



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Holiday Closing

CKEC offices will close Friday, December 24 to observe Christmas and Friday, December 31 to observe New Year's Day.

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CKEC Offers Senior Scholarships

CKenergy will award 12 \$500 scholarships to teens attending high school in the co-op service territory. The funds may be used at any two-or four-year college or university, or at any career training or technical school.

Applicants must belong to the co-op or be the child of a CKenergy Electric Cooperative member. To be considered, applicants must submit a written essay on the topic, "Recount a time when you faced an obstacle, a challenge, setback or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?"

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Each applicant must satisfy the following conditions in order to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Student's parents or legal guardians must be members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- The applicant's parents or legal guardians must be a member in good standing of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Inc.

- Applicants must satisfy academic and any other admission requirements for entrance into the accredited school of their choice.
- Applicants must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours per semester.
- The applicant must complete and submit to the Cooperative an application for the scholarship.

APPLICATION:

The completed Scholarship Application must reach CKenergy Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632 no later than Monday, March 7, 2022.

The application shall contain ALL of the following (incomplete applications will not be reviewed):

1. Submit the application for the CKEC Senior Scholarship.
2. Submit an essay of 250-650 words on the following topic. Recount a time when you faced an obstacle, a challenge, setback or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. A current photograph for use in the Cooperative's monthly publication, "The Buzz."

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Winning CKEC Members

Michael Apoka
Alexis Kaiser
Sherry Nahrgang

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.

Youth Tour 2022 Returns

Contest open to high school juniors

Travel to Washington, D.C. to explore monuments and museums, meet with members of Congress, and make lifelong friends with other students from across the country. You'll discover leadership lessons from our nation's history and be immersed in the cooperative spirit that built our nation, with all expenses paid by CKenergy Electric Cooperative. Yeah, that's pretty amazing. Are you up for it?

The week-long Youth Tour is jam-packed with sightseeing. Students visit many of the major monuments and memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Washington Monument.

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 a leader.

Students also visit Capitol Hill, where they meet with Oklahoma's congressional representatives and their staff. Some teens are so inspired by the experience that they later serve as interns on the hill; others have gone on to pursue careers in politics.

Youth Tour inspires students to discover who they want to be.

Oklahoma co-ops have participated in Youth tour since 1963. Not only do they gain insight into the most important moments in U.S History, but they also meet with more than 1,500 student leaders from across the nation. It's a great opportunity to make lasting connections.

The 2022 Rural Electric Youth Tour will take place June 17-23, 2022, in Washington D.C. Eligible juniors are asked to write a letter to a person of



importance over a topic that you care about. Submit your application and letter to CKenergy by January 10, 2022. The eight top-scoring finalists will be honored at a special banquet. The four winners will receive the all-expense

paid trip to Washington D.C. and a \$500 scholarship. The runners up will receive a \$500 scholarship.

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

For more details on Youth Tour, please visit www.CKenergy.coop or call your co-op at 405-656-2322.

Leadership Summit 2022

Two high school seniors from CKEC's service area will receive a \$500 scholarship and attend the 2022 Oklahoma Electric Cooperative Leadership Summit at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds on March 14, 2022.

1. Students must currently be a senior attending a school in CKEC's service area. It is not necessary that the student's parents be members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative.
2. Contestants will be required to write a 500 word essay on the topic, "What does it mean to be a Leader?"
3. Essays must be typed and double spaced on only one side of the paper.
4. Attach a completed entry form to your letter.
5. Deadline for all entries is January 31, 2022.





Facts about Solar EVERYONE Should Know

Part 1

By Boyd Lee, VP Strategic Planning

Over the course of the next few months, we hope to interest the readers of The Buzz in a series of articles on solar energy and both its real and perceived value in residential applications. We will address the impact of solar energy from both the homeowner's perspective as well as CKenergy's perspective and I'll do it using official research from accepted government funded sources. In that way, it can't be construed to be an attempt by the Cooperative to convince people to shy away from solar or any other renewable, by using our own opinions and information. On a side note, there may be an opinion or two thrown in there, but we'll point them out as such.

Renewable energy has become a major movement across the world and especially



in the United States, the world's most developed industrialized nation. Many scientists believe we are changing the planet's temperatures and affecting

weather patterns and frequency of bad weather due to the emissions from our continuously massive consumption of energy. It doesn't matter whether we believe or disbelieve mankind's impact on these things, it is the belief of a growing majority of people and it is moving forward and gaining momentum. So how do we deal with it in a truthful, honest and accurate scientific way?

So, in this leadoff article, we're going to hit the basics about solar including its viability as a sole source of power, how much utility involvement is required to enable solar systems to work and whether solar systems work when the utility power goes off. We'll introduce three types of solar panels and their individual efficiencies.

Let's establish the baseline first with a question that lots of people ask from the gitgo. Can I be off the grid with my solar system? Sure, you can, just as you can be off the grid with a gas generator if you choose, but in both cases, it isn't simple and it could be very expensive. The type of individual that chooses to be off the grid is a person that doesn't mind the extra work or has time for the extra work. They also don't mind multiple sources of

energy (wood, propane, etc.) in the home or the absence of some capabilities during inclement weather or break downs. Without the grid to back you up, well,



you'll just have to pull out your inner Davey Crockett. And good luck with that marriage.

For those who decide to stay hooked to the grid, let's talk about why the utility still must charge you whether you buy kilowatt hours or not. When a customer installs solar panels on their home and provides much of their energy from the sun, she still expects the electric utility to provide her with all her remaining electricity needs not met by the panels. In order to do that, the utility must keep the same size distribution line, the same size transformer, the same secondary service and the same meter. The cost of the service remains the same whether kilowatt hours are sold or not. In most cases, an additional monthly fee must be charged in order to pay for special metering or other service costs which are normally embedded in the kilowatt hour charge. It's not because we're mad at you

for going solar, it's because you don't have a positive impact on the cost-of-service delivery when you go solar. Simple as that.

And here's the next bumper for solar owners. If you are grid connected, when our power goes off, your solar system shuts down as well unless you have other backups in place like battery storage or standby generators. An automatic transfer switch is required on all grid connected equipment so in the event of power failure, your solar energy won't flow back onto a downed power line and possibly injure your family members, your neighbors or our linemen.

In the next article, we'll discuss different kinds of solar panels and their efficiency, types of installations and Oklahoma's actual solar capabilities. If you are currently considering solar installations, we encourage you to contact us for all the information necessary to deal with the electric utility as it pertains to solar installations. And the main thing to remember is we have been in the electricity business for 84 years while most solar companies have been in existence for less than 5-10 years. You might ask your salesman what business he was most recently employed. It does take a while to become an expert on anything.

"CKenergy is your source for energy and information. Solar systems can be expensive, so it's important to get all the facts before committing to a purchase. We can guide you thorough the decision making processs and help you make an informed decision."

Boyd Lee, VP Strategic Planning

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twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30--and because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season.

Holiday Decor Tips for an Energy-Wise Home

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking--and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between

\$10 to \$25 and can be purchased through online retailers like Amazon or at big box stores like Lowe's or Wal-Mart. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and for outdoor use.

If Clark Griswold's décor style is a bit much for your taste, consider a more natural approach. Many Christmas tree farms, and even retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot, give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows. To add extra



Automotive

86 Chevy 1 ton dully flatbed. 4 speed, V8 engine. \$1,000 405-352-4540

1954 T020 Ferguson. Rear tires new. Carb rebuild kit included. 2 new gauges. 3 pt. mower. \$1150. 580-530-0593.

1963 Ford F100 V8 4 speed. Needs work. Yukon, OK \$2,000. 580-302-0772.

Farm/ Equipment

1953 factory propane John Deere Tractor. New tires, \$4,400. Worth of paint and new parts. \$5,500. Text 405-509-0566 for pics.

2020 Trip Hopper. 3,000 capacity. Model #T-856. Like new. \$5500. 580-445-6152 or 937-286-9897.

Champion Blower/Torque. 405-394-2444.

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

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-

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

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 experience. 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. Design. 405-834-3411.

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Built on site to meet your needs. Free estimates. 405-413-7590.

Custom apparel printing and embroidery for your personal or business needs. No orders too small. We can print one or more. Special rates for fundraisers and not for profit groups. www.countrychickdesign.com

Mobile welding. Welding and fabrication. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

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

www.CowgirlBeef.com. Quality beef you can afford. Ranch-raised calves finished for 120+ days and processed in OK. Buy 1 cut or the whole beef. 619-884-0970. cf2cattle@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20 yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

Jeans and pants hemming and minor

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 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.

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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alterations. Tuxes, accessory sales and rentals. Settle Studio. 405-247-5142.

Silver parade, saddle, bridle, and chest strap. Black-cement. 817-229-5663.

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

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

55/55 chevy used parts bumper. Brake drums, chrome pieces, seats, misc. 405-828-9011.

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.

Fire pits built out of propane tank ends. Built to last. 580-819-0695.

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 Four 18 inch Mag wheels and Good Year Eagle tires. \$500 OBO. 405-439-7571.

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. Makes great Christmas gifts. 580-515-5821. www.Gooberhouse.com

4-Mag whells and tiress off 2019 camaro. Like new. 18 in. Double Eagle Goodyear tires. \$475. 405-439-7571.

2002 GMC Sierra 1500 Pickup. Needs new engine. 405-263-7205.

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

Real Estate

RE/MAX Gold Buckle Realty is offering a great property in Western Ok near Cheyenne. Croton Creek Guest Ranch - 80 acres, with event center, motel, guided hunts, 4 homes/cabins, horse barns, shooting range and more. 580-330-9090.

1700 Lakeview 3 bed, 2 bath. central heat air, wood stove. 580-747-3672.

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

5 acres tract of land. Tiber, wildlife. 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.

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.

Sausage and Egg Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground mustard
- 6 slices white bread, cut into ½ inch cubes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions:

1. In a skillet, brown and crumble sausage; drain and set aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs; add milk, salt, and mustard. Stir in bread cubes, cheese and sausage.
2. Pour into a greased 11x7 in. baking dish. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.