



# 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 2019

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

## Letter from the CEO

### Rate outlook for 2020.



**Clint Pack, CEO of CKenergy.**

**C**Kenergy is proud to announce that there will not be a rate increase for 2020! CH Guernsey, a national consulting firm recently conducted a “Cost of Service” (COS) study for CKenergy. The CKenergy board of directors met with the firm on October 2, 2019 to discuss the results. Some of the rates needed minor adjustments in order to match the “cost to serve” those accounts. The changes were revenue neutral and insignificant to the cooperative’s financials. Therefore, the board decided to leave the rates as is for now.

The utility industry is experiencing rapid technology advancement and changes. CKenergy’s wholesale provider, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) has significantly changed the landscape

for every cooperative within the WFEC family. They have natural gas and coal fired generation but lead the industry in renewables with wind and solar generation coupled with battery storage units. WFEC’s lower wholesale power cost has helped keep the Oklahoma and New Mexico cooperatives’ rates low.

One of the key ingredients to keeping wholesale power cost low is controlling demand. Imagine you’re driving through a large city at 3 a.m. and you notice that there are four lanes for traffic in each direction, but very few cars. You drive the same road at 8 a.m. and there’s barely enough room for all the vehicles on the road. The roads were designed to meet the “demand” of the rush hour. The taxes and surcharges that we pay on gasoline, tires and car tags help to build and maintain those extra demand lanes of traffic. Utility costs are very similar when it comes to demand. WFEC must have enough available energy to provide power to each of the cooperatives during our highest demand for energy. The current rate structure allocates those costs to each cooperative based on the highest demand for that system

How do we allocate those demand costs to the proper accounts that cause the demand? Those costs are socialized and collected through the rate which has been the only method available. However, CKenergy has found a possible solution to the demand question. Beginning in January 2020, CKenergy will be installing a new metering system that will give us enough usage data to properly allocate

the demand cost to those requiring power during peak demand times. If you can travel on the highways at 3am instead of 8am, in the example above, then you shouldn’t be paying the cost for the demand.

CKenergy’s goal is to have all the meters changed out in 18 months. Once the meters are changed, we will begin analyzing the data. With the new information, we can have an even more accurate COS study conducted and analyze what the costs are for providing electricity to each member’s meter.

Administratively, reduction of duplicated services has accounted for a major reduction in employee cost of operations. Coordinated efforts have led to greater crew efficiency, vehicle needs, and speed of operation. Valuable offerings such as the geothermal program and the home standby generator program have had a tremendous impact on the average wholesale cost of power for the Cooperative. Visit [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop) for more energy saving tips.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Clint Pack, CEO**



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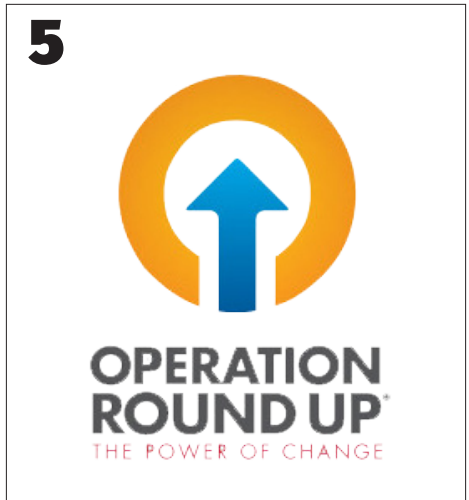
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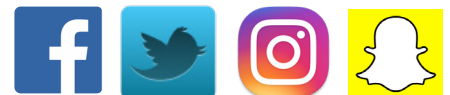


#### DECEMBER

### Winning CKEC Members

Bryan Nichols  
Juliet Lynch  
Lloyd Felder

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).

# The Road to Self Discovery

## Youth Tour Reflections.



**F**or many teens, the Rural Electric Youth Tour is full of “firsts.” It may be the first time they left the state, flew on a plane, visited the nation’s capital or have been away from their family for an extended period of time. Even more are seeing and experiencing the larger world through their own eyes, rather than through their parents’ perspective. That’s the most important first, as it’s truly a “leap” to their next phase and where their journey to adulthood begins.

In preparation for Youth Tour, teens learn about cooperatives, our history and grassroots advocacy. Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion of then Senator Lyndon Johnson to a national gathering of co-ops. Johnson felt youth from rural areas would benefit by visiting Washington to see first-hand how government works and gain a wider perspective through the experience. From this idea, Youth Tour evolved. High school juniors selected by their electric co-ops participate in a weeklong trip to the nation’s capital. The program has grown exponentially since its inception and this year, we saw more than 1,800

high school juniors participate from co-ops in 44 states. Our state typically sends a delegation of 70 students.

### Clean slate

The week is interspersed with visits to many D.C. monuments and sites, including Capitol Hill. Activities with Youth Tour delegations from across the country enable teens to meet a broad spectrum of co-op kids. Our program creates a safe space for teens to discover the adults they are striving to be. Teens leave behind their hometown identity and venture forward with a fresh slate. Students are encouraged to stretch themselves by talking to those they wouldn’t ordinarily interact with.

A highlight of Youth Tour includes a meeting with our congressional delegation. Teens learn first-hand that their elected officials work for their hometown community. Students often have the opportunity to discuss issues with legislators and our chaperons are always impressed with the interactions and questions asked by our students.

Youth Tour culminates in a farewell evening featuring national co-op partner organizations from the financial and insurance sectors and NRECA International, an organization bringing electricity to rural areas in developing countries. The evening centers on challenging and inspiring teens to make an impact in their communities. As conversations evolve, so too do the teens’ world view – their definition of community often changes from their home town to a broader meaning.

I can say that nearly all teens who have participated in our Youth Tour program look back with fond memories of an educational, interesting and eventful week. Many make lifelong friends. For a few, Youth Tour is a transformational experience. Parents remark how their child returned noticeably different – more mature, more confident with bigger goals and aspirations; they have a sense of purpose.

### Take the leap

Youth Tour is one of the most important programs that CKenergy undertakes. I am constantly impressed by the caliber of students that our co-op sponsors. Our teens are our future, and it’s looking brighter every day. I hope you will consider urging your teen to “take the leap” and join our next Youth Tour delegation.

**For more information about the Youth Tour program, contact Lisa Willard or Devin Whittington at 405-656-2322.**



# Ready, Set, Charge!

EV chargers are quickly rolling out across Oklahoma.

By Boyd Lee, V.P. of Strategic Planning



Unless you're living in a bubble, you're hearing more and more about electric vehicles and charging stations every single day. From newsletter articles to blog posts to news stories on TV, EV is the current buzzword.

Some people are embracing EV technology, while some are holding on to their ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles and swearing they'll never change. Without a doubt, it will be years before EVs fulfill everyone's vehicle needs. Because many people are moving to electric driving, CKenergy has to stay sharp and involved so we can make sure the industry has a positive impact on the Cooperative.

Range anxiety is one of the deterrents to the early adoption of electric vehicles. How far can I go before I need a charge? Where do I go to recharge, and what do I do if I can't find a charging station? Those are, or at least have been, major concerns up to this point. But Oklahoma is quickly becoming the number one EV state in the nation because of our charging network that is currently being installed.

Francis Systems of Tulsa, OK, is now establishing charging venues across Oklahoma. By the end of the year, they will

have installed a Level 3 fast charger every 50 miles from anywhere you might be in Oklahoma. This is made possible through a group effort of the electric cooperatives throughout Oklahoma, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, and several million dollars of grant money.

We have a Level 3 fast charger as well as a Level 2 charger installed at our Binger office, and it is now open to the public. Also, at the Cherokee Trading Post on I-40 between Hinton and Calumet, Francis is finishing up a multi-unit Level 3 fast-charging station, which will service several vehicles at once. There will be one more location, yet to be determined, on the southern end of our service territory. This is only the Francis System efforts. Electrify America has installed many charging locations at Walmarts all over Oklahoma, including one in Weatherford.

So really, range anxiety is about to become a thing of the past, and just in time! The new Mustang-inspired SUV is due out next fall 2020! And, to be fair, there are many other entries into the EV mix coming in 2020 and beyond including the Ford F-150, the Rivian, and a Chevy pick-up truck is in the works. The pick-ups will be rolling out in late 2020 through 2023.

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# CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



**OPERATION  
ROUND UP**  
THE POWER OF CHANGE

## Approved grants:

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|---|------------|
| Anadarko Middle School.....                   | \$2,000.00 |
| Pregnancy Support Ctr of Caddo<br>County..... | \$2,500.00 |
| Caddo Kiowa Tech.....                         | \$2,000.00 |
| Mt. View Volunteer Fire.....                  | \$4,962.00 |
| Lone Wolf Volunteer Fire.....                 | \$3,000.00 |
| Individual Grants.....                        | \$4,500.00 |

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**O**n Tuesday, November 5th, 2019, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board reviewed over 15 applications for this quarter and approved over \$30,000 worth of grants. 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 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 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 **February 5th, 2020**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.



## Electronic Gift Guide

**T**his holiday season, give the gift of tech! If you're searching for the latest gadgets and electronics to gift but don't know where to start, we've got you covered.

Here's a list of ideas for your tech-savvy friends and family members, and with a range of prices and interests, there's sure to be something for everyone.

**Gifts for those on the go:** We all have that one friend who never stays in one place, so they'll appreciate gifts that keep them charged and entertained while on the go.

A portable charger (or power bank) can keep their smart phones and tablets juiced, and the good news is this gift won't drain your wallet. You can purchase portable chargers online or at local retailers for as low as \$20. Typically, these compact devices can fully charge an iPhone three times before running out of steam.

A Bluetooth speaker is another great gift to keep those on the go entertained. Whether they're listening to their favorite tunes or watching the latest flick, Blue-

tooth speakers can clarify and amplify volume to satisfy any media enthusiast. Prices range depending on features, but you can purchase a quality Bluetooth speaker online or at local retailers for as low as \$30.

**Gifts for the chef:** Every foodie knows that temperature matters when mastering the perfect cut of meat. A Bluetooth-connected thermometer can help your chef ensure a delicious (and safe-to-eat) meal. Just download the associated app and keep an eye on the grill right from your smart phone or tablet. Prices vary from \$30 to \$200, but you can purchase these handy gadgets online or at any big box store, like Wal-Mart or Target.

A digital kitchen scale is a must for any culinary pro. No more guessing--the easy-to-read digital screen ensures the exact weight or amount required for that perfect dish. Prices vary depending on the weight the scale can handle, but you can find a 13-pound max weight scale for about \$20 on Amazon.com.

**Gifts for the pet owner:** Let's face it--pet owners would be lost without their fur babies. Luckily, pet tracking products continue to advance, so pet owners can always keep a watchful eye on their furry friends. Most trackers simply attach to your pet's collar. Prices vary depending on the tracker's capabilities, but some features include water resistance, health monitoring and exceptional battery life. You can purchase pet trackers online or at your local pet store.

Speaking of keeping an eye on pets, you can also purchase surveillance cameras for real-time monitoring--some cameras even allow you to toss treats to your furry friend while you're away. Additional features include a microphone (so you can talk to your pets), a built-in laser toy (for our feline friends) and the ability to snap a photo or take video from your smart phone. Prices vary depending on the bells and whistles, but you can purchase a pet camera for as low as \$40 on Amazon.com.

With so many electronics available today, you're sure to find the perfect gift for your tech-savvy loved ones. Happy shopping!



### Automotive

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

Run about side x side. Great condition, 2 bucket seats, radio, winch, 25 mph, Honda motor. \$3,000. 580-550-1238.

1930 Ford Coupe Street Rod Show Car. 350 motor, 350 turbo train, 378 gears, heat & air, am/fm cd player. New paint, new tires. 5,000 miles. Call for info. 580-583-9925

1984 Ford Pickup with camper. 6cyl, standard. \$1,200 OBO. 405-641-3344.

1999 Ford Winstar Van. Nice looking, runs good, has bad power steering. 405-659-2744.

2008 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT. 4x2 V^, 1 owner. 99,000 miles. \$10,000. 405-693-0625.

1940 Ford Conv. Restored, runs good & drives. New paint, upholstery, carpet, top, good tires, & glass. \$48,000 OBO. 580-331-7304.

### Farm/ Equipment

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

Horse Trailer, older. Power boss generator 7350, easy pull start, hay hauler with gas

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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

motor. Sell or Trade 405-284-6804.

Like new 72" county line finish mower. \$1,400. 580-473-9184.

20 ft. Stock Trailer, goose neck, full top. \$1,800. 16 ft. trailer, bumper hitch, \$500. 580-515-3989.

Miscellaneous farm equipment for sale. Call 405-929-7243.

### Livestock/Pets

Registered black angus, spring bred heifers and cow for sale. Call or text 405-929-9205.

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

### Business

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

Welding & fabrication, call Tony at 405-834-1128.

6:11 Welding & Construction. Pipe fencing, metal buildings, farm equipment, & all your welding needs. No job too big or small. Bill Smith, 405-320-8379.

Fresh peanuts of many varieties. Pecans, peanut brittle. Makes great Christmas gifts. 580-515-5821. www.gooberhouse.com

### Miscellaneous

2008 G3 Yamaha Pontoon. 23' length, bimini top, 3 captains chairs, 2 couches, 90hp outboard motor. Owned 7 yrs. Retail \$17,150, asking \$9,000. 405-222-0636.

### Hay/Wood

11 Round Bales, Excellent Quality Alfalfa. \$110/bale. 28 round bales, good quality alfalfa \$90/bale. Can deliver if close to Anadarko area. 405-933-1391.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Real Estate

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.

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

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

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2 bed, 1 bath that could be converted to 4 bed and two baths. Near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors. Fully furnished. Fantastic condition and new metal roof. Newly built 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

Country Living, Close to Town—3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sq' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3 bd, 2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with 30x60 metal barn w/ lean too, insulated with living quarters, in ground cellar. 20 KW generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. Call 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath. North side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3 bedroom South of Binger. 580-302-3051. No Pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit.

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. Homey 5 bdr, 2 1/2 baths or party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. [www.bigtretrat.com](http://www.bigtretrat.com)

43 acres mol, Minco. Gorgeous 4,025 sq. ft. home, Geothermal HVAC, inground pool, shelter, 50x50 barn, gated entrance. Call Diane Denison, 405-919-7457, 1st United Realtors.

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. Rent by week or day. 580-243-8697, call or text.

House for Sale: 904 N Broadway Avenue, Hydro, Oklahoma. 1650 sq. ft. 3 bed, 2 bath, all electric. Wood burning fireplace, 10 ft. ceiling in living room, large walk-in closets, bay windows in dining room look out onto a beautiful shaded, fenced in back yard. Cellar on patio, large storage building. Corner lot with mature trees and a garden spot. Asking \$180,000. 580-816-0293.

Farm for Sale: 640 acres (section). Approx. 50/50 cropland/pasture, 4 ponds, water well, corral with chute. 2 miles west of Roosevelt. Referred to as the "Braun Place." Cell 214-802-2584 or home 972-235-3682.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success. Be your own boss. Call RE/MAX Gold Buckle Realty, 580-330-9090.

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

For Rent: small 2 bed, 1 bath, \$400/mo, \$300 dep. 580-302-3051. South Side Ft. Cobb Lake.

LAND SALE- 111 acres NE OKC, 5 min to I-44, 25 min downtown OKC or Edmond on paved rd. 405-376-4460.

For Sale by Owner: 1 acre commercial zoned on highway 37 between Tricity & Tuttle. 4 3/4 miles east of Tuttle. 405-794-4612.

## 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 exit 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

# Peppermint Popcorn Crunch

## Ingredients:

3/4 cup unpopped popcorn  
8 oz vanilla flavored candy coating or white chocolate chips  
1/4 tsp peppermint extract  
1 cup Andes Peppermint Crunch baking chips  
1/4 cup assorted sprinkles (optional)



## Directions:

Pop popcorn according to package instructions. Melt candy coating according to package instructions. Stir extract into candy coating. Place popcorn in a very large bowl or a grocery store paper bag (not a lunch bag). Combine popcorn, candy coating, and peppermint crunch chips, stirring until popcorn is completely coated. Sprinkle on sprinkles and stir. Spread popcorn out on waxed paper and let cool. Break apart into pieces and enjoy!