



# THE BUZZ

for members of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative

## Holiday Closing

CKEC offices will close December 26 and January 2 to observe Christmas and New Years.

December 2022

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



Whirlwinds at Work - Noah Resendiz, Aylin Fabela, Jasmin Diaz Nunez, and Evan Hunter

cooperatively address this growing issue in our communities?

The students were given business plan elements to consider while forming their business plan. The important elements included cooperative name, executive summary and goals, and project scope as well as steps to starting a cooperative. Each student group then presented their business plan to a set of judges. The students' skills and presentations were impressive!

The students enjoyed lunch as well as a live high voltage demonstration. CKEC enjoyed having Clinton Schools represent our service territory.

## Co-opreneur Day 2022 was a Success

It was a fun day at The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives and Oklahoma Council on Economic Education hosted the first #CoopreneurDay Competition on Wednesday, October 26. 7th and 8th graders from across the state participated in co-op and business entrepreneurship activities and created their own mock co-op business to address a need in their communities.



The students were given the following scenario: Some areas in Oklahoma are considered "food deserts." Citizens in these areas are unable to easily access healthy groceries, including produce like fresh fruit and vegetables and "center of the plate" proteins like meat and eggs. This concern, combined with rising costs of inflation can create serious situations for families. How can we





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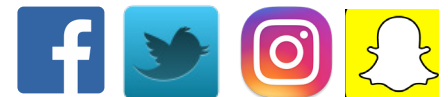
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DECEMBER  
**Winning CKEC Members**

Charles Hackney  
Riley Lackey  
Robert Waldrop

If your name is listed above,  
please call us at **405-656-2322**  
to claim a \$25 credit on your



## 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](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).





## Fight the Winter Chill and Save Energy

**W**e all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings and all fun outdoor activities that go with it.

But there's one thing we can all agree on: high winter bills are never fun. CKenergy is here to help you find ways to manage your home energy use and keep winter bills in check.

Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

1. **Mind the thermostat.** This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're

home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping and less active.

2. **Button up your home.** The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24% to 40% of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.
3. **Use window coverings wisely.** Open blinds, drapes or other

window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.

4. **Consider your approach to appliance use.** When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone chargers or game consoles. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.
5. **Think outside the box.** If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up--beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home! If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. Visit our website at [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop) for additional energy-saving tips.



## CKEC will hand out Christmas Goodies December 19 - 23

Visit the drive-thru at our Binger, Anadarko, or Mustang locations during the week of December 19 and receive a Christmas goody.

Come inside the Cordell lobby to receive your Christmas goody. We appreciate our members and look forward to seeing you the week of December 19-23. Merry Christmas from all of us at CKenergy!

# CKenergy Honors Local Fire Departments



Bessie Fire Department



Gracemont Fire Department



Apache Fire Department

CKenergy is thankful for the fire departments located within our service territory. We appreciate all you do to strengthen our communities and protect those in need. Firefighters respond to hundreds of calls per year within our communities. We value your commitment to serve our members and communities and save lives, homes, and businesses.

CKEC honored the 56 fire departments with a \$5,000 donation check. We appreciate the hardworking men and women that protect our communities.

Thank you for your service and for the effort you put in. Thank you for responding to every call and keeping us safe 365 days a year!

Pictured are a few of the fire departments that received the donation.



Eakly Fire Department





Green Acres Fire Department

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Hinton Fire Department



Broxton Fire Department



Cloud Chief Fire Department

# Round-The-Clock Payment Option

CKenergy reminds you that round-the-clock payment centers are at each of the locations listed below. The electronic kiosks accept payments using cash, check, debit, or credit.

Members have different schedules and preferences in how they pay their electric bills. Members can pay their electric bills at different sites during and outside of regular business hours, and have those payments posted immediately to their electric accounts.

The kiosks expand the current options that include automatic bank draft, the CKenergy app, mail in, online, drop box, and telephone payments.



## US Payments Kiosk Locations

- Crainco-108 N. Broadway Binger
- Homeland-1200 Gary Blvd. Clinton
- United-1029 S. 10th St. Clinton
- Cyril City Hall-116 W. Main St.
- City of Elgin-8183 State Hwy. 17
- Fast Break-2000 S. Sheppard Ave. El Reno
- United-210 W. Elm St. El Reno
- United-315 S. Broadway Hobart
- Country Mart-4510 SE Lee Blvd. Lawton
- CountryMart-902 W. Gore Blvd. Lawton
- Cash Saver-115 E. State Hwy. 152 Mustang
- 7 Eleven-1708 W. State Hwy. 152 Mustang
- 7 Eleven-600 W. Vandament Yukon
- 7 Eleven-1020 N. Mustang Rd. Yukon
- 7 Eleven-2800 Chautauqua Ave. Yukon
- Homeland-2400 Cornwell Dr. Yukon
- Homeland-11241 W. Reno Yukon
- Buy4Less-1201 S. Cornwell Dr. Yukon
- Hop and Sack-5025 E. Highway 37 Tuttle
- United-920 E. Main St. Weatherford

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to boost efficiency.

*Source: energy.gov*





### Automotive

11946 Ford Coupe. Been in covered storage on blocks since 19985. V8 engine flat head. 405-779-1091.

302 Ford engine and C4 auto trans. Complete from oil pan to air cleaner. All new parts. \$1700. 405-256-0270

1952 Ford Pickup. Restore or parts. \$850. 580-331-7304.

1993 Dodge 3/4 ton 4x4 truck, club cav, Cummins turbo diesel. 5 sped manual, new tires, very good condition. \$15,000. Text 405-933-6123 for pictures.

### Farm/ Equipment

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

16' trailer - 6 ton limit. Heavy duty. Can haul heavy equipment or vehicle. Pedulum type hitch. \$4500. 405-570-8288.

Allis Chambers tractor WD45, 2WD. Good rubber, runs on propane, factory propane. \$2,000. 580-583-3231.

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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

### 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-flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Peacocks, 3 year old Indian Blues. 580-347-2645.

### Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 580-550-0545.

C and K Trucking. 20 years exp. 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. 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](http://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](http://LoudMountainTradingCo.com) [www.CowgirlBeef.com](http://www.CowgirlBeef.com). Quality beef you

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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](mailto: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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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

Door and window installation and repair. Free estimates. JD DE Shazo Construction 405-245-4042.

Buster paint striping. Roll-off dumpsters, parking lot maintenance, dumpster rental, junk and debris removal. Free estimates. 405-648-2194.

### Miscellaneous

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

Jeans and pants hemming and minor alterations. Tuxes, accessory sales and rentals. Settle Studio. 405-247-5142.

Free street rod magazines and hot rodders digest. 2003, 2016, 2018, and 2019. Old top value stamps and western auto catalog. 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.

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

T-shirt quilts and memory bears. Alterations. 405-933-0224.

\$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. 580-515-5821. www.Gooberhouse.com

Four 18 in. mag wheel and tires off 2019 Camaro. Like new. \$300 405-439-7571.

Offering a new service. When you can not, I can assist by checking on your loved one in the hospital, nursing home or their home. Janice Smith, Companion Care. 405-542-7498.

Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor. 5 hp/1.7 hp/15 gallon 120 volt. 135 max PSI and 7 gallon air tank. \$250 405-687-0160.

2021 Bobcat ZTR2000 riding mower. 42 inch deck. Mulching kit and standard mowing blades. Kawasaki FR691V engine. 405-368-9613.

### Real Estate

Home on 1.5 acres in Eakly. Lovingly maintained with 3 bed/3bath. Living room and den. 580-330-9090. www.goldebucklerealty.com

Beautiful vacation cabin rental. Hunting fishing, and boating. Nice restroom, refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, deck and propane grill. Sleeps six easily. Call or text. 580-243-8697.

### Wanted-Notices

Wanted AFX, Aurora, slot cars, redline hotwheels, comic books, model car kits. 405-361-2227.

Two used tires for old crap metal trailer. 15 inch 95L 405-638-0466.

## Simple Au Gratin Potatoes

### Ingredients:

3 tbsp. butter  
3 tbsp. all-purpose flour  
1 ½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
2 cups milk  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
5 cups thinly sliced peeled potatoes  
½ cup chopped onion  
additional pepper, optional



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in cheese until melted. Add potatoes and onion.
2. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Cover and bake 1 hour. Uncover; bake 30-40 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. If desired, top with additional pepper.