



# The Buzz

FOR MEMBERS OF OKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

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A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING







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*Merry Christmas!*

WARM WISHES FROM ALL OF US AT CKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Keep up to date with the latest happenings with the co-op and community events. We will also post updates in the event of an outage.



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*CKEC will close at noon on December 23rd and remain closed through December 26. The co-op will also close at noon on December 30 and remain closed through January 2. To report on outage, please call 1-800-868-8243 or report it through the CKenergy app.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**December Winning Account #'s**

**Congratulations!**

- Ethell Gray
- Paul Gassen
- John Vanderlinde

If you are one of the people listed above, call 405-656-2322, with your account #, to receive a \$25 credit on your account!

# What would life be like without electric co-ops?

In the holiday movie classic, “It’s a Wonderful Life” the lead character, George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart), wishes he had never been born due to financial troubles he is experiencing. Through the help of an Angel, he sees how many lives would have been negatively affected if he didn’t exist. George comes to realize that, even with his problems, he has a wonderful life with great friends and family.

So what do you think life would be like if community leaders had not founded Caddo Electric or Kiwash Electric, our parent cooperatives, nearly 80 years ago?

Living in the U.S. in 2016, it is nearly impossible to imagine life without electricity. So many of our modern conveniences that improve the quality of our lives are dependent on electricity as the “fuel” to make them work. From the alarm clock that wakes us up, to the refrigerator that keeps our morning milk cold and fresh. From the HVAC unit that keeps us cool in the summer and warm in the winter, to the vacuum that lets us clean more efficiently and all those kitchen appliances that save us time and physical energy. Of course, so much of our entertainment, whether it comes from the TV, radio or computer, depends on the kilowatt-hours that your electric co-op provides. Just think, there would be no smartphones or cell phones if there were no electricity.

Businesses of all kinds rely on electricity to produce and sell the products we need. So, it is no wonder that many electric co-ops feel that, while our primary product is electricity, we are really in the quality of life business.

As we celebrate the season that reminds us to be thankful for all that we have, it is important to remember the 1.3 billion people in the world that still live without reliable electric service. That is equal to about four times the U.S. population!


Many of the things we take for granted living in the U.S. are much harder and more time consuming for people in developing countries around the world. We are proud members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) that is working through their affiliate, NRECA International, and the NRECA International Foundation to help bring power to people in developing countries like Haiti and Liberia. (<http://www.nreca.coop/it-starts-with-power/>)

We are thankful that our community ancestors right here had the vision and foresight to do for ourselves what needed to be done, gathering our friends and neighbors to form our electric co-op. As the electric business of the 21st century continues to evolve, you can count on CKenergy to meet all of your electric energy needs. More importantly, we are here to help improve the quality of your *wonderful life*.

## How Electric Co-ops Energized Rural America

**1844** Cooperative principles established in Rochdale, England.

**1909** Country Life Commission recommends creation of electric cooperatives to power rural areas.

**1935**  President Franklin D. Roosevelt creates federal Rural Electrification Administration (REA) by executive order.

**1936** 2,000 miles of electric lines under construction by electric co-ops.


**1937** 53,000 total miles of co-op lines constructed.

**1940** 180,000 miles of rural lines built with another 80,000 under way.


**1941** One million farms have power.

**1942** National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) formed to represent co-op interests nationally.


**1949** Roughly 184,000 miles of rural line constructed this year alone.

**1950** Willie Wiredhand, a mascot for electric co-ops, debuts; named after the hired hand electricity gave to farmers. 

**1962** Electric co-ops serve 5 million Americans; NRECA joins U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to bring electricity to developing nations.

**1969**  Apollo 11 mission; 500 million people around the world tune in to watch astronaut Neil Armstrong walk on the Moon.

**1994** REA renamed Rural Utilities Service.

**1998** Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives debut, providing a co-op “brand ID” and marketing options. 

**2009** NRECA/USAID partnership connects more than 100 million people to electricity in 42 nations.

**2010** 75 years after creation of REA, 900-plus co-ops in 47 states serve 17 million homes and businesses.

Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



2017 ELECTRIC CO-OP

# Youth TOUR

- WEEK LONG TRIP TO D.C.
- ALL-EXPENSES-PAID
- \$500 SCHOLARSHIP
- MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

VISIT [WWW.CKENERGY.COOP](http://WWW.CKENERGY.COOP) FOR MORE INFO



# Don't Take the Merry Out of Your Christmas

Before your family puts up a tree or hangs the stockings this holiday season, start a new tradition. Put safety at the top of your list. Too often the twinkling lights people see are on top of a fire truck or ambulance—the result of holiday accidents that could have been prevented.

Trees and lights are danger-prone holiday decorations. According to the United States Fire Administration, Christmas trees start an average of 260 house fires each season, resulting in more than \$16 million in property damage. Another 150 house fires are sparked by holiday lights and decorative lighting, costing \$8.9 million in damage. Typically, all of these fires are more severe and damaging, resulting in twice the injuries and five times the fatalities per blaze compared to average winter home fires.

Unsafe practices while putting up decorations are to blame for even more injuries. Nearly 6,000 individuals visit emergency rooms each year for falls that occur. Four thousand more are treated for injuries associated with extension cords.

But safety steps don't end with bright decorations. Gifts trigger injuries, too. Toys that are not used as intended or used without proper supervision lead to avoidable accidents. Electrical shocks, burns, or injuries from sharp, pointed, or moving parts are to blame for many of these injuries according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

When it is time to deck your halls, take these precautions to ensure the safety of you, your family, and holiday guests:

## TREES

Real or artificial, short or tall, Christmas trees are often the culprit for danger. Incorporate these safety guidelines in your decorating routine:

- Make sure an artificial tree is labeled “fire resistant.” Be aware that “fire resistant” does not mean “fire proof.” Exercise caution when it comes to your tree.
- Make sure a live tree is fresh and green. Dry, brittle limbs and shedding needles are a breeding ground for sparks. Water a live tree regularly to prevent it from drying out.
- Place any type of tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, vents, and radiators.

## LIGHTS

Festive lights give homes a magical glow both inside and out. When decorating this season, a few simple safety tips can keep your spirits bright.

- Do not overload electrical outlets. Most lights are designed to connect no more than three strands. Inspect the wires periodically to make sure they are intact and not warm to the touch.
- Never leave lights on overnight or when no one is home.
- Only use lights that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory.
- Replace any strands that show signs of damage, such as bare or frayed wires, broken bulbs, or loose connections. Faulty lights can send an electrical charge through a tree



and electrocute anyone who comes in contact with a branch.

## GIFTS

The thrill of holiday presents is quickly forgotten when a gift leads to injury. Here are a few suggestions to keep children safe:

- Select gifts that are age appropriate for the recipient. Toys recommended for older children pose too many risks for younger children to use safely.
- Educate children on electrical safety when using any new toy or product that requires an electrical connection.
- Review all instructions and safety guidelines included with new products before you allow the child to use it. This ensures the safety of the child and protects the integrity of the product.

Make sure safety ranks at the top of your “to do” list this holiday season. Like the old Christmas song says, there is no place like home for the holidays—especially when your family is safe and your home is filled with good cheer.



## Payment Option can help offset increased seasonal usage

Cooler weather is upon us and that can mean increases in electricity usage as switches flip on home heating systems.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative members who want to avoid spikes that come from increased seasonal usage may want to consider having their monthly bills averaged.

Averaged bills are the perfect way to avoid being surprised by the peak usage that comes when more home heating is required.

The Average Monthly Payment Plan offered by the cooperative keeps a rolling average of a member's last 12 months of usage. That way, they'll pay a more predictable amount each month.

Members who participate in the program can still look at their bills and tell what they would have had to pay for that billing period. Meters are still read monthly for members who pay averaged bills.

Averaged billing simply keeps monthly bills within a similar range. That predictability is something from which the home owner on a budget can benefit.

Members can apply for the Average Monthly Payment Plan by calling the cooperative during normal business hours at 1-405-656-2322.

## Statement of Non-Discrimination

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## What's Cookin'

### INGREDIENTS

3 cups milk chocolate chips, divided  
½ cup butter, cut into pieces  
3 large eggs  
1¼ cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup granulated sugar  
¼ teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
20 Kraft caramels, unwrapped  
1½ tablespoons milk

### INSTRUCTIONS

Spray a 9 x 13 inch pan with non stick cooking spray and preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Melt 1½ cups chocolate chips and butter in a large bowl in the microwave in 30 second increments, stirring in between.  
Stir in eggs, then add in flour, sugar, baking soda and vanilla. Stir together well.  
Spread batter into the greased pan, then sprinkle with chocolate chips and chopped nuts.  
Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.  
Microwave caramels and milk in a small bowl for about 1 minute. Stir and then continue to microwave, stirring every 15 seconds until all is melted and smooth. Drizzle over warm brownies.  
Cool brownies before cutting and serving.



*Chocolate Turtle Brownies*

# Swap 'N Shop

For sale or trade

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

**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 **10th of each month** to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum.
- Contact the editor at 405-656-2322 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 10th of the month.

Circle category: Autos-Farm/Equip-Furn/Appl-Hay/Wood-Livestock/Pets-Misc-MH/RV/Boat-Real Estate-Wanted-Notices-Business

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

CKEC Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

*You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 405-656-2327. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.*

## Automotive

**I buy junk cars & farm machinery,** call 405-641-3344 for more information.

**Hilltop Small Engine Repair,** 3 mi north of Gracemont, 1/2 mi west on CR 1230. 405-638-0325.

**02 Chevys 10w.350V8 \$1,000. 87 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup 305 \$700. 92 Chevy pickup runs, drives, parts only.** 405-641-3344.

**'14 Jayco Eagle Touring Ed. 5th wheel.** 31.5 ft, 3 slideouts, sleeps 8. Has small outdoor kitchen. \$40,000 OBO 580-524-1777.

**'92 Chevy Ext. Cab** Pickup, clean inside & out. 405-545-0182.

**'10 Trail Wagon 4x4,** few hours, winch on front, runs great. \$4000 cash. 405-990-6478

**'04 Pontiac Van,** well maintained, 6 cylinder. Located in Eakly. \$2,500. 405-

797-2915.

**'10 Lincoln MKZ** 55,000 miles, \$9,700 cash. 405-818-9011.

**'16 Chevy Malibu LS** 1 owner, 6,000 miles. \$19,500 cash. 405-818-9011.

**'46 Chevy Pickup,** sub frames, 400 Pontiac engine p.s. p.b. auto. \$17,500. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

**'55 Chevy Pickup-** \$1,500, **'47 Studebaker Pickup Cab-** \$1,000., **Merc Zefr dar** \$600 OBO. 405-641-3344.

**'95 GMC SLE 4x4 Ext. Cab,** long bed, 115k miles, 454 motor, 5 speed, standard, gooseneck & reciever hitches, good tires. \$4000 OBO. 580-772-3223 or 580-774-8060.

## Events

**26th Annual Minco Honey Festival, Saturday December 3rd, 2016.**

## Farm/Equip

**Marrow's Tractor Tire Repair, Sales, & Service** 405-668-0248

**Ensign Repair Kits** 580-846-5633

**Snapper Pushmower,** self propelled, steel deck, Briggs & Stratton. 8.75 engine, fully serviced in Aug, 1 owner. 405-625-6299.

New Generator, 13hp 7500w, E-start steele. never used. Stored inside, have papers. \$500 405-933-3357.

## Hay/Wood

**Cedar Posts & Stays & Oak fire wood.** Call 405-437-7612

**Net Crop Native Grass Hay-** Lg Bales, net wrapped. 405-638-0620 or 405-206-8126.

**Clean Bermuda Grass Hay** 4x5 bales

\$45/bale. Please call King Sod Farms 405-797-3323.

**Cowpea Hay-** 150 5x6 bales, 10% protein, \$50/bale. 405-668-2679.

**Good Bermuda Grass Hay,** Large Round Bales. 6X6. \$60. 405-306-1538.

**Walnut Firewood,** Split \$80/rick for pickup. \$100/rick for delivered. 405-352-5242.

**Alfalfa Hay-** Round & Square bales. Will load. 405-933-0132.

**Grass Hay** 300 Native Grass, 80 Switchgrass, Large Round Bales, Net Wrapped, \$50/Bale, Weatherford, Will Load, Delivery Available, 405-542-6713, 580-774-4942

**Midland 99 Bermuda Grass Hay.** 4x4x8 segmented bales. 5'x4' Rd bales, small sq. bales. High protein, clean horse hay quality. 580-774-5477.

## Livestock/Pets

**Beefmaster Bulls for sale.** 18mos to 2yrs. Some polled. Call 405-352-4451.

**Registered Angus Bulls.** 13-18mos, semen tested, docile, & ready to work. 405-352-5025.

**60 Big Stout Limousin Bulls.** Easy calving, gentle, high growth. Best for Xbreeding to increase weaning wts & profit. Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038 or 405-643-2884.

**Hereford & Angus Bulls-** Breeding age & semen tested. 580-280-2855.

**Charolais Bulls for Sale.** 6-30mth, 12-18/24mth. 580-774-9989.

**3 Black Angus Bulls, 18 mos, 5 Black Angus Heifers, 16 mos.** 405-643-5224 or 405-668-0584.

**LGD English Mastiff Puppies.** Born 9/3/16-ready 10/8/16. 6 males brindle or fawn. Serious inquiries only. 580-660-1393.

## Business

**Alterations & T- Shirt Quilts.** 405-831-0593

**Cooks Septic Service & Repair** 580-550-0545, toll free 877-369-7305.

**McCormack's Affordable Quilting,** T-Shirt quilts, custom quilts, & quilt repair. 405-229-4933.

**Saw 'N Cedars,** cedar tree cutting &

pasture recovery. 405-247-9686.

**Chisholm Trail Bed & Breakfast.** 3366 SW Clayton Rd, Minco, OK. 405-352-4994 or 405-642-3760.

**\$100 Agreed Divorces,** JNK Paralegal Service. 405-376-2206

**Hooked On Antiques,** 209 W Main in Binger. Wed 9:30- 5, Thurs 9-5. Call for more info. 405-202-6563.

**Abbot Electric,** OK #1648, no job too small. 405-933-1780

## WANTED

**6ft disc for 3pt tractor.** 405-247-5300 or 405-205-2162.

## Real Estate

**3 Bed, 2 1/2, 2 story townhouse,** Hobart, OK. Totally remodeled. Near hospital & quiet neighborhood. \$120,000. 580-515-1361.

**Ft Cobb Lake House Crows Roost Area** 2 bed furnished, 2 lots, new metal roof, Garage, carport, also Waverunner and Seadoo on double trailer. \$62,500 Call 405-623-4231.

**2 Bed, 1 Bath, Brick home-** South of Anadarko. 5 acres with pipe fence. 2 car garage, barn, shed, new storm shelter. Call 405-756-6708.

**Home for sale in Eakly by owner.** 2 bed w/ 2 lots. 405-545-0182.

**Foss Lake Estates** for Rent, House. Weekends or Weekly. 5 bed, 2 1/2 bath. C H&A. 580-323-1975 or 214-0178.

**12x60 3bd, 2ba,** partially furnished, mobile home. \$30,000. Crow's Roost Edition. 405-601-0382.

**Crow's Roost- 3bd, 1.5ba,** LG living, family room, & kitchen. Central H/A. Shop & wood shed w/ electric. Fruit trees. 3 lots fenced. \$89,900 405-638-7111.

**Eakly \$79,000. 4bd, 2ba.** 1983 sg. ft. 2 living areas, lg dining, storm shelter, generator, .93 acre. 405-687-1101

**Swan Lake Area-** 1 bd, 1 ba, metal home with 3 lots. Needs some work, great hunting/fishing cabin. \$17,000 OBO. 405-643-9953.

**Very Nice 4 bd/2ba home on .92 acres,** in Cyril. Includes stainless kitchen appl., carport, & 30x40 shop bldg w/

auto door.

**Crows Roost Area 2 bd, furnished.** 2 lots, new metal roof, garage & carport, also Waverunner & Seadoo on double trailer. \$62,500, 405-623-4231.

**Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger,** back part, short walk to lake, 41ft trailer, extra secluded. \$20,000 or trade. 405-543-6012.

**136 acres SW of Hinton.** Great hunting, deer, turkey, & hogs. \$3,000 per acre. 405-952-7382.

**'02 Mobile Home 16'x60',** Silvercreek. Bought new, bedroom & bath on each end. Solid floors & windows, has hitch & wheels. 580-464-2519.

**2 Story Home Cedar Lake Hinton School Dist.** 1,152sq ft., 2 car garage, out building, 6ft fence, could come fully furnished, \$30,000 OBO. 405-284-6806.

**Crows Roost- 3bd, 2 ba, 3 lots,** 2 big barns, 1 small. Lg den, 2 living rooms. Lg screened in porch. Needs some work. 405-656-2436.

**Carnegie- 3d, 2ba. 2200sqft. Country Home.** w/ finished basement that could be bdrm. LG living room and separate den. 2 car garage. New H&A. 1 acre of land. LG shed in back yard. \$130,000. 580-654-2422.

**16X80 3 bed 2 bath,** Mobile Home on 64X120 lot. 2 yr old central H&A, new carpet, new hot water tank, new pressure well. Covered porch. 14X30 pole barn, \$41,500. 405-601-0382. Call for info.

**4 Bed, 2 Bath Brick Home,** very nice, asking low price. 405-797-3434

**3 Bd, 2Ba Home,** N of Carnegie, 2200sqft. Basement, fireplace, garden tub, Central H/A new in '14, storage shed, garage. \$130,000. 580-654-2422.

## Misc

**2 Albums, 78 Vinyl:** Statler Bro's, "Flowers on the wall." Luderin Darbone's Hackberry ramblers, "LA. Cajun Music." 405-625-6299.

**Stocking Stuffers-** Cowboy Weather Stations, fart free bean recipes, fart removal kit. Cowboy Brian - 405-648-2382.