



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Youth Deadlines
Energy Camp - April 9.

Holiday Closing
CKEC offices will close April 2 to observe Good Friday.

April 2021

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Remember to #ThankALineworker

National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 12

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with CKenergy Electric Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power

lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heaving equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to

leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That’s why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at CKenergy, it’s important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology (IT) experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. And these are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn’t be able to “bring the light” to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent CKenergy and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, please take the time to thank them for their exceptional service. Remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.



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APRIL

Winning CKEC Members

Kenny Babek
Bud Nelson
Marvin Tacker

If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.



Socialize with us!

Stay up-to-date with your co-op and your community by following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat. Get the latest news on co-op events, services, energy saving tips, and more. During a power outage, stay connected with us for updates on the restoration process.

Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.



Stay Away from Power Lines

Whether you're pruning a tree, installing an antenna or operating farm equipment, steer clear of overhead power lines.

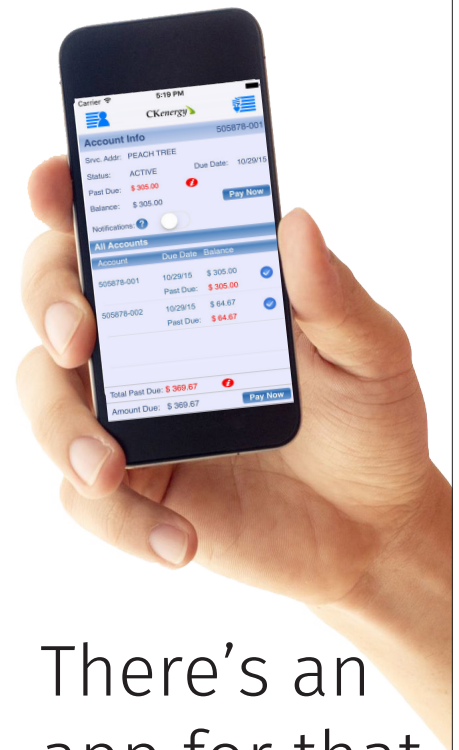
Contact with a live wire can damage your equipment. If you're touching that equipment when it makes that contact, it can seriously injure or even kill you.

- If it looks like you or your equipment will come within 15 feet of any power line, make a new plan. Any closer is too close for safety.
- Assume any wire you see is a live electrical line. Do not assume the wire is a telephone or cable line. Call your electric cooperative to make absolutely sure. Do not touch a branch if it is touching a wire. If the

wire breaks, assume it is energized and it can injure or kill you. Report the problem to your electric cooperative and keep everyone away from it until help arrives.

- If you're using a ladder, keep it far enough away from all power lines that it won't touch one if it falls over. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that ladders contacting power lines cause nine percent of electrocutions each year.
- Take the day off if it rains. Climbing ladders and working with big equipment in bad weather is an invitation for you to lose your footing and knock something-or yourself-into a power line.

View, Pay,
Create,
Update,
Alert,
Report,
Send &
Receive?



There's an
app for that.

Look for the CKenergy EC app on Google Play or the App Store.





Ensuring Reliability as Power Supply Tightens

You expect reliable and affordable electricity from your electric cooperative, so how does your co-op deliver on that promise?

A complex network of electricity generators and tens of thousands of miles of electrical lines work together to ensure that enough electricity is available on the coldest winter morning and during the dog days of summer.

What happens when the demand for power overwhelms the ability to provide it? That's a particularly vexing question given the transition taking place in how electricity is produced and shared across this network.

The key to meeting the energy needs so essential to your quality of life is balancing electricity supply with demand. While that may sound simple, there is a complex web of facilities and organizations that work together to make it happen each day.

Regional transmission organizations coordinate, control and monitor the electric grid across several states in a region. Think of them as energy traffic managers on an interstate highway system, regulating the number of cars – in this case, electricity – and their destination.

Even so, on some days there is an imbalance in that system that leads to rolling power interruptions or blackouts—so-called “max-gen” events. In those cases, supply simply can't keep up. In the Midcontinent region comprised of 15 states, there were six max-gen events from 2006-2016. Since 2016, there have been 15, including three last July and August alone.

Simply, that's because power plants that generate electricity are being closed faster than new producers come online. In most cases, traditional large-scale power suppliers such as coal and nuclear plants are being closed and replaced by

alternatives on a much smaller scale. And this gap is closing more quickly despite the development of new natural gas-fueled power plants.

As more electric utilities pursue zero- or low-carbon initiatives by 2035 and beyond, this challenge will grow more complex. So, what's the answer?

Electric cooperatives and others in the energy sector will continue to develop renewable options and pursue new technologies. But absent new large-scale alternatives and advances in energy storage, the stalwarts of today's energy fleet—coal and nuclear energy facilities—must continue to operate in many regions. In some, they remain the most cost-effective options for producing electricity.



We are Here to Help

In February, the state of Oklahoma was one of many states in the nation that experienced record-low temperatures. Oklahoma experienced below-freezing temperatures for nearly 12 consecutive days with the lowest temperature recorded at -22 Fahrenheit and wind chills that dropped as low as -36 Fahrenheit, according to the Oklahoma Mesonet.

Due to historically frigid temperatures, demand for electricity rose significantly and the power supply in some cases was not sufficient to fulfill the rising demand of electric power. The unprecedented low temperatures are behind us but we will still feel the impact when upcoming electricity, water, and gas bills arrive. Even though CKenergy rates have not changed, the amount of kWh consumed was higher than normal.

We know these have been challenging times for our members and understand the impact of increased electric bills on family finances. If you find it difficult to pay your entire electric bill, please call us between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 405-656-2322.

The increased price of natural gas won't be immediately reflected in your upcoming electric bills. In the meantime, we're here to help with flexible payment options if needed.

Below are resources for members to receive possible assistance.

The first is Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This is not a new program, but it is a Federally-funded program that provides financial assistance to approximately 182,000 Oklahoma low-income households each year to help them meet the cost of home energy.

For more information visit <http://www.okdhs.org/services/liheap/Pages/LIHEAP>

The second option is a new program created by Congress for COVID relief. It's called Community CARES Partners (CCP). The eligibility scope is more narrow for this assistance, but every little bit helps!

For more information visit <https://okcommunitycares.org/>

2021 Energy Camp

Energy Camp is for eighth-grade students interested in developing leadership skills and learning about electric cooperatives. Deadline to apply is **April 9, 2021!**



June 1-4, 2021



Most of us never think about the electric, gas, water and other utility lines buried below the ground, but hitting one of these lines while digging is not the reminder you'll want--trust us! CKenergy reminds all members who are planning a digging project to call 811 at least three business days before you start. Or you can submit a request online by visiting www.call811.com/811-In-Your-State. Here's how the process works:

After you call 811 or submit your request online, all affected utilities will be notified of your intent to dig. It may take the utilities a few days to get to your request, so please be patient. The affected utilities will send someone out to mark the buried lines with paint or flags. Before you break ground, confirm that all the utilities have responded to your request. If you placed your request by phone, use the process explained by your 811 call center representative. If you submitted your request online, refer to your 811 center ticket to confirm everything.

By taking this important step before you break ground on your project, you can help protect not only yourself but our community. Disrupting an underground utility line can interrupt service, cause injuries and cost money to repair, so remember to call 811 first and know what's below.

Know What's Below:

Steps for Safe Digging

Spring is just around the corner, and there's never been a better time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Perhaps you're making plans for a new garden or a lawn makeover. However

you're planning to revamp your backyard oasis, remember to keep safety in mind for all projects--especially those that require digging near underground utility lines.



Automotive

1940 Ford convertible restored. Original drive train. New upholstery and top. New paint and tires. 580-331-7304.

1992 Cadillac Allante 69,900 miles. Pearl white with black convertible top. Tan seats. Excellent condition. One owner. Call for details and photos. 405-250-5396.

193,000 miles. Good solid car starts and runs great. \$1,000 405-315-0328.

83 Chev. van. New tires. 580-637-2520.

1973 Mustang 2 dr. 351 mtr. auto-power and air. Paint and interior excellent. Good rubber. \$15,000. 580-331-7304.

Farm/ Equipment

1941 John Deere, 1939 John Deere. Both restored. Spoke wheels and new tires. Original. \$7500 both. 405-834-0825.

2020 Trip Hopper. 3,000 capacity. Model #T-856. Like new. \$5900. 580-445-6152 or 937-286-9897.

1950 For 8N Tractor. Completely restored. 580-483-8537.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

Note: CKEC does not endorse or guarantee any of the products or services in these ads.

Livestock/Pets

Gentle, genetic superior bulls. Easy calving, more growth and muscle. Make money with Kusel Limousin bulls. Call John, 580-759-6038.

Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Four year old red angus bull. Leave message. 580-919-5490.

Business

Mooters hay and cattle hauling. 405-668-0213 Dirt work, land clearing, stumps, ponds. Fletchers backhoe. 405-519-2718.

Parking lot maintenance, crack, asphalt sealing overlay, potholes, striping and signage. 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 580-550-0545.

Mainstreet 420 Shop. Medical cannabis. 405-687-5004.

Mainstreet 420 Shop. 417 W. Main, Binger. Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m.-7 p.m. 405-687-5004.

Heavy haul of tractor dozers. backhoes, loaders, etc. 20 years of experience. 405-395-7758.

Liner replacement for semi end dump trailers. 405-638-1158.

Award winning decks, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, firepits, outdoor fireplaces, cedar fence. Design. 405-834-3411

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Free estimates. 405-413-7590

Miscellaneous

Heavy duty fire pits. Built out of propane tank ends. Free standing. 580-819-0695.

200 bales. 2020 wheat hay. 4x6 round bales avg. 1050-100 lbs. \$50 per ton. 405-320-0884.

Bales of grass hay. \$45 per bale. 405-613-5731.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are **NOT** taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 5th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum. **ONE** ad per member.
- Contact the editor at 580-832-3361 for information about availability of ad space.
- CKEC reserves the right to reject any ad deemed inappropriate.
- Ads will automatically run for 2 months, additional run time must be requested **before** the 5th of the month.

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 580-832-5174. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.

Circle category:

Autos	Farm/Equip	Furn/Appl	Hay/Wood	Livestock/Pets	Misc
	Real Estate	Wanted-Notices	Business		

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20 yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

2018 Bighorn Traveler 39MB Fifth wheel. Four slides, fireplace, washer, drer, outside grill, central vacuum, excellent condition. Colony. 903-701-7888.

1986 Lincoln gas welder. S.A. 200. good leads, good machine. \$3,500. 405-929-9410.

Reclining living room set from Bob Mills. One year old. Excellent condition. No animals or kids on them. Blue gray color. Will sell couch and loveseat separate. \$1500. 405-256-0270

Inogen one porable oxygen conentrator with two double batteries, carry bag, all manual and plugs. less than one year old. \$1595. 405-659-9737.

Jeans and pants hemming and minor alterations. Tuxes, accessory sales and rentals. Settle Studio. 405-247-5142.

Silver parade, saddle, bridle, and chest strap. Black-cement. 817-229-5663.

Heavy duty fire pits. 24-48". Free standing. 580-819-0695.

Winchester model 770. 30:06. Good condition. Bushness 3x9x50 firefly scope, strap, ammo, sighted in. Ready to go. \$600. 405-213-4126.

2017 Nash 25C travel trailer. Boondocking ready with solar and batteries. Four season capable, enclosed underbilly. New queen mattress, TV, radio with DVD player. 580-574-2741

Heavy Haul: tractor, dozers, backhoes, loaders, trackhoes. 20 years experience. 405-395-7758.

Real Estate

Country Living: 3bd south of Binger. No pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit. 580-302-3051

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. 5bd/2 1/2ba for party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigretreat.com.

For Rent: Vacation Cabins at Foss Lake.

Quiet neighborhood, no smoking, no pets. 580-515-6452.

Vacation Rental Cabin. Fort Cobb Lake, right on the edge of the water. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success.

For Rent: 2 lg bd, lg kitchen, living room, den, 1/2ba, washroom, alarm & internet, carport. No Pets. \$600/mo. 580-302-3051.

For Rent: small 2bd/1ba, \$400/mo, \$300 dep. 580-302-3051.

Vacation cabin rental. Great for hunting, fishing at Ft. Cobb lake. Room for trailer and boat. Next to water. 580-243-8697.

20 acres (mol) with large custom home and barns. Private and secluded. www.goldbucklerealty.com 580-330-9090.

House for rent near Ft. Cobb lake. Two bedroom. 405-826-6376.

Wanted-Notices

Old toys wanted 1950-1989. Hot wheels, GI Joe, star wars, super heroes, model car kits, old comics, and trading cards. 405-361-2227.

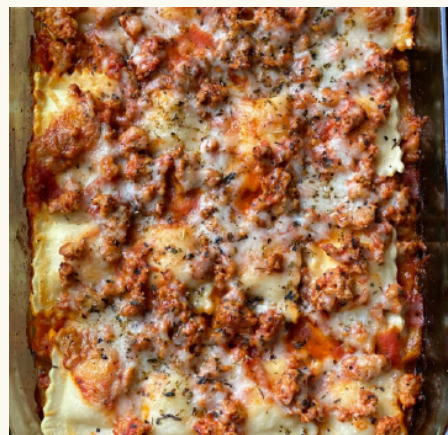
Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday every month. Admission \$10.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Lazy Lasagna

Ingredients:

- 1 24 oz. jar of pasta sauce
- 1 25 oz. bag of frozen cheese ravioli
- 1 lb. of ground beef or turkey
- 2 cups of shredded Italian style cheese
- 1 tsp. of basil
- 1 tsp. of oregano



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray 9x13 pan. Brown ground beef in skillet and add 3/4 of the sauce to meat and let simmer for about 10 minutes. Pour remaining sauce in the bottom of casserole dish. Next layer frozen ravioli, then a layer of meat sauce and top with 1/2 the cheese. Layer ravioli again, meat sauce and cheese. Sprinkle basil and oregano on top layer of cheese, cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 15 more minutes. Let sit 5 minutes before serving.