



# THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

CKenergy offices will be closed for Christmas day, December 25 and New Year's day, January 1st.

December 2018

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

## Help Fight Copper Crime

Report suspicious activity near co-op lines or substations.



**M**etal theft continues to plague electric utilities all over the country. Hungry for copper wire, burglars will climb power poles, scale fences, break into buildings, and even attach chains to transformers and meter loops and rip them from the pole with a vehicle—almost always endangering themselves and others in the process.

Over the last four to five months, CKenergy has noticed an increase in copper theft primarily at idle or inactive accounts in parts of eastern Caddo and western Grady counties. Thieves target these places because their crime isn't usually discovered until a substantial amount of time has passed. There have been times when cooperative employees have discovered copper crime scenes simply because the perpetrators caused an outage by breaking the pole they are stealing copper from.

To thieves, stealing copper seems like easy money, but working with any metal and electricity is dangerous—even for co-op employees who are trained and use proper equipment.

Thieves don't understand or care about the potential repercussions of their actions. By stealing copper from co-op poles or substations, they are risking a lot more than a fine or jail sentence—they are risking their lives.

CKenergy urges you to follow these guidelines to help guard against electrical dangers and prevent copper theft.

- If you notice anything unusual with co-op electric facilities, such as an open substation gate, open equipment, or hanging wire, contact us immediately.
- If you see anyone around electric substations or electric facilities other than CKenergy personnel or contractors, call the county sheriff's department or police.
- Install motion-sensor lights on the outside of your home and business to deter thieves.
- Store tools and wire cutters in a secure location, and never leave them out while you are away.
- If you work in construction, don't leave wires or plumbing unattended, or leave loose wire at the job site, especially overnight.

Copper crime costs every CKenergy member by increasing repair expenses and damaging the safety and reliability of your electric service. Help us prevent these thefts by keeping your eyes open as you travel along rural roads. If you notice anything unusual, please call CKenergy Electric Cooperative immediately at 405-656-2322 or call 911 to reach local authorities.

### Why is Copper Theft a Problem?

Copper is used in the electric industry to deliver electricity to your home and business, but also is used a grounding system to protect the public and utility workers. When copper is stolen, it compromises the electrical system and can cause injuries.

### Consequences of Copper Theft

Copper theft is illegal in all states, and copper theft from an electrical substation may be a federal offense. Not only is stealing copper illegal, but the purchase of copper is illegal where the purchaser knows or has reason to believe that the copper is stolen.

### Report Copper Theft

Copper theft is a growing crime that comes with deadly consequences, but it can be combatted with your help. If you have any information about copper theft, please call us at 405-656-2322 or contact your local authorities.



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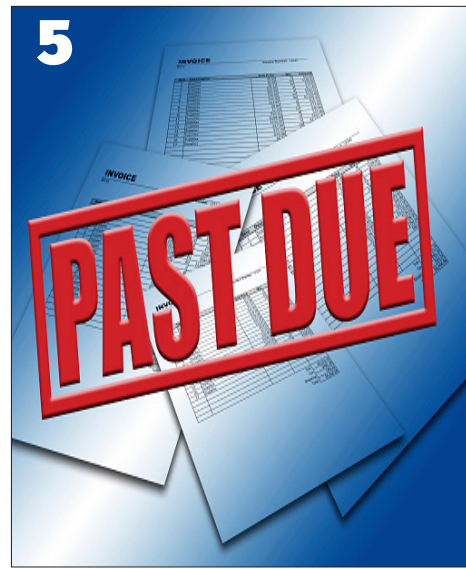
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- Pay online at [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop)
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#### DECEMBER

### Winning CKEC Members

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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 Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).

# Life Without Electric Co-ops

Could you imagine what life would be like had cooperatives not been formed?



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 2018, 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. Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, the Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to help electrify developing countries.

Oklahoma’s first project took place in 2016 with the electrification of two villages in the Amazonian area of Bolivia; the second project electrified a small village in rural Guatemala, near the border with Belize, and this year’s project brought first-time access to electricity to two villages. Collectively, Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have made possible 536 first-time electric connections in five villages in Central America and South America.

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*.



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# CKEC is Looking for the Next Generation of Leaders

Youth Tour inspires teens to become leaders

**W**hat do 1,500 high school students, our nation's capital and electric cooperatives have in common? The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, of course!

Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind – to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperative. And CKenergy is excited to continue on this practice for years to come.

It all takes place in June, when hundreds of electric co-ops across the country send participants to Washington, D.C. for a chance to learn about the cooperative business model and a full week of sightseeing.

While in D.C., participants have a chance to meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important back home. Without a doubt, Youth Tour has grown into an invaluable program that gives young Americans an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

In February, CKEC will begin the process to select local students to attend Youth Tour 2019 and receive a \$500 scholarship. If you are a high school junior interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience the trip of a lifetime, please contact us for more information.

Perhaps you know of an exceptional student who would be a great candidate for the program. If you do, please share this article with them.

Youth Tour is so much more than a sightseeing trip. Students have repeatedly shared that this experience has helped them grow into successful professionals. It has also benefited our local communities. Youth Tour participants return home with a deeper understanding and skillset of what it takes to be leader, and as a result, they put these skills to use right here in our community.

Help us find the next generation of leaders by sharing the Youth Tour experience with a promising student. For more information about CKenergy's Youth Tour program, call 405-656-2322 or visit [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop).

**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 8th, 2019.**

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# Avoid Unnecessary Interruptions in Service

Understand your co-op policy on disconnects.

**S**ervice disconnection is something everyone wants to avoid including your electric co-op. At CKenergy, disconnecting a service for nonpayment is an uncomfortable last resort that occurs only after several attempts are made to notify the account holder of the unpaid balance. Understanding your co-op's disconnect procedures may help you avoid service interruptions.

## Remember to Update\*

It's important to keep your account information up to date so you are able to receive notifications from the cooperative about your account, such as payment reminders and usage alerts. To update your account or for more information, call us at 405-656-2322.

## DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.

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## The steps to disconnect for nonpayment

For more information on your co-op's disconnect policy or other billing procedures, please call 405-656-2322.

1. Bills not paid by the due date are assessed a penalty of one and half percent of the balance.
2. If the bill is not paid by the due date, the member receives a disconnect notice that is mailed five days after the bill is due.
3. Prior to disconnect, the co-op sends out courtesy calls informing the member their account is subject to disconnect.

4. If the bill remains unpaid by the cutoff date, the service is disconnected.
5. To reconnect the service, the member must pay their past due balance in full, including any reconnect fees and additional deposits as required.



## Be a good neighbor

**W**inter 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.

# 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

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

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.



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### Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment.  
405-641-3344.

1927 Studebaker Winch Truck. Runs and drives good. Tag & title. \$9,950. Call after 6:00 p.m. 405-422-3545.

### Farm/ Equipment

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

16' W&W Covered Stock Trailer. 6' Gannon box blade ripper teeth. Montana brush hog 6'. Gatlin gopher machine. Politron calf feeder. 405-352-4326.

For Sale: 2 John Deere Tractors- John Deere 4010 yr 1965, John Deere 4430w yr 1973. Call to see 405-933-1104.

### Livestock/Pets

2 yr ol SIm Angus Bull. 405-966-3535 or 405-788-2614.

For Sale: Beefmaster bulls- yealings plus. Solid red colors. 580-445-6152.

Genetic superior bulls- get bigger weaning weights and more profit! Low birth wts like angus but more muscle, growth, & better dispositions. John Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038.

Red Angus bull for sale. Coming 5yrs old this spring. Registered, throws nice calves. 405-284-6984 or 405-517-5361.

# Swap'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

### Business

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

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

Jeans & pants hemming & minor alterations. Tuxes & accessories sales & rentals. Settle Studio. Call for appointment. 405-247-5142.

Gardner Piano Service- Tuning & Repair. Western Oklahoma. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans and Peanut Brittle. Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunters Mix and roasted and salted in the shell. Carnegie office: 580-654-1175 Mary Howell 580-515-5821.  
www.gooberhouse.com

Welding & fabrication. Foleys Welding Service. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

Loud Mountain Trading Co., downtown Cement, OK. Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-3. OK made items. Decor & Gifts. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

### Hay/ Wood

Seasoned split Oak firewood- 20" cut. In Anadarko, \$85.00 per rick. Delivery will be extra. 405-638-1158.

Seasoned firewood- Black Locust, Walnut, & any other types of firewood. Call Keith, 580-660-0402.

Small square bales of wheat straw. Great for fall decorating and bedding. \$5 ea. 580-515-3030.

### Miscellaneous

Franciscan Ware, made in California, USA. Swirl pattern, 3 colors, 69 pieces. 405-542-7468.

172 Airplane (Cessna) Call for appointment. 405-631-1505.

Dearbon Room Heater. 45,000 BTU, free standing, vented. \$50, Union City, OK. 405-483-5501

Five pairs of size 42x32 Wrangler FR jeans. Brand new, tags still on. Cost \$69.99, will take \$50/ea or \$200 for all five. 405-489-3370.

**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 10th 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 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.

**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 405-656-2912. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Real Estate

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

Two acres south of Carnegje. 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.

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

Beautiful home in Eakly. 3 bd, 1 ba, 2 living rooms. New carpet & tile throughout plus a new stove. Move in ready. Large back yard & a 2 car carport. \$43,900. 405-627-4176.

Grandad's Hideout (Trailer Park) in Butler. 16 working hook-ups with 30 to 50 amp electric. 580-214-1731 or 580-664-3921.

3 bed, 1 bath, home for sale in Eakly. Attached garage & extra lot. Call Eagle Realty at 580-772-8300 to make an offer!

20 acres of grassland. 5 miles southwest of Woodward. \$60,000 OBO. 580-473-2224.

2 story house on one acre, 2 1/2 car detached garage, 3.5 miles west of Bessie. \$35,000. 903-783-1146.

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.

Time to get out of the city? This beautiful 2600 sq. ft. home with basement on 40 acres will be a great investment. This estate comes with pipe fencing; pond and private drive perfect for cattle or horses. Located south of Anadarko. Email williamska72@yahoo.com for more info.

FOR RENT: Quiet, country living north of Weatherford. 2 bd/ 2 ba apartments with all appliances including washer & dryer. Horse facilities available. \$900/mo, \$50/horse. FMI call 580-772-4855.

70 acres, surface only, 1 mile west of Lookeba on Sickles Rd. 405-495-1658.

For Rent- At Foss Lake. Large house and/or party barn. All amenities. 580-323-1975.

230 Acres For Sale. 2 domestic water wells, 10+ acre lake, fenced/cross fenced, some cultivation, sod runway, wi-fi tower producing income. For more information contact: donna@rsok.net.

Weekend Mancave Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Secluded wooded lot, your own shooting range, 40 foot trailer. See on craigslist under vac rentals. Must sell. \$8,000.00 or trade. 405-801-2968 or 405-248-6917.

2 homes in Clinton- ready for new owners! 1500 Redstone & 620 S 11th. Priced to sell. Call Remax Gold Buckle Realty. 580-330-9090 or www.goldbucklerealty.com

Reduced! 3 bed, 2 bath remolded home with new sunroom, patio, roof, fence, appliances. Great location with country view on XL lot. Finished basement. \$189,900. 130 W. Quail, Cordell. 940-395-1370.

For rent: 2bd/ 1.5 ba. \$850/mo. \$850 deposit. Application fee, proof of income, references required. No pets/smoking. No utilities. Leave msg. 405-823-4819. Minco.

2005 Clayton/Cheyenne Mobile Home. 16x60- 2 bed, 2 bath with open floor plan. Total electric. Central heat/air. NADA value is \$18,099.12. For sale \$16,500. Needs to be moved to your land. 405-694-0625.

80 acres, surface only, cultivated. 6.1 miles east of Roosevelt, OK, Kiowa county. 580-726-3825.

3 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

For Rent: Cabin to rent right on edge of Ft. Cobb lake. Sleeps 7, everything you need. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697 or 405-643-2152.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. Call 405-777-3156.

## Wanted

Hardworking team members that want to make real estate a full time career- ask me how to become a realtor. www.goldbucklerealty.com. 580-330-9090.

## Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. Country & Western 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. All Gospel 5th Saturday. Admission \$9.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

## Crockpot Taco Soup

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 small yellow onion, diced (one cup)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 4oz can diced green chilis
- 28oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
- Taco seasoning

### Directions:

Combine all ingredients in crockpot and cook on low for 6-8 hours.

Break apart ground beef and stir.

Top with shredded cheese, sour cream, and green onions. Serve with tortilla chips and a fresh garden salad.

### To Freeze and Cook Later

Label your freezer bag with the name of the recipe, cooking instructions, and use-by date (three months from when you prepped the meal). To your freezer bag, add all ingredients. (For easier thawing, wait to add the broth the day of cooking.) Remove as much air as possible, seal, and freeze for up to three months. When ready to cook, thaw in refrigerator overnight or in morning in water and then follow cooking instructions above.

