

# THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

**Holiday Closing**  
CKEC offices will close Friday, April 15 to observe Good Friday.

**Mark Your Calendar**  
CKEC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 12.

April 2022

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

## Small Changes Can Have Big Impact

### Celebrate Earth Day on April 22

Friday, April 22, is Earth Day 2022. Consider making an Earth Day “resolution” to change at least one energy-related bad habit at home.

#### Here are some ideas:

If you haven't already, switch your lamps and overhead light fixtures to LED versions. You can even use LED light bulbs in older fixtures.

Turn off the lights when you leave the room and teach your children to do the same. This is time-tested advice.

Unplug appliances like the TV and your computer when you're not using them. Appliances that are turned off but still plugged in draw small amounts of electricity.

Take shorter showers. You'll save both water and energy.

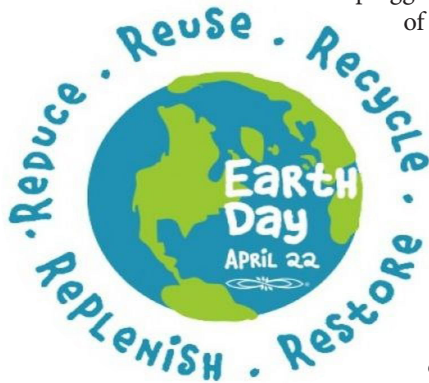
Have your large appliances inspected every year. A maintenance check can help a furnace, air conditioning system or water heater last longer and run more efficiently.

While these suggestions may not be glamorous actions worthy of a press

release or event, they do make a difference. And we're always here to help if you want more information on how you can save energy. Stop by our office or give us a call.

Earth Day is recognized as the largest civic event in the world. In 1970, the United States started celebrating Earth Day, and since then, it has blossomed into an international celebration of our planet, being observed in 193 countries.

Being good stewards of the Earth ensures we have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink; As we celebrate Earth Day this April, let's continue to work together and make a positive impact on our local community – and our beautiful planet.



# THIS JOB ISN'T FOR THE FAINT OF HEART



April is  
**LINEMAN**  
Appreciation  
Month

#THANKALINEMAN

Lineworkers go above and beyond.



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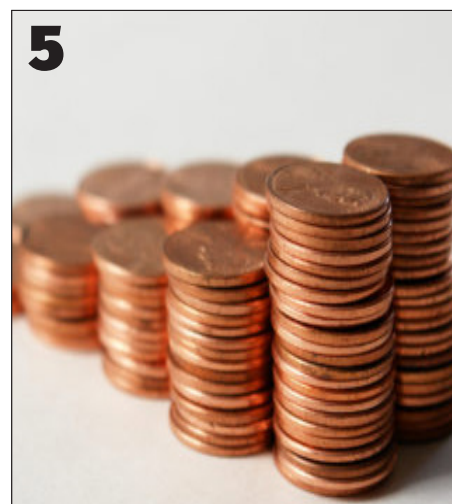
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#### APRIL

### Winning CKEC Members

Shawn Gabel  
Donna Jackson  
John Vance

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 Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).

# EACH APRIL WE #THANKALINEMAN

Linemen serve on the front lines of our nation's energy needs, and in April we honor the men and women who work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. We proudly recognize linemen for the services they perform around the clock in difficult conditions to keep power flowing.



Despite the many challenges, CKEC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families

unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done, often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

CKEC lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 7,843 miles of power lines across ten counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity that we need for everyday life. Linemen are at the heart of everything we do.

The next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather. Lineworkers are the power behind your power.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineman carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, line workers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Linemen must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineman is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line of work.



## BE THUNDERSTORM AWARE

Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather related hazards. Although most lightning victims survive, people struck by lightning often report long-term, debilitating symptoms. Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that can include lightning, hail, powerful winds over 50 MPH, cause flash flooding and can produce tornadoes.

If you are in a thunderstorm warning, find safe shelter and follow these tips:

- ⚡ When thunder roars, go indoors.
- ⚡ Move from outdoors into a building or a car.
- ⚡ Pay attention to alerts and warnings.
- ⚡ Unplug appliances.
- ⚡ Do not use landline phones.

You can prepare now:

- ⚡ Create an emergency plan so you and your family know what to do, where to go and what you will need to protect yourselves.
- ⚡ Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- ⚡ Identify nearby, sturdy buildings close to where you live, work, study and play.





Photo Courtesy of Jiggs Smokehouse

# Jiggs Smokehouse

A meat lovers paradise

**S**ettled in the heart of western Oklahoma, Jiggs Smokehouse has earned an outstanding worldwide reputation for their tasty BBQ and heaping helpings. Located three miles west of Clinton off Interstate 40, Jiggs is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jigg's Smokehouse has been smokin' barbecue for Oklahomans for over 40 years. Built in the 1970's as a smokehouse, not a restaurant, Jiggs Botchlett used it as an outlet for his turkey and egg farms.

The late George Klaassen purchased the business in 1978 and that is when it became Jiggs Smokehouse. The only two menu items were ham and turkey sandwiches. No condiments. Just butter. No mustard, no mayo, no lettuce, no tomato. Did we mention, just butter?

In the year 2000, George's youngest son Lynn and his wife Becky bought the business. Lynn and Becky along with their three children Ashley, Carson and Rachel and their adopted work family continue to keep the history and tradition of Jiggs

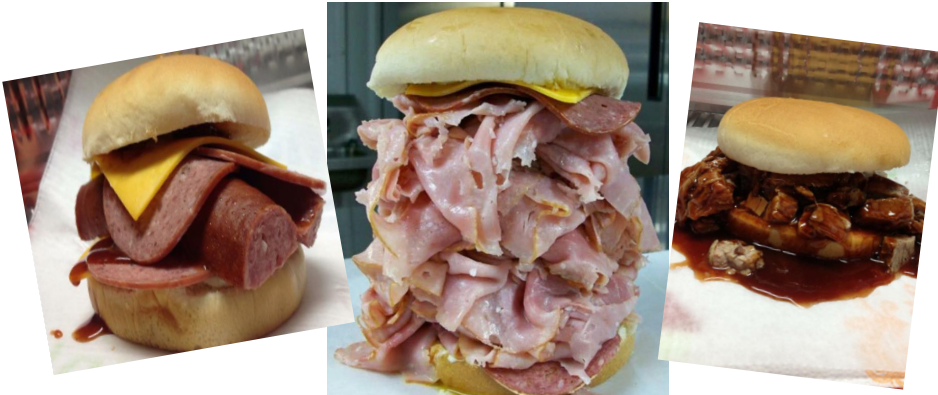
Smokehouse alive. The business continues to grow as each generation of customers and friends continue to share their secret lil BBQ Shack, that lil' ole hole in the wall.

Located along Route 66 just outside of Clinton, Jiggs hits the mark with plenty of charm. The carefree place has pieces of history hanging on the walls in their cozy dining room. You won't find white tablecloths or real plates, but the light-hearted place is always full of happy customers.



Jiggs knows what it does well, with just seven main items on the menu with a few side items. Stop by to taste the BBQ beef sandwich, a local favorite that comes with succulent, fall apart brisket with a splash of Jigg's sweet and spicy BBQ sauce. The Wooley Burger, Kitchen Sink, Pig Sickle, Triple Pig Sickle, and Sausage Surprise round up the specialty sandwiches with the basic sandwich (ham, beef summer sausage, and pork link sausage) completing the menu. In addition to serving lunch and dinner, Jiggs offers full cater or pick-up catering services. Jigg's jerky, BBQ sauce, chow chow, corn relish, pork and beef rubs, deserve plenty of fanfare as well. And Jiggs will ship the jerky, BBQ sauce, and the pork and beef rubs.

A long-time co-op member, Jiggs hooked up service in June of 1978. CKenergy is proud to serve Jiggs Smokehouse and to be a part in keeping the Jiggs history and tradition alive. Be sure to drop by this family-owned institution and see why it's an Oklahoma favorite.



# CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



## Approved Grants:

Crow Roose Fire Dept.	\$8,400.00
Gracemont Fire Dept.	\$5,000.00
Green Acres Fire Dept.	\$5,000.00
Leedey Clinic Assoc.	\$7,500.00
Individual Grants	\$6,500.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$32,400.00</b>

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**Small Change, Big Difference!**

**O**n Tuesday, February 8, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$32,400 for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, help local law enforcement better protect citizens, and so much more!

Giving to those in need is a great way to tap into the Oklahoma spirit and thousands of Oklahoma's electric co-op members do just that by donating funds through Operation Round Up.

As a member of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, you have the opportunity to participate in the Operation Round Up program. The program works by allowing co-op members to round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar amount. The spare change is transferred to CKenergy's Operation Round Up fund and dispersed to local charitable causes.

For example, let's say you have a monthly electric bill of \$84.62. The bill is rounded up to a flat \$85, with the additional 38 cents going into the Operation Round Up Fund. On average, a co-op member donates roughly \$6 each year. Seems like a small amount, right? It is, but when multiplied by thousands of other CKenergy members, Operation Round Up raises thousands of dollars for local causes and organizations.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizens' centers and food banks are just a few of the beneficiaries of Round Up funds. Funds are also used to help needy individuals and families pay for medical equipment and other needs.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative is passionate about the communities we serve. Together, electric co-ops with Operation Round Up programs in place have raised more than \$100 million since 1989.

Grants are decided by a twelve-member board of cooperative members who volunteer their time to oversee the program. CKenergy Electric co-op coordinator is Boyd Lee. Requests for assistance are reviewed and evaluated quarterly throughout the year.

We hope you will continue to participate in CKenergy's Operation Round Up. Your small change will change lives, and together we will make a big difference right here in Oklahoma.

Next quarter grant applications must be submitted no later than **May 3, 2022**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Visit [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop) for a foundation application.





# Know What's Below

## Steps for Safe Digging

**S**pring 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 plan 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.

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! CKEC reminds all members who are planning a digging project to call 811 at least three business days before you start. Or you can submit request online at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com). 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. You're not even required to be present while your project site is marked.

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 your community. You can dig with confidence, because you'll know how to avoid any damage to underground utility lines. 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.

## 2022 CKenergy Surplus Auction

CKenergy is taking sealed bids on trucks and other equipment.

Bids are due by **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022**. Bid sheets are available at all CKenergy offices. Members seeking more information on the auction, or for a full list of auction items, contact **Jerid McAdoo** at **405-656-2322**.



Keeping Our Community Safe is as Easy as **#811**

Call  before you dig.

### Automotive

Ford F-1501 fuel pumps, brand new for front and back tanks. Fits 87-95 model years. \$125. 580-530-0593.

55/57 chevy used parts bumper. Brake drums, chrome pieces, seats, misc. 405-818-9011.

1981 Corvette T-top. 37,000 original miles. Garage kept. Set idle since 1989. Best Offer. 580-515-0817.

1979 Dodge power wagon truck. 36,000 original miles. Runs good. 580-339-3037.

### Farm/ Equipment

820 John Deere, will run. 80 JD - needs work. \$2500 for both 580-331-7304

16' trailer - 6 ton limit. Heavy duty. Can haul heavy equipment or vehicle. Pedulum type hitch. \$4500. 405-570-8288.

### Livestock/Pets

Better bulls. Add more profit with big, stout bulls with low birth weights that will sire calves with faster growth and more muscle. Kusel Limousin and Lim-flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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

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

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.  
Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 580-550-0545.

C and K Trucking. 20 years exp. Hauling heavy equipment, dozers, excavators, loaders and tractors. 405-395-7758.

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

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

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Built

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Loud Mountain Trading Co. Cement, OK. Over 90 local artisans and craftsmen. Premium ice cream. Monday-Saturday 10-6 p.m. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

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Door and window installation and repair. Free estimates. JD DE Shazo Construction 405-245-4042.

### Miscellaneous

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20

**Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

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

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

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

2008 36' HH 5th wheel, four slides. Two western jackets 46 R, three western hats 7 1/8. 405-919-0980.

Recreational Trailer, 19 ft, 2004. Travel Cruiser. Good Condition. \$5,000. Call or text 580-773-8513.

Old gumball machine \$80. Student desk \$65. Old fan \$80. Old tricycle \$90. 48" round oak table and six chars \$600, matching hutch \$150. 405-256-0270.

Knitting machines and all accessories. Approximately 10 of them. \$1500 for all or best offer. 405-659-1171.

49 JFK Jr. "Geroge magazines" plus "Last will and testament of Jacqueline Kennedy. 405-797-2915.

Heavy built fire pits. Can be built with or without removable grill. Made out of propane tank ends. Prices range from \$200 to \$450. 580-819-0695.

6' BushHog, like new. Lumber: 3x12x16xLVls. Kenmmore sewing mahcine. 1993 Lincoln Cont. Mark VII. 580-695-4589

T-shirt quilts and memory bears. Alterations. 405-933-0224.

Milbank generator 6750 starting watts. 5500 running watts .120/240 gasoline. \$500 firm, New. 405-609-0299.

\$100 Agreed Divorces. JNK Paralegal Service. www.jnkparalegal.com JNKparalegal@aol.com 405-376-2206.

Goober House. Fresh peanuts of many varieties, pecans, and peanut brittle. 580-515-5821. www.Gooberhouse.com

4-Mag wheels and tires off 2019 camaro. Like new. 18 in. \$475. 405-439-7571.

## Real Estate

Hunting, fishing and vacation cabin rental at Ft. Cobb lake. 580-243-8697.

5 acres tract of land. Minco school. 405-574-2980.

Swan Lake. 4 bd. 2 bath, central H/A, wood stove, carport, garage. \$60,000 or best offer. 580-747-3672.

Home on 1.5 acres in Eakly. Lovingly maintained with 3 bed/3bath. Living room and den. 580-330-9090. www.goldbucklerealty.com

## Wanted-Notices

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

Gas portable stick welder/generator unit around 185 to 225ac. 405-247-8843.

Two used tires for old crap metal trailer. 15 inch 95L 405-638-0466.

## Hay/Wood

Grass Hay for sale. \$45 per round bale. 405-613-5731.

## Shrimp Tacos

### Ingredients:

#### Slaw

1 jalapeno, sliced  
½ head green cabbage, thinly sliced  
½ head purple cabbage, thinly sliced  
½ cup whole milk  
½ cup mayonnaise  
1 Tbs. sugar  
1 tsp. white vinegar  
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper  
¼ tsp. kosher salt  
½ bunch fresh cilantro, roughly chopped



#### Shrimp

2 Tbs. vegetable oil  
1 1/2 lbs. peeled and deveined shrimp  
1 6-ounce can Mexican tomato sauce or enchilada sauce  
1/2 tsp. ground cumin  
1 Tbs. butter

### Directions:

For the slaw: Combine the sliced jalapeno and shredded green and purple cabbage in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix the milk, mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, cayenne, and salt. Pour the milk mixture over the cabbage and jalapeno and toss to combine. Before serving, toss in the cilantro.

For the shrimp: Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over high heat. Throw in the shrip and cook, tossing it around, until opaque, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and poul in the tomato or enchilada suace, stirring to combine. Stir in the cumin and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Add the butter, then remove from the heat.

Serve warm tortillas with the shrimp, slaw, pico de gallo, avocado slices, sour cream and pepper jack cheese, then let everyone build their own tacos.