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If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 888-551-4140. After-hours calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

Out-of-Office Payment Options

In these unprecedented times, Pioneer Electric remains committed to providing world class service to our members. Paying your bill doesn't have to be a hassle, that's why we're dedicated to making sure you're able to pay your bill, your way.

We live in a digital world and hold it right in the palm of our hands, literally. From buying groceries, to checking in with our friends, the average adult spends nearly three hours per day on their smart phone. You may not be able to make it to our payment window, but you can download the SmartHub App and make a payment.

Residential members can use a valid debit/credit card, or schedule a payment 30 days in advance in the app. SmartHub is available for Android and iOS devices.

If the SmartHub app doesn't sound like the right solution for you, Pioneer Electric accepts residential payments over the phone as well. Members may call 866-999-4505 to pay their bill with a valid Visa, MasterCard or Discover debit/credit card 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Another way Pioneer Electric makes

paying your bill simple is by offering Online Bill Pay to our members. Search for pioneerelectric.coop in your favorite web browser and choose one of the options listed under "My Energy Account". You can log in or create a new SmartHub Account on our website that gives you access to all the same great features as the mobile app (scheduling payments, energy use and more).

We realize that not all of our members may have access to the digital bill pay options. For members who prefer to use cash to pay their bill, Pioneer Electric now accepts MoneyGram transfers. MoneyGram locations in southern Kansas include Panaderia Nuevo Leon in Ulysses, Walmart stores in Liberal and Garden City, Dillon's in Liberal and Dillon's located on Buffalo Jones Ave in Garden City. Members will need to know their account number and Pioneer Electric's receive code (16372) in order to send a payment.

If you have questions about the options we offer for out-of-office bill pay, visit our website at www.pioneerelectric.coop or call our customer service team at 620-356-1211.



Vacation in Style, From th

Vacation plans all across Kansas have been upended, and families are left wondering how they can make the most out of the summer months without embarking on the annual family vacation. While traveling outside of your town (or even state) may not be an option, there are plenty of activities families can take advantage of from the comfort of their own home. Staycations are not only a welcome break from everyday home life, but they can have little to no effect on your bank account. With a little creativity, you can create a memorable staycation experience for your family to look back on or create a new tradition that you can enjoy every year.

Fancy Dinner Night

For many families, the best part of vacations is getting to try new foods and have a new dining experience, but you don't have to travel to get that. One of the best ways to shake up supper time is by flipping it on its head. As a family, you can research, shop for and prepare a new entrée together. Can't travel to Italy this summer? Consider making your own pizza from scratch. Creating a meal from the ground up is a great way to turn an everyday staple meal into a fun cuisine adventure. Complete the mood by setting the table with something other than paper plates and dressing up in your Sunday best. Check out my favorite home made pizza crust recipe on the next page.

Spa Day

If you were hoping for a "mini-cation" with a trip to the spa, you can still get some R&R in at home. Many stores offer face masks you can apply at home (or if you feeling adventurous after your fancy dinner night, make your own face mask) that



You can create your own from ingredients you probably already have. You can combine half an avocado, 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder and 1 tablespoon of honey, for a nourishing DIY face mask.

require zero experience. While it may not be the spa day you had it mind, getting the entire family together for some peace and tranquility can help improve moods and be a welcome break from the chaos of everyday home life.

Pitch a Tent

The wild may be calling your name, and you can still answer it from your own backyard. Families who enjoy getting outdoors can have that same experience (albeit, slightly different) by setting up the tent, roasting marshmallows and telling scary stories even if it's 50 feet from the back door. One of the best parts about setting up camp at home, is not being limited due to weather. Rainy weather doesn't have to cancel your camping trip; move the living room furniture out of the way and set the tent up inside.

Be a Tourist (in Your Own Town)

Small communities are chock-full of tourist gems, as long as you're willing to go out and look for them. Spend some time visiting shops and attractions available in your hometown. This is the perfect time to visit the local art gallery, museum or thrift shop. Not only will you be supporting local small businesses, but you could find that piece of art your home has been missing. Another local activity to consider is a food tour of the restaurants in your town. This one can have some impact on your wallet, but if you were on a destination vacation, you would be eating out anyway right? Eat your way through town by ordering in 1 or 2 small items for a few of your local restaurants and enjoy the food that's available all the time, but in a new way.

See a Performance

Being at home doesn't mean that you can't expose your family to a new experience, like a live performance. A quick Google search can point you in the direction of streaming services that offer unique access to operas and live musicals. Step into a virtual piano bar, or enjoy what feels like a private concert from one of your favorite artists, without having to leave the couch.

Film Festival

Sometimes the best days are the days spent not doing much of anything. Picking a day for a movie marathon full of snacks and comfortable clothes is a great way to unwind as a family. Whether you choose to watch an entire saga, all your old favorites, or movies you've never seen before (like foreign films), you can create a unique movie experience at home that is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

The Comfort of Your Home

BY ALYSSA HAMMOND

Virtual Tourist

There are zoos, aquariums and museums all over the world that offer virtual tours of their facilities. This is a chance to treat the family to sites they may not get the opportunity to experience otherwise. Even theme parks such as Walt Disney World have joined in on the action by offering access to their parks and shows online.

Get Outdoors

With warmer weather, comes the opportunity to get out and enjoy what nature has to offer. Changing up a simple walk and making it into a scavenger hunt is a great way to engage kids (and adults) and see nature in a different way. Consider dusting off the lawn games that have been stashed away in the garage or even picking up a new one to play together as a family. If you find yourself needing to burn off a little energy, you can put together your own “Olympic Games”.



2032 Olympic hopeful, Piper H., practices her trampoline routine.

The best part about a staycation is that it doesn't require a ton of preparation. You probably have all the things you need for the perfect getaway already in your home, or can access them easily. Staycations are also easy on your budget; they can be as elaborate as you want or cost you nothing more than a little bit of time for set up. There is an entire world out there waiting to be explored in a new light, and the best part is that you don't have to venture far to experience it.

From Scratch Pizza Dough

Ingredients

4 cups flour	2 tablespoon oregano
1 package instant yeast	1-2 tablespoon minced garlic
2 teaspoons salt	2 tablespoon olive oil
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 1/2 cups warm water

Directions

- ▶ Add all your ingredients in the order they are listed to the bowl of a stand mixer. Mix with the dough hook attachment until everything comes together to form a ball. If you do not have a stand mixer, mixing with a wooden spoon works too, it will just take longer.
- ▶ Knead with the dough hook attachment or by hand for 3 minutes.
- ▶ Put a small amount of oil in a bowl and move around until the sides are covered well.
- ▶ Place your dough in the oiled bowl, cover and let rise 30 minutes or until dough has doubled in size.
- ▶ Punch your dough down and split into two halves.
- ▶ Place your dough on to an oiled cookie sheet or pizza stone and gently work your dough to the edges. Cover and let rise an additional 20 minutes.
- ▶ Preheat your oven to 425°F.
- ▶ Add the toppings of your choice and bake for about 13-15 minutes.
- ▶ While the first pizza bakes, prepare the second dough half with toppings.

Topping Suggestions

When it comes to pizza toppings, there is no right or wrong. I'm a firm believer that pineapple does in fact belong on pizza. With enough dough to make two pizzas, you can easily accommodate everyone's tastes. Getting the chance to be creative with your toppings is part of the fun.

- ▶ Margherita: fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, and fresh basil (add the basil AFTER the pizza has cooked).
- ▶ Veggie Lover: mushrooms, red onion, green and red peppers, olives.
- ▶ A Pizza of My Heart: garlic and oil sauce, artichoke hearts (drained and chopped), tomatoes, Italian blend cheese.

Lending a Cooperative Hand

In April, Pioneer Electric partnered with the Boot Hill Distillery to bring hand cleanser to members in need.



In April, Pioneer Electric partnered with the Boot Hill Distillery in Dodge City to provide members with a valuable commodity; hand cleanser. "There was an obvious need in the community for hand cleanser," said Anita Wendt, vice president of energy services. "It was important to us to aid our members by providing this hard to find product."

Pioneer Electric made a donation to the Boot Hill Distillery to invest in 2,500 bottles of hand

cleanser. Bottles were then donated to members in Pioneer's service territory.

"We wanted to leave no stone unturned," said Wendt. "It's imperative that we do our part to help the communities we serve stay healthy."

Bottles of Hand Cleanser were distributed to schools in conjunction with the free lunch and breakfast programs, EMS personnel, Meals on Wheels programs, senior living facilities and more.



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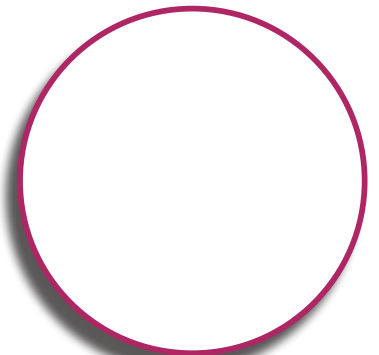
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