

## Energy Trails 2017

CKEC electrician, Heath Gossen, helps electrify Guatemalan village.

**O**n October 10, a team of electric cooperative employees from all across Oklahoma embarked on a very important mission. They were a part of the Oklahoma Energy Trail's electrification project in the country of Guatemala, specifically the village of Chiis. The team built powerlines and wired homes so that nearly 80 families could receive electricity—for the first time.

Electric cooperatives are known for bringing light to areas that are still “left in the dark.” The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) joined with NRECA International to electrify the poverty stricken village in rural Guatemala. The project consisted of building 1.74 miles of primary line and 1.2 miles of secondary line. This was all done with climbing gear and hand tools—no bucket trucks.

During this year's trip, CKEC's very own Heath Gossen had a very important job. Heath helped make sure that every house that was set to receive electricity, was wired properly. Each of the homes received four lightbulbs (front porch, living room/bedroom, kitchen, & back porch), two outlets, two light switches, one breaker box and one breaker. Heath wasn't alone for the wiring process. He was joined by Tim



Oklahoma Energy Trail's team

Jenlink from Alfalfa Electric Cooperative and also Jimmy Gary, the team's bus driver.

When asked about his experience, Heath said that the first thing a volunteer would see when they walked into a home were smiles—smiles that conveyed hope and the great expectation for light. Heath also said that interacting with the families and kids was an incredible joy.

We are blessed to have Heath as a member of our team and we are so proud of what he was able to help accomplish in Guatemala.

**“Pictures and words cannot explain how I felt. It almost feels like a dream.”** – Heath Gossen





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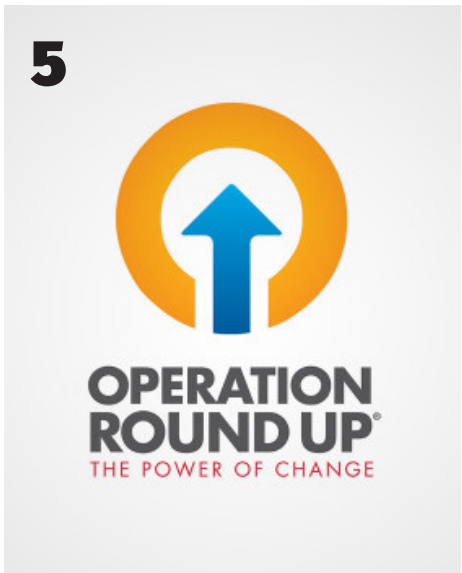
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Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).

# CKenergy CEO Receives Service Award

Clint Pack honored with regional award for outstanding service.

**O**n November 1, CKenergy CEO, Clint Pack, received the NRECA Regional Award for Outstanding Service at the yearly meeting for Regions 8 and 10 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Clint was chosen to receive this award in recognition of his outstanding advocacy, leadership, and service to the electric cooperatives at the local, state, and national levels.

Clint has been CEO of the former Caddo Electric since 2014 and of CKenergy since the consolidation of Caddo and Kiwash Electric in 2016. His experience and leadership abilities proved instrumental in leading both Caddo and Kiwash Electric

through the consolidation while both former cooperatives were facing back to back ice storms during the 2015 holiday season. Clint also handled the daunting task of consolidating member rates, eliminating duplicate accounting systems, and creating a new employee culture.

His commitment to the cooperative and the communities in which it serves is unending. Clint has served on the Binger-Oney school board, been an advisor at Caddo Kiowa Technology Center and has also served as the Charter President for the Binger Lion's Club while also serving as the treasurer for the Oklahoma Lion's Eyeglass Recycling Center.



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## Be a good neighbor

Winter weather can be difficult on elderly loved ones and neighbors. The temperature alone, not to mention wind, ice or snow, can make it hard for senior citizens to get to the doctor, pharmacy and even the grocery store. Those on a tight budget sometimes skimp on basics such as food and utilities to keep their home warm.

CKenergy encourages you to be a good neighbor by checking on your aging friends and family regularly. Take action if you haven't seen them in a while, or if you notice mail or newspapers piling up in their mailbox. They will appreciate your concern, and you'll feel better knowing they are safe and sound.



# Rural Electric Youth Tour

Long standing program still provides the trip of a lifetime.

Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The Senator and future president declared, *“If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.”*

Consequently, some Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson’s office. In 1958, a rural electric cooperative in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of our nation’s capital. Later that same year, another bus load came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other states sent bus loads of young people throughout the summer. By 1959, the “Youth Tour” had grown to 130 students.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested that cooperative representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C., during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated Tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. Word of the program has continued to spread and today, more than 1,500 students and over

250 chaperones participate in the Youth Tour every year.

Youth Tour directors from each state association arrange their delegation’s visits to their U.S. representatives’ and senators’ offices, federal agencies and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by NRECA.

Oklahoma students have made that trip seeing sights such as the Smithsonian Institution Museums, the Lincoln Memorial, war memorials, George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate, the U.S. Capitol and the White House, to name a few. They have shaken hands with senators and representatives, and some have even seen the president.

Coordination of the 2018 Youth Tour contest is already underway. Deadline for applications is drawing close, **February 9th, 2017**. High School Juniors, don’t miss out on this once in a lifetime trip! Rule and application forms are at your school counselor’s office, CKenergy offices and online at [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop). For more information call Member Services at 405-656-2322.

## APPLY NOW!



- Fill out the contest application.
- Write a letter to a person of importance over a topic that you care about.
- Submit your application and letter to CKenergy by **February 9th, 2018**.

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# CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



**OPERATION  
ROUND UP**  
THE POWER OF CHANGE

## Approved grants:

Riverside Indian School.....	\$2,500
Anadarko Middle School.....	\$2,000
Lookeba-Sickles Spec. Ed.....	\$2,231
Caddo Kiowa Tech SLA.....	\$3,000
Rocky Flre Department.....	\$4,000
Washita Co. Fire Chief's Assoc.....	\$5,000
Individual Grants.....	\$7,000
<b>Total Grants.....</b>	<b>\$25,731</b>

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*Small Change, **Big** Difference!*

**O**n Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of **\$36,975** for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, they will 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 year-round 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.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizen's 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-coordinators are Boyd Lee and Devin Whittington. 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 **January 3rd, 2018**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next quarterly scheduled meeting.

# Generator Safety

Follow these tips to stay safe this winter in the event of an outage.

**P**ortable electric generators can offer many benefits when a long-term electrical outage occurs due to a storm. However, if generators are not used properly, things could turn deadly. Graphic for portable generators.

After Hurricane Katrina, for example, many people relied on generators. But the misuse of them caused five deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC also reported 51 cases of carbon monoxide poisoning.

## Follow these tips to prevent misuse of portable electrical generators:

- Be sure to follow manufacturers' directions for installation and operation.
- To prevent electric shock, make sure your generator is properly grounded. The operation manual should provide correct grounding procedures.
- Operate electric generators or other fuel-powered machines outside where deadly carbon monoxide fumes cannot enter the home.
- Use the generator only in a well-ventilated and dry area located away from air intakes to the house. Do not use a generator in an attached garage.
- Do not overload the generator by operating more appliances and

equipment than the generator can handle. The operating instructions should have an output rating for the generator.

- Individual appliances should be plugged directly into the receptacle outlet of the generator using appropriately sized extension cords to carry the electric load.
- Make sure the cords are rated for outdoor use, have a grounded, three-pronged plug, and are in good condition.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs.
- Never connect generators directly to your home's wiring. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.
- Never plug a generator into a household outlet.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is running.
- Only store fuel outside of living areas and away from heat sources like water heater pilot lights.
- Turn off all equipment powered by the generator before shutting it down.
- Keep children and pets away from generators.



**\* Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.**

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**Automotive**

I buy junk cars & farm equipment. 405-641-3344.  
 '02 1500 HD 3/4 ton Chevy Silverado. Crew Cab V8 4x4. 56k miles, one owner, garaged. New Michelin tires. \$11,900. 580-445-5511.

1940 Ford convertible restored. New paint, interior, tires, 3 speed, flat head motor. \$25,000 firm. 580-331-7304.

1980 Corvette Coupe. 85k miles. Automatic, new tires, carpet, numbers matching. Beige color paint & interior. \$9,995. 405-265-7234.

'66 Buick Skylark. 2 dr, hard top, automatic transmission, matching numbers. Needs restored inside & out. Has title. Has not been started in 10yrs. \$2,000. No phone calls after 2:00 p.m. 405-213-8915.

'98 Ford F150. Little rough, runs. \$1,000 OBO or trade. 405-641-3344.

'55 Chevy 2dr, 350 4spd. New paint & tires. New torque thrust d wheels, power steering, electric wipers. Light blue & white. \$29,700. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

**Farm/ Equipment**

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

1950 M Farmall tractor in good condition. Good paint, power steering, wide front end, excellent pulling tractor in classic pulls.

**Swap 'N Shop**  
 For Sale or Trade

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

\$9,800 OBO. 580-302-2710.

Husqvarna riding lawn mower. 352 hours. 48 in. cut, 23 HP Briggs & Stratton engine. Runs well. Model # YTH2348. 405-265-7234.

WW Beefmaster cattle chute. Portable trailer, wheels, & hitch. 405-352-4840.

5th wheel for pickup, Husky 16k. Adjustable EZ roller w/ reese fricron sway control bar. Trailer weight 16,000lbs. Like new. 405-202-7317.

Antique farm machinery- 14ft chisel, older stock trailer, rotary hoe, springtooth, etc... 405-638-0415 or 405-933-1360.

WANTED: 20' - 26' open gooseneck livestock trailer in fair conition under \$2,500. Leave message at 405-247-8843.

10ft John Deere Disc, 8ft- 3pt Springtooth, 12 hole steel drill. All 3 for \$2,500 OBO. 405-397-6723.

**Livestock/Pets**

18 mo registered Red Angus bull. \$2,700. 405-284-6984.

Saanan billy goat, 2yrs old. \$130. 580-613-1423.

Looking for country home: 6yr old female cat. Spayed, shots, well mannered, litter trained, likes outside, kept in at night. 405-397-6723.

Rumley Farms- Registered Angus bulls. 16-18mos of age. Have been worked & semen tested. 405-352-5025.

**Business**

Welding & Fabrication work. Call Tony, 405-834-1128.

Hooked on Antiques. 209 W Main, Binger. Open Wed. 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Thurs. 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Call 405-202-6563 for more info.

King Cement Services, Eakly, OK. 405-545-2141 or 580-450-7804.

Keith's Tree Trimming- seasonal firewood for sale. 580-660-1237.

Piano Tuning & Repair. Western OK. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans, & Peanut Brittle- Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunter's Mix, & Roasted and salted in the shell. 580-654-1175. www.gooberhouse.com

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

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**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.**

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- Ads need to be received by the 10th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
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- 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.

### Miscellaneous

Fancy hand made baby afghans. Different colors & sizes. Text 405-640-9068 for pictures and/or questions.

8 drapery panels; pleated at top, gold color lined in white, extra long (84"x120"). Will fit 10' ceiling. Never used. Text 405-640-9068 for pictures and/or questions.

Hauling- large or small. Will haul old cars, appliances, lawn mowers, anything metal. 405-384-6804.

### Real Estate

Fort Cobb Lake Lots- Crow's Roost area. 3 lots recently cleared & levelled off. 192' wide x 120' deep, 2 water wells, & septic. 405-694-0625.

1 Acre Commercial Zoned. 4 3/4 E of Tuttle on HWY 37. 405-794-4612.

Hunting Lodge- sleeps 6. Rent by week or month with all amenities, all appliances, & new beds. \$500/week or \$1,800/month. Close to Fort Cobb Lake. - Call Wanda. 580-302-3051.

Ft. Cobb Lake (Flying Inn #2) 3 bd, 2 ba, 1456sqft. 30x50 shop. Less than 500ft from water (boat dock), open floor plan, formal din, kit/din,lg covered ft & bk porches. Excellent condition. \$134k 580-772-4663.

60x60 shop w/ living app. 3600 sq. ft. 3000 working. Complete shop with anything you could need. Has heat with 2 lifts. 580-331-7180.

5 acre tract of land. Timber, wildlife. Financing available. Minco school district. Electric & water available. New home site, no trailer homes. 405-352-5190.

528 S. Spencer, Hinton. Completely remodeled. Must see. 3 bd, 2 ba, utility room. Detached garage. 1,450 sq. ft. MOL. 405-306-1538.

2,128 sq. ft. home. 3 bd, 2 1/2 ba. Lg. living room. 5 walk-in closets. Metal roof, all electric. Well kept-40x50 steel bldg. on 5 acres. Gracemont. Serious lookers only. 580-515-4126.

3 bd, 2 ba brick home. XL lot west edge of Cordell. New Four Seasons sunroom/patio. basement, storage shed, fence, updated throughout. \$199,900. 940-395-1370.

Gracemont: Quiet, small, rural acreage w/ 3b, 1 1/2 ba brick home. Attached garage, storm shelter, shop building, 2 car carport, old barn, water well, close to town, paved road. Reduced to \$79,900. 405-402-0895.

Auto- transmission shop. All equipment w/ it. 60x60x14 building. 6 lots on corner. Built in 05. 580-331-7180.

1 acre commercial zoned. Between Tuttle & Tricity on highway 37. 4 3/4 mi east of Tuttle. 405-794-4612.

3 bd, 1 ba. Carport, storage building, fenced in yard, new kitchen, remodeled bathroom with wood, tile, & carpet floors and new windows. \$83,000, just have to see. 405-952-4171.

Two lots. Well, electricity, 2 metal buildings, 21 ft. Tahoe travel trailer. Used very little but needs repairs. Make offer. Swan Lake area. 405-681-6991.

Cedar Lake Cabin (lot 821). Dock space, 2 bed, 1 bath. 1048 sq. ft. \$65,500. 405-295-2401.

Ft. Cobb Lake north of golf course, south of 77 ranch. Three/two home. Two lots, garage, well water, metal roof. Nice porch with shade. \$95,000. 405-664-0983.

Two acres south of Carnegie. 3 bed, 2 bath trailer. Living room, den, 2 car garage, shop, storage shed, garden shop. 2 cellars. \$75,000. 580-654-2202.

2 adjoining cemetery plots by pond with fountain. Resthaven OKC. \$7,000 OBO. 405-517-2624.

36 acres- surface land, scenic Wichita Mts. 4 miles West of Meers, OK. Bids begin at \$4,200 per acre. Amenities available. Email: Wayne Orrell@gmail.com

120 acres available for oil lease in Washita County- section 6-8-14. 405-794-4612.

Crow's Roost Edition: 2 for 1 mobile homes- 12x60 3bd, 2ba, partially furnished, mobile home. \$30,000. 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, \$70,000. Call for info. 405-664-2262.

302 acres- hunting lease. Deer, turkey, quail, 2 deer feeders, 220 electric pole for trailer. Please send text to 580-215-9207.

Ft. Cobb Lake- 2 story, 5bd, 2lr, 2ba, garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open concept, newly remodeled, furnished, backs up to lake. 405-222-0636.

Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Best kept secret. Secluded in back part of lake. HAVe your own shooting range & hunting. 40ft trailer, new deck remodled. \$12,000 or trade. 405-543-6012.

### Wanted

Capri Cowboy Camper, model 42, non-overhead, long bed in good condition. 918-456-3087 or 918-718-4958.

## Baked Chicken Bacon Ranch Taquitos

### Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) pkg. cream cheese  
12 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled  
4 cups cooked, shredded chicken  
1 (1 ounce) pkt. dry Ranch Dressing mix  
2 cups shredded Monterrey Jack cheese  
3-4 Tablespoons green onion, chopped  
20 (6-inch) flour tortillas  
Salt, to taste  
Nonstick cooking spray



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Cover a large baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Mix together cream cheese, bacon, chicken, cheese, and green onions. Add in about 1/2 of the dry ranch dressing mix, or more if desired. Mix well. Spoon 2-3 Tablespoons of the chicken mixture onto each flour tortilla and roll it up. Place taquitos seam-side down on the baking sheet. Repeat about 20 times or until all the filling is used. Once finished, spray the tops of the taquitos with nonstick cooking spray and sprinkle with salt. Place pan in oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until edges and tops are golden. Let cool slightly and serve with ranch dressing or salsa.