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### Oklahoma City resident celebrates 113th birthday



...celebrated her 113th birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014. She was born on Jan. 1, 1901, in Okmulgee, Okla. She is the daughter of ...

...and ... She has six children and 12 grandchildren. She is a member of the ... church. She has been married to ... for 65 years. She is a former teacher and has worked for the ... for many years. She is currently retired and lives in Oklahoma City with her husband. She is a very active and outgoing person and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is also a volunteer for the ... and is a member of the ... She is a very kind and caring person and is always willing to help others in need. She is a true blessing to all who know her.

### Home electricity use in US falling to 2001 levels

...According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the average amount of electricity used per household in the United States fell to its lowest level since 2001, according to a new report from the agency. The report shows that the average amount of electricity used per household in the United States fell to 11.7 kilowatt-hours per day in 2013, down from 12.1 kilowatt-hours per day in 2012. This is a significant decrease and is attributed to a number of factors, including the use of energy-efficient appliances and the growing use of smart home technology. The report also notes that the decrease in electricity use is consistent across all states, with the largest decreases seen in California and Texas. Overall, the report is a positive sign for the nation's energy future and suggests that Americans are becoming more conscious of their energy consumption.

**BETTER GADGETS**  
 ...The latest in smart home technology, including energy-efficient appliances and smart home systems, are making it easier than ever to reduce energy consumption and save money on utility bills. These gadgets are not only eco-friendly but also stylish and easy to use. From smart thermostats to energy-efficient light bulbs, there are many options available to help you reduce your carbon footprint and save money. These gadgets are a great investment for anyone looking to save money and protect the environment.

**ON THE OTHER HAND,**  
 ...While these gadgets are a great way to reduce energy consumption, it's important to be aware of the potential downsides. For example, smart home systems can be expensive and may require a significant investment in infrastructure. Additionally, some smart home devices may have security vulnerabilities that could be exploited by hackers. It's important to do your research and choose reputable brands when purchasing smart home gadgets. Overall, while there are risks, the benefits of these gadgets are significant and they are a great way to save money and protect the environment.

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