



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Holiday Closing

CKenergy will close December 25 and January 1 to observe Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

December 2023

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

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DECEMBER

Winning CKEC Members

Audra Abbott
Stephen Haffner
Johnney Vanderpol

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.

CKEC will hand out Christmas goodies December 18-22

Visit the drive-thru at Binger, Anadarko, or Mustang locations during the week of December 18-22 and receive a Christmas goody. Visit the Cordell lobby to receive your Christmas goody.

We appreciate our members and look forward to seeing you December 18-22. Merry Christmas from all of us at CKenergy.

The Magic of Christmas

CKenergy along with other local Caddo County businesses teamed up with The Department of Human Services to provide Christmas gifts for foster children in Caddo County.

This is the time of year when children of all ages look forward to the Magic of Christmas. Unfortunately, these children are separated from their families



during the holidays, and CKEC is honored to be able to bring some of the Christmas Spirit to these kids. Concern for Community is one of the seven

principles cooperatives follow. CKEC is thankful for the partnership with DHS and the chance to make the holidays a little brighter for the children of Caddo County.

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Hydro-Eakly 7th and 8th graders - Front Row - Blake Ortiz, Easton Reeves,, Oliver Walker, Aiden Abeyta, Cameron Mosley, Dominique Deleon, Benji Taber, Nathan Unruh, Wyatt Stockton, and Jeremiah Entin. Back Row - Corbin Eldridge, Kasen Harris, Ryder Bernethy, Micky Wilson, Eduardo Villegas, Grant Hartman, Ernesto Alvarez, Ty Antwine, Tucker Carney

CO-OPRENEUR DAY

2023

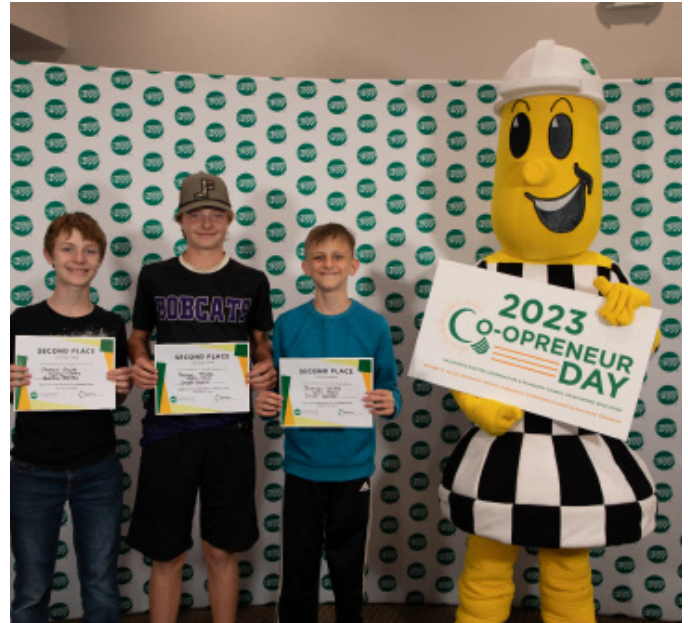
Co-opreneur Day 2023 competition was a success this year! This seventh and eighth grade student competition was designed to develop and explore business development, economic, leadership, and entrepreneurship skills. The 7th and 8th grade students from all over Oklahoma then presented their business plan to a panel of judges.

Co-opreneur Day 2023 was hosted by Oklahoma Council on Economic Education and Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives on Wednesday, October 26. Students from Hydro-Eakly school represented CKEnergy Electric Cooperative.

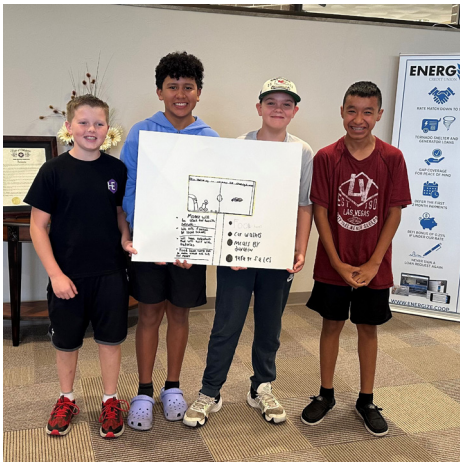
While the students worked on their projects, teachers received Professional Development focusing on STEM, economics, energy, and entrepreneurship.

The students and teachers were amazing! It was a fun day for students, teachers, and co-op employees!

A special thank you to Teri Kimble of Hydro-Eakly schools for bringing an amazing group of talented students!



The 7th grade Hydro-Eakly team Pretzel Sticks took 2nd place - Easton Reeves, Kasen Harris and Oliver Walker



The 7th grade Hydro Eakly team V.De.C. took third place - Jeremiah Entin, Tucker Carney, Corbin Eldridge, and Blake Ortiz



Space Heater Safety

Heating equipment, such as space heaters, kerosene heaters, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves, is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

During a recent four-year period, local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment each year. The fires resulted in 500 civilian (non-first-responder) deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage, according to NFPA's Home Heating Fires report published in 2021.

In addition:

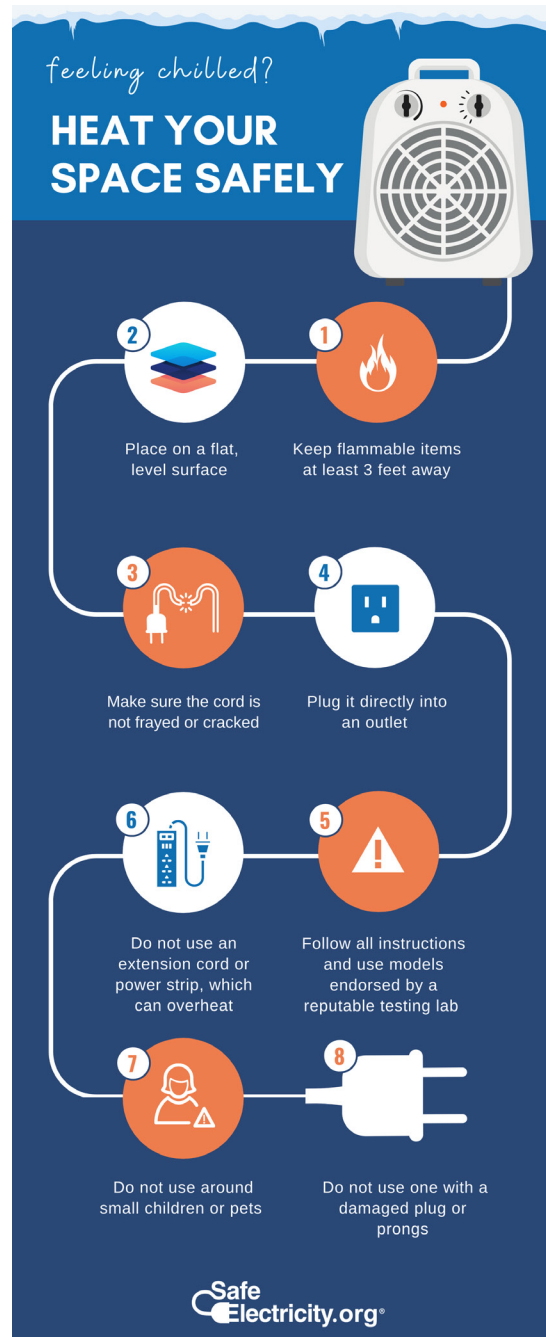
- Heating equipment caused one in seven home fires and 19% of home fire deaths.
- Most home heating fire deaths (81%) included stationary or portable space heaters.
- More than half of the home heating fire deaths were caused by placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- Nearly half (48%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.
- Failure to clean equipment, such as chimney flues, accounted for a quarter of all heating equipment fires.

In addition, approximately two in five home heating equipment fires involved items that ran on what is considered solid fuel, such as wood-burning or pellet stoves or wood-burning fireplaces. However, electric-powered heating devices were responsible for the largest share of losses, accounting for more than half of the fatalities, three in five injuries and two-fifths of the property damage.

Follow these safety tips to use space heaters safely:

1. Read all instructions and use space heaters only as recommended.
2. Do not leave space heaters unattended.
3. Plug them directly into an outlet; most power strips and extension cords are not equipped to handle the energy spikes caused by space heaters cycling on and off.
4. Unplug any other items from the outlet you are using and try to use a dedicated circuit to avoid overload.

5. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
6. Turn the heaters off before you leave the room or go to sleep.
7. Do not use heaters that are in disrepair or have frayed cords or damaged plugs.
8. Place them on flat, level surfaces and never on furniture, counters or carpet, which can overheat.
9. Unplug and put space heaters away (out of the reach of children) when not in use.



Automotive

1983 Ford 1 ton winch cab. Flat bed truck w/ bale spike. New controller. Will run. Bill of sale and title. Needs work. \$1,500. 405-831-2118.

1954 Oldsmobile Rocket 88. Good body-new chrome. Runs good, but interior needs work. \$6,000. 405-376-1947.

93 Chevy P.U. L.W.B. single cab. Good work truck. \$2,600 cash. 405-818-9011.

Farm/ Equipment

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

Norshell work trailer with chrome wheels, vice, six large tool storage boxes, three craftsman and tool boxes. \$3995/obo. 405-376-5846.

24 ft. gooseneck stock trailer. Needs floor. 580-530-0674.

MS Farmall Tractor. Propane-tricycle

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

front, with a front end loader. \$1,500
405-542-7545

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.

German wire haired pointers. Female 10 yrs. old. Male 6 ears old. Female hunted all her life. Male hasn't hunted much.
405-687-0125.

6 Beefmaster 2 yr. old bulls from reputable herd. Low birth weights. Dark red. Tested and ready. 580-445-6152.

Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and inspections.
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.

Thinking of buying or selling a home or land? Call/text Doug Eckert, Wise Oak Realty: 405-400-8281.
yourokcreator.com

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

Custom Laser Engraving, Apparel Printing, and Embroidery. No orders too small. Special rates for groups and Not for Profits. Promote your next event or business. Arapaho. 580-331-7986.
Info@countrychickdesign.com

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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, 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: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Nine antique iron wagon wheels in assorted sizes and iron wagon chassis with wheels attached. Call or text 580-704-5308.

Looking to hire someone to help me sell

things on market place or somewhere else. 405-256-0270.

Prairie Construction & Excavation, Pads, Ponds, Access roads, Grading & Draining, Mulching, Excavation, Aggregate, Dirt, & Heavy Hauling. 405-802-1725. pceok.com

For removal & replacment of floor liners in semi end up trailers, call/text 405-638-1158. Doughty's Repair Service.

New t-shirts. Quacker Factory, Denim & Co. from QVC. 2x-3x All colors, solids patterns. 918-798-3360.

Wood lathe full size with extras Tools, scrollsaws, misc. 405-808-6010.

Real Estate

RV Hook-up - Ft. Cobb Lake (Crow Roost

Area). Nightly Rentals. Provide full hook-ups. Large pavilion and storm shelter. Nice and quiet get away. 405-694-0625.

Vacation fishing, hunting cabin rental. Next to the water. Ft. Cobb Lake. Text 580-243-8697.

Ft Cobb Lake - Crow Roost RV Sites. Nightly and weekly rates with full hookups, free laundry, sticker-free grass, quiet street. 580-772-4792.

Wanted-Notices

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

Need lawn mowing and care for small lot at Foss Lake Estates. 580-515-8277.

Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup salted butter softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs room temp.
- 2 ½ cups all purpose flour
- ¾ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Frosting

- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 3-4 tbs. milk room temp
- 2 ½ tbs. light corn syrup
- ½ tsp. pure vanilla extract
- Gel food coloring optional



Directions:

1. Cream together butter and sugar.
2. Add vanilla and eggs and beat until combined.
3. Add flour, baking powder and salt and beat until combined.
4. Divide dough into two equal portions.
5. Shape each piece of dough into a round, flat disc and wrap tightly with plastic wrap.
6. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
7. Preheat oven to 350 F.
8. Line two to four large baking sheets with parchment paper, set aside.
9. Remove one sugar cookie dough disc from the refrigerator and let it sit at room temp. for 5 minutes to soften slightly.
10. Place sugar cookie dough on a floured surface and roll to preferred thickness. Use your favorite cookie cutter shapes and cut out the dough and place them 1" apart on the prepared cookie sheets.
11. Repeat until all the dough is used. Bake for 9-10 minutes.
12. Combine all frosting ingredients in a bowl and whisk.
13. Start with 2 TBS milk and increase until desired consistency.
13. if using food coloring, separate frosting into smaller bowls and add food coloring.