Operation Roundup-Fund Helps Kanab City Purchase Drug Sniffing K-9 Dog

Thanks to your generous monthly donations, Garkane, through its Operation Roundup program was able to help Kanab City purchase a much-needed K9 dog. The dog's name is Charger and will be a tremendous asset to Kanab and surrounding areas to keep drugs off the street. Kanab city police officer Clint Brinkerhoff approached Garkane with a need for extra funds to help purchase the dog. Garkane’s Board recognized the need and used funds from the voluntary Round-up fund was able to donate so Kanab City Police Department could purchase Charger and help our communities stay safe. (355602)
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Win A $25 CREDIT

We have inserted eight randomly selected Garkane Account Numbers in the text of various articles in this month’s edition. If you find your account number, call Garkane toll-free at 1-800-747-5403 and we’ll credit $25.00 to your account as a lucky winner! Just one more reason to read HIGHLIGHTS.

8 Hidden Account Numbers Located In The Text Of This Newsletter

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HIGHLIGHTS
Neal R. Brown, Editor
April Johnson
GIS Mapping Technician
Most recently from Albuquerque, NM, I’ve lived all over and the Southwest is the best. I’ve worked mostly for the Forest Service and Park Service, with an emphasis in vegetation monitoring, ecological restoration, and GIS (mapping & data management). I am originally from Indiana (not missing that humidity right now) and went to art school in Kansas City, MO. Once I volunteered with the FS in Packwood, WA, I was hooked and knew I would never live back east again. Some of the other places I’ve lived and worked: Escalante, Jacob Lake, Moab, Tucson, Joshua Tree, Ely NV, Cape Cod, & Yosemite. I’ve been trying to find my way back to steady work in southern UT since I fell in love with the area in 2002 while working on a trail crew on the Dixie NF. I earned a masters in GIS last year and am looking forward to putting those skills to use at Garkane. In my free time, I’d always rather be outside - hiking, backpacking, rafting, camping, traveling, and exploring.

What’s your favorite quote and why?
I have a lot of favorite quotes, but one that comes to mind is “Remember not to forget.” Credit goes to a surly Gila Wilderness rafting guide. Remember not to forget – because life is a never-ending journey of re-epiphanies….we remember to enjoy the present, then forget….we remember the joy we felt floating that river, but then we forget. So we must remember not to forget, focus on what is most important in life, and try to infuse some of that vacation/weekend glow into the doldrums of the day to day.

What’s your favorite style of music to jam out to?
I like a lot of different kinds of music, but have a soft spot for old-time country, the Classic Vinyl/Rewind station on satellite radio, and anything funky, especially if there are horns or bass involved.

What’s your favorite thing to do?
Few things make me happier than eating delicious food (especially bacon), camping with friends, reading in a camp chair plopped in a creek, or sitting & staring for long periods of time in the desert as nature unfolds around me.

If you could learn to do one thing, what would it be?
Life is too short to learn only one thing! I’d really like to speak Spanish fluently and one day, I will learn how to play this electric bass I’ve moved around for the last 5 years…

What do you miss most about being a kid?
The lack of responsibility (1670404)

What’s your favorite part about working for Garkane?
Living in Kanab, getting to do GIS for a living, and working with great people.

Garkane’s Longtime COO and Engineering Manager
Mike Avant Retires After 28 Years With The Cooperative

After almost 45 years of designing, building, operating, and maintaining multiple generation, transmission, substations, and distribution systems for cooperatives, Mike Avant has retired. Over 28 of those years, Mike has worked as the Engineering Manager for Garkane. During that time the Garkane Peak Load grew from 20 MW to 60 MW. The 138 kV lines from Glen Canyon to Buckskin and Henrieville were built during Mike’s time and he oversaw the recent completion of the 138 kV lines from Henrieville to Bryce to Hatch to Tod’s. This line has the Garfield system well positioned to handle significant future growth. Planning for the 138 kV rebuild from Buckskin to Fredonia and Kanab is well under way. This planned construction will position the Kanab Area System for future growth and around the surrounding areas. Over the past 28 years, Mike has helped Garkane accomplish many significant projects that have served to improve electrical service to all of our members. Mike was known for his careful attention to detail and for his amazing memory and was a key asset in contract and power supply negotiations with Deseret Power over the years. We wish him well in his retirement.
MEMBER MUSINGS

What is your opinion? We welcome letters from our readers concerning any subject. Defamation of character or libel will not be considered for publication. Please limit your letters to 300 words or less. Letters can be sent to neal.brown@garkane.com In most cases, Garkane will provide a response to any concerns or questions.

Dear Editor,

Please give us the details respecting what Garkane management calls the “thirty year rotation.” Please be clear about what a thirty year rotation means and when a Garkane member is eligible to receive a refund on former overpayments. Please include explanations as to how total and individual refund amounts are determined. For example; must one be a member for thirty years before they are eligible for a refund, or; when refunds are given, do all current members receive a portion of the aggregate of member over-payments made thirty years ago? How is the total amount of refunds determined?

Also, please tell us if the Garkane Board of Directors has any plans to significantly alter or discontinue this thirty year rotation policy.

LaVoy Tolbert
Loa, UT

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

When members of Garkane pay their power bill, the money goes to offset the cost of operating the electric utility. After all costs are covered, the leftover portion of the billing is referred to as a margin. This “margin” is what you labeled as an “overcharge” but it is not at all an overcharge but a very common method of operation for cooperatives. At any given year, operating margin gets allocated back to the members who paid for electricity that year. Everyone who purchased electricity gets a portion of the margin allocated to them (capital credits) which will be paid back to them in the future. This capital credit becomes operating capital that the co-op uses for operations, which reduces the amount of money that would have to be borrowed from a bank. Using the margin to operate is a standard practice for all non-profit cooperatives and it helps to keep rates as low as possible. If the co-op did not keep margins to use for operations, they would have to borrow corresponding amounts of money from a bank and the member rates would have to go up. The margin is mainly used to purchase new transmission and distribution equipment to take care of growth.

Capital credits are eventually “retired,” at which point the previously allocated amounts are returned to the owners of the co-op in cash or as credits on current bills. Garkane has historically operated on a 30-year rotation, meaning that members who paid for electricity in 1988 got refunded money in 2018. Garkane refunded a portion of the current members allocations, as well as past members so everyone could enjoy getting a refund. But this practice extends the 30 year rotation so in the near future, Garkane expects to retire the oldest allocations first in order to reach our 20-year rotation cycle goal. So for a few years, current members will not receive a refund or refund check, unless they have been members since 1988, in which case they will receive their portion of that particular year.

Although the staff at Garkane works hard at keeping up-to-date member records, ultimately it is the responsibility of the member to keep Garkane's files updated with current addresses. This will help ensure the timely delivery of capital credits when they are retired. Through the years, many people have moved out of the area serviced by Garkane and can no longer be found by the co-op. If members can not be located after three years from the date of the retirement, those funds become unclaimed and must be returned to the state, or be used for education/community purposes in our service territory. The Board and Management of Garkane feel those funds are better used by our local students in our communities rather than be sent back to the state. This is where the funds for scholarships and some of our other donations come from.

Garkane has recently added a dedicated Capital Credit Clerk to help find past members and to keep addresses up to date. We also have policies in place to help relatives of deceased members obtain capital credits owed. If you have questions or need to update your contact information (11201) please contact: cary.simmons@garkane.com

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Michael F. Peterson Youth Leadership Camp Participants

Morgan Stewart was chosen in 2018 to return as the Youth Director for Garkane Energy to help organize and plan the leadership camp for the 2019 attendees. Morgan recently graduated from Kanab High School with plans to attend SUU in the fall and wants to major in Business Marketing.

Morgan Stewart
Kanab, UT
Every once in a while the Garkane group can take things seriously. It doesn't take long for them to get goofy again.

Group with the fastest time over the wall, setting a new course record.

Maren Stewart of Bryce Valley high is pleasantly surprised that she can trust her group on the ropes course.

Adam Seay from Colorado City takes a death-defying leap (444500).

Madison Lewis before and after.

Scholarship Winners:
L-to-R (Darcy Hampton, Jacob Timpson, Nikki Bradshaw, Andi Barlow, Casia Brinkerhoff)
Every year, Garkane sponsors one student from its service territory to participate in the Washington D.C. Youth Tour. The educational opportunities were endless as the students got to visit with our Congressmen, visit Mt. Vernon, take in all the monuments, lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and network with 1,800 other students from across the country. Students are sponsored by their rural electric cooperatives to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime trip and get to take a week out of their busy work schedule to enjoy the all-expense-paid trip. Alicia Wayman of Centennial Park was chosen to attend as part of her participation in the Michael F. Peterson Youth Leadership Challenge.

**Going to D.C. was an irreplaceable learning experience that inspired me, as JFK stated, “to bring energy, faith, and devotion to my every endeavor.”**

- Alicia Wayman

The opportunity to be a part of the NRECA Washington D.C. youth tour this summer was an eye opening experience. It developed my knowledge and appreciation for what this country is built upon and the work that has gone into the America we have today. During my trip I struggled to fully comprehend that I was actually walking where our country’s greatest leaders have walked, and where momentous events of history have occurred. The iconic memorials of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King Jr. were so powerful that you can almost feel a piece of the weight they bore in their struggle to create a positive change in our country. Experiencing those memorials gave me a greater appreciation for the sacrifice that was evident at the Korean, Iwo Jima, World War 2, and Vietnam War memorials. Those soldiers found their courage and strength in the passion that their leaders gave them. These solemn structures have been sanctified by the lives that have been given to maintain our freedom. I had the great honor of being a part of the wreath change at the Tomb of the Unknowns. As I walked down the steps to place the wreath, I felt the same feeling that I had as I walked through thousands of white markers in Arlington Cemetery. This feeling was an immense amount of gratitude and reverence to the servicemen and patriots of our country. Going to D.C. was an irreplaceable learning experience that inspired me, as JFK stated, to bring energy, faith, and devotion to my every endeavor. The Washington D.C. youth tour and the youth leadership camp have helped me to grow as a leader and meet so many other amazing people who look to do the same. (854600)Thank you to Garkane Energy, URECA, and NRECA for bringing power to our rural communities and for making this a trip a possibility for me and other students across the country.
Garkane Team Takes Home First Place At Lineman Rodeo

Power utility employees from around the state gathered in Logan, UT for the 2019 Intermountain Power Superintendents Association Lineman Rodeo. The friendly competition involved linemen throughout the state. Each utility sponsored at least one three-man team to participate in the event, with activities including climbing a 45-foot pole to change cutouts on a three-phase transformer bank or replacing a pole-top transformer. Only a select few who earned the highest number of points in the fastest time with zero deductions made it to the award stage. The winning Garkane team consisted of Tido Ortiz, Josh Ferrin, and Trace Miller. The three-man team took home the first place trophy with the overall best score and quickest time. We are proud of our skilled and qualified linemen who always work safely to keep the lights on. (626400)
New Director Positions For Garkane’s Board

Top Row, Left to Right: Guy Timpson, Andy Gant, Carl Boyd, Rod Ence, Reed Munson
Bottom Row, Left to Right: Chad Williams, Terry Griffiths, Nanell Robinson, Tracy Potter, William Hammon, LaDon Torgersen

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Kanab  Hatch  Loa

Garkane Completes 2nd Solar Pavilion, Located in Escalante, UT

Garkane recently completed its 2nd solar pavilion, with this one located in Escalante, UT. A partnership with the Escalante Heritage Center was a mutually beneficial agreement. The pavilion will provide shade and a performance stage to the campground that is being built. James Clegg, Garkane’s Energy Advisor worked closely with the Heritage Center’s Board to find a good location on the property that could benefit the whole community.

This is the 2nd solar pavilion that Garkane has installed, with the first one being completed in 2018 in Kanab, UT. A third solar pavilion is also in the works and will be constructed in Torrey, UT. James is working hard with Torrey town officials to break ground on the third and final solar project. In 2017, Garkane received energy efficiency financing from Deseret Power and chose to fund building solar facilities. The idea was presented that it might be more beneficial to the membership by placing three smaller solar facilities in different communities, rather than doing one large array.

ATTENTION

In order to be eligible to vote in Garkane’s Director elections, your name must be listed as the primary or secondary account holder. In some instances, we’ve had spouses or relatives taking care of an account of someone who is deceased or doesn’t live there anymore. They are not eligible to vote because their name is not on the account. (1833100)

To put the account in your name, and to be eligible to vote, go to: www.garkaneenergy.com and find the service application tab and fill out the online service application form.
Garkane Energy Cooperative is attempting to locate some of our current and past members to have incorrect addresses on file. Some of these people could have received electricity from Garkane as far back as 1987. If you are able to contact them and have them provide Garkane with current contact information, it would be greatly appreciated. The people on the list could be eligible to receive a Capital Credit refund from Garkane. Please reach out to cary.simmons@garkane.com or call 800-747-5403.
Dear Members of Garkane,

A few months have passed since Garkane held its annual meetings in April, but I wanted to thank all of you who attended. We had a great turnout in Koosharem, Escalante, and Colorado City. We had a high percentage of voter participation in our Board of Director elections for District 1, with LaDon Torgersen being re-elected to serve a three term. Updates on Garkane's financial and operational status were presented in video format, followed by a report from CEO Dan McClendon and Deseret Power CEO Kimball Rasmussen. As always, the night ended with member appreciation gifts and a lot of smiling faces. The large turnout and large voter participation tells me you are still engaged with the co-op.

The co-op is in its 80th year of operations, and each new year brings the retirement of long term employees and the beginning of new employees. I personally want to thank Mike Avant, who recently retired, for all his service and hard work while at Garkane. He was instrumental in overseeing the system growth Garkane has experienced over the last couple decades. I wish him well in his retirement. Whether new or "seasoned", I'm always impressed with the high caliber of employees that we have at Garkane.

Recently, several new employees have been added to our ranks which will continue the legacy of providing excellent service to our members. We have hired two crew members to assist with underground boring operations that replaces underground conductor. They will also assist our members who need personal underground boring services for a fee. We've hired a capital credit clerk to help keep our records up to date and improve our capital credit rotation. We have cross-trained our member service reps to include both Propane and Electric services. We've contracted with the Hildale City Office Clerk to take Garkane payments as an additional service to our Twin Cities residents. As we grow, we know that our member service must grow as well.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything "Garkane", please feel free to give me a call I would be glad to talk with you.

Sincerely,
Dan McClendon /CEO
Garkane Energy Cooperative

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Member Service Surveys

We are looking for 250 people who are willing to participate in an online survey to gauge how we’re doing as a member-owned Cooperative.

If you are interested, please email neal.brown@garkane.com and you’ll be sent a link with a survey. All those who participate will receive a $10 credit on their power bill.

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