavirus. It was uncharted territory for organizers with the Stephen Foster Drama Organization: never in the show's 62-year history had the production been called off. And, for a time, organizers even considered extending the cancellation to this season.

“We (the drama association) considered another dark season of *The Stephen Foster Story*,” explains Johnny Warren, the production's executive artistic director. “Capacity restrictions make it difficult to produce anything. But



er Story returns for 62nd season

Photos: Ray Kirkland,
The Stephen Foster Story



with cautious optimism, we are producing a reduced calendar with high hopes that guests will feel comfortable purchasing tickets to outdoor events.”

Yes, guests will be welcomed back in-person, but guidelines and restrictions will accompany them as they return to the venue.

“Safely guidelines will be followed based on requirements at the time of the performance,” Warren notes, “such as social distancing and masking while not eating (or) drinking. We are currently planning to seat one-third capacity of the venue based on social distancing requirement.”

The show, sponsored by Salt River Electric, will kick off the night of July 3rd, coinciding with 4th of July weekend and taking place the day before Stephen Foster’s birthday. That night, guests will be treated not only to the show’s first performance in over a year, but they’ll also get to watch a firework display light up the city of Bardstown for the holiday weekend.

“*The Stephen Foster Story* is a tradition that has been serving

Kentucky tourism for 60-plus years,” says Warren. “The thought of another season without it was unimaginable, as long as we could find a safe way to bring the show—and our live music concerts—back to the stage..

Performances will take place each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from July 3 through August 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets will soon be on sale, and can be found at www.stephenfoster.com.

Thank you Mom!



If you haven't marked your calendars yet, hopefully you are reading this issue of *Kentucky Living* in time to remind you that Mother's Day is May 9.

The origins of Mother's Day in the United States date back to the mid-19th century when an Appalachian woman named Ann Reeves Jarvis started "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to coach mothers in child-rearing. After the Civil War, these clubs helped foster reconciliation as mothers brought together former Union and Confederate soldiers.

After Jarvis died in 1905, her daughter Anna suggested a national holiday to honor the sacrifices mothers make for their children. Though she later would disapprove of the commercialization of

the holiday, since 1914 the second Sunday in May has provided an important reminder for children, grandchildren (and husbands) to thank Mom for who she is and what she means to the family.

As a community-oriented cooperative, Salt River Electric shares in this sentiment as we honor the mothers whose sacrifices and contributions are fundamental to our families and communities.

The social distancing of the past year has prevented many of our families from being together, including important visits with our mothers. Though it does not take a pandemic to appreciate what Mom means to our respective families, perhaps this year's Mother's Day provides a unique opportunity to reconnect and say

out loud the love we hold in our hearts for our mothers.

For those who have lost their mother, this holiday can be difficult, but chances are you know of other mothers in your family circle who deserve a greeting. For those mothers who, for whatever reason, may not hear from their children this year, know that your motherhood is celebrated and appreciated. Being a parent is hard, and only mothers can truly understand the unique emotions of motherhood.

Regardless of if or how you commemorate this holiday, know that all of us at Salt River Electric thank all the mothers who make up our community. We hope you have a happy, peaceful and loving Mother's Day.



A Message From Salt River Electric

May Electrical Safety Month

Respect the Power of Electricity

One of the greatest things that powers our lives every day is electricity.

It is a powerful force that we see in nature like when lightning flashes across the sky. Through modern technology, our cooperative is able to harness the power of electricity and bring electric power to homes and businesses all across our local communities.

But electricity must also be respected. Why? Without the proper precautions, electricity can cause serious injuries, fires and even death.

Here at Salt River Electric, we work with electricity every day. No matter how familiar we are with electricity, we know that it's a force that must always be used with care.

Electricity always seeks a path to the ground, and because humans are made up mostly of water filled with all types of minerals, we conduct electricity. All we have to do is make contact, and devastating or potentially lethal injuries are instant.

It's important to be safe with electricity inside and outside of the home.

If you are climbing trees or on a ladder, make sure that a limb is not touching a wire. Always look up and watch out for overhead lines.

You may see a green box in your neighborhood. That's a transformer for underground power lines. Please don't sit on it, and never dig near it, even to plant a bush or a tree.

Remember to be safe around electricity when using all the appliances and tools you use in your home. When you use tools: look for frayed, damaged cords and prongs.

Remember, that Salt River Electric cares about your safety. We want you to go home to your families safely each and every day.

Be your brother's keeper

As we reflect on what May Electrical Safety Month means, we think about the terrible weather we've experienced this year. It underscores why it's so important for all of us to prepare now to keep our families and friends safe in the future.

Despite the many punches Mother Nature threw day after day, week after week—beginning with sleet, snow and ice, and followed by record flooding—the Kentucky electric co-op family kept fighting.

While severe storms in February did not affect Salt River Electric as seriously as many of our sister co-ops in central and eastern Kentucky, many Kentucky co-ops, including dozens of line crews from other states, joined efforts to restore the more than 100,000 outages at the height of the storm.

Salt River's crew worked about two weeks in eastern Kentucky helping rebuild entire line sections and replacing hundreds of broken poles. The ice added tremendous weight to lines, breaking poles and making it extremely difficult to restore power to many.

New challenges seemed to emerge every morning, but our lineworkers never quit. Salt River's crew spent many nights away from their own families to help, and the members in those co-op areas brought them donuts, showed them kindness and offered prayers.

Though the threat of winter storms has passed, spring and summer may bring more severe weather events. So now is a good time to think ahead and prepare for possible power interruptions. We can all do that by:

- Having an emergency kit, nonperishable food and extra water in our homes.
- Purchasing a backup generator and installing it correctly and safely. We can advise you.
- Developing a plan for family members who depend on medical devices that require electricity.
- Elevating your furnace, electrical panel and other appliances if your home has a high flood risk.

Safety is Salt River Electric's number one priority. Let's all renew our commitment to stay safe and be our brother's keeper.



TIM WEBB



MEMBER MATTERS

Helping others is in our core values. For years, we've sponsored the Special Olympics Summer Games in Kentucky, where we volunteer our time and energy to helping athletes be their best.

To learn more, visit
www.togetherwesaveky.com/community.



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Members now have three ways to report a power outage

Salt River Electric members now have three options when reporting a power outage.

■ You can use our **mobile app** on any smart phone or mobile device. Download the app at the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

■ You can also go to our website at **www.srelectric.com** and click on the outage tab. Be sure to set up a username and password in advance so you'll be ready if you lose power.

■ You can call our 24-hour outage phone line **(800) 221-7465**.

Outages can be reported 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Our line crews are on the ready to respond to outages as quickly and efficiently as possible.

When power outages occur, be sure to check your breakers first to be sure nothing has gone wrong inside your home. Have your account information handy when reporting an outage.



Our office will be closed
 for Memorial Day on
 May 31, 2021.