



The Buzz

FOR MEMBERS OF OKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

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Hey! Who turned out the lights?

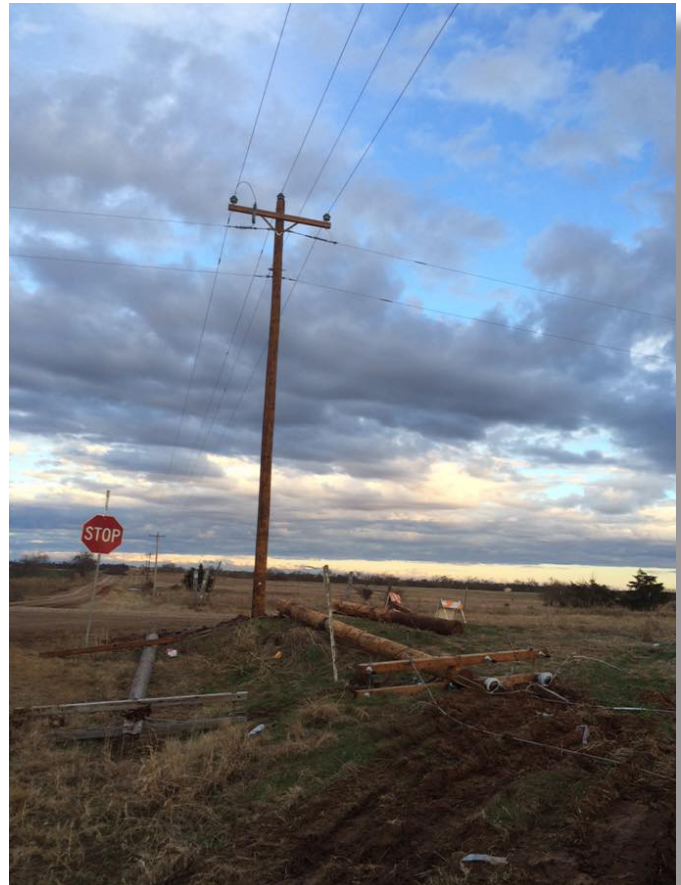
Here's a look at what it takes to restore power after a major storm.

Over this past holiday season, we seemed to hit the jackpot when it came to ice storms. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays brought not only cheer and good tidings, but ice buildup and outages. A good portion of our members spent the days following both holidays in the dark due to snapped poles, broken crossarms, and downed power lines.

Outages happen. It's part of being in the electric energy industry. We'd love to be able to completely prevent these types of things from happening, but unfortunately we are at the mercy of Mother Nature when it comes to any major weather event such as an ice storm or tornado. However, we can help you learn how power is restored after outages occur.

Once the ice has melted or the clouds have cleared or even sometimes before then, our crews head out to work tirelessly to restore power. Here's a look at how that process works:

- Western Farmer's Electric Co-op (our power supplier) has transmission lines that provide power to substations. If those lines are damaged then we are unable to receive power at our subs and that prevents us from getting power restored to our members. These lines must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.
- The next step is to inspect each substation. Substations provide power to hundreds or even thousands of our members. Linemen look for any problems that stem from the transmission lines that feed into the sub, the sub itself, or if the issue lies somewhere down the line leading away from the substation.
- If there isn't an isolated issue at the substation, then crews will start working down the main distribution lines. These lines power the larger groups of members in communities or housing developments.
- After the main distribution lines are repaired, if any other localized outages remain, crews focus on repairing the tap lines. These lines deliver power to the transformers that are located outside homes, businesses, schools, etc.
- If you still do not have power at your home once all of the transmission, distribution, and tap lines have been restored, then there may be an issue with the link of line that services your home. In this case, always give us a call so we are better able to locate individual outages.



"Third pole's the charm!"

Photo courtesy of CKEC member, Jake Nelson.



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Socialize with us!

Check us out on Facebook & Twitter!

Keep up to date with the latest happenings with the co-op and community events. We will also post updates in the event of an outage.



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Did you know that 90 percent of the energy used to operate a washing machine comes from using hot water? A simple switch from hot to cold can save a great deal of energy! Also, consider air drying or even line drying to save even more household energy.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

FIND THE HIDDEN WILLIE WIREDHAND!

In this issue, be sure to look for Willie Wiredhand! If you locate him, check on your bill and if it is your account number, give us a call at 405-656-2322. Finding the number means a credit of \$25 will be applied to your bill.



WINTER STORM GOLIATH 2015

Here's a look at some of the damage that Winter Storm Goliath left in its wake. We are so thankful for our linemen and support personnel who worked diligently over a span of several days, to get everyone back online.





College is just around the corner, are you ready?

By Devin Whittington, The Buzz Editor

Are you ready for college? Do you even feel like you're ready for college? I can tell you right now that you are, even if you don't believe it. Going off to college can seem intimidating right now, but just know, once you're there it'll all be worth it!

There's a lot that goes into prepping for college. You've got to apply to schools, scholarships, find a roommate, get your books and supplies, etc.

Here are a few tips that are hopefully helpful as you prepare to take on the next chapter of your life.

- When you're picking out what schools to apply for, think about what they have to offer that makes you feel the most comfortable. It could be the town it's located in, the class sizes, 2 year college vs. a 4 year university, how far away from home it is, etc. The more comfort factors you find in a college, the more likely you are to enjoy the time spent there.
- Think about what kind of classes you would like to take. You don't have to pick a major right off the bat, but having an idea of what you would like to study will help you figure out what

you'd like your major to be after your first semester or year.

- Once you decide on a school, or even before, go visit the campus. Get a feel for the place where you are looking to spend the next 2-4 years of your life. If you familiarize yourself with your surroundings it won't feel as foreign and your anxiety will drop ten fold, promise.
- Apply for as many scholarships as you can. There are more scholarships available than you'd ever believe. Talk to your school counselor about all the options available to you. Here at CKEC we offer scholarships to seniors in our service territory. Check out the sidebar for more information!
- The most important piece of advice that I can give you is to not worry. Applying for college and scholarships is a piece of cake. Yes, you have to actually sit down and work to get them done, but it's worth it in the end.

Hopefully these tips will be as useful to you as they were to me. Good luck in all of your endeavors, Seniors!



12 Seniors from CKEC's service territory will receive \$500 scholarships this year.

- To enter, students must complete either an essay or video entry.
- The topic for this year's contest is *the consolidation between Caddo Electric and Kiwash Electric to form CKenergy*.
- Essays must be at least 300-700 words and double-spaced. Provide a cover sheet with your name, contact information, & the name of your high school.
- Videos must be a commercial at least 1-3 minutes long. No copyrighted music or videos previously used in any other promotions are allowed.
- All entries, essays & videos, must include a recent photograph and all the necessary applications & consent forms.
- **All essays and videos are due by March 1, 2016.**

For more information contact:

Lisa Willard at 580-832-3361 or Devin Whittington at 405-656-2322. All scholarship information is available on our website:

www.ckenergy.coop

Your Spare Change Can Make a **Big Difference** through Operation RoundUp[®]

Even during tough economic times, it's important that we continue to support our local communities. That's the philosophy behind Operation RoundUp, a charitable program governed, funded and supported by CKenergy Electric Cooperative members like you.

Here's how the program works: As a member of Operation RoundUp, the Cooperative will "round up" the amount due on your electric bill to the nearest dollar. These donations are placed in an account from which an independent panel of CKenergy Electric members makes grants to support various community projects across the Cooperative's service territory. Since launching this program in 2010, the former Caddo Electric has assisted a wide variety of organizations, including local food pantries, senior centers, fire departments and schools. We are happy to continue this program as CKenergy.

For more information call Boyd Lee or Devin Whittington at 405-656-2322.



Small change
Big Difference



Operation RoundUp, in summary:

▲ Round up your monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar.

▲ Contributions will range from \$0.01 to \$0.99 per month.

▲ Your contributions, pooled with those made by fellow Cooperative members, will help fund charitable projects in the community.

▲ You can cancel or resume participation at any time.

Knowing what to do saved their lives...

When teenagers Lee Whittaker and Ashley Taylor saw a power line safety demonstration at their high school, they never dreamed what they had learned that day would be put to the test. Only days later, Whittaker and Taylor, along with two classmates, were in a car that crashed into a utility pole, bringing live power lines to the ground.

“When people are involved in a car accident, electricity is usually the last thing on their minds,” explains Molly Hall, executive director of the Energy Education Council’s Safe Electricity program. “We’re usually more concerned about whether anyone was injured or how badly the vehicle is damaged. We can forget that by exiting the vehicle, we’re risking exposure to thousands of volts of electricity from downed power lines.”

If you are in an accident with a utility pole, your vehicle may be charged with electricity. If this is the case and you step out of the car, you will become the electricity’s path to the ground and could be electrocuted. Loose wires and other equipment may be in contact with your car or near it—creating a risk for electrocution if you leave the vehicle.

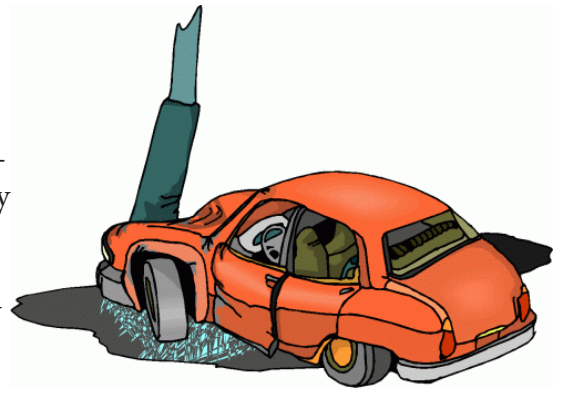
While downed lines can sometimes reveal they are live by arcing and sparking with electricity, this is not always the case. Power lines do not always show signs that they are live, but they are just as lethal.

After an accident, stay in the car, and tell others to do the same. If you come upon an accident involving power lines, do not approach

the accident scene. If you see someone approaching, warn them to stay away. Call 911 to notify emergency personnel and utility services. Do not leave your vehicle until a utility professional has told you it is safe to do so.

The safest place to be is almost always inside the car. The only circumstance when you should exit the vehicle is if it is on fire—and those instances are rare. If you must exit the vehicle, jump clear of it with your feet together and without touching the vehicle and ground at the same time. Continue to “bunny hop” with your feet together to safety. Doing this will ensure that you are at only one point of contact and will not have different strengths of electric current running from one foot to another, which can be deadly.

Whittaker, Taylor and their friends survived their accident



because they had learned what to do. While they waited more than 30 minutes for line crews to arrive and deactivate the power line, Whittaker and Taylor made sure nobody left the car and warned those who came upon the accident to stay far away.

“Knowledge was crucial in keeping everyone involved in the accident safe,” Hall says. “We want to make sure that everyone knows what to do if they’re in accidents with power poles.”

For more information and to see Lee and Ashley’s story, visit: SafeElectricity.org



Frito Pie *Recipe*

WHAT’S COOKIN’

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can (16 oz) pinto beans
- 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 1 envelope taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 1/2 cups corn chips
- 1 1/4 cup sour cream

Cook ground beef until meat is browned; drain. Stir in beans, tomato sauce, taco seasoning mix and 1/4 c. of cheese. Sprinkle 1 cup corn chips in bottom of 8×8 baking dish. Cover with chili. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Spread sour cream over chili. Top with remaining corn chips and cheese. Bake 4-5 minutes longer.

6 to 8 servings

Buy! Sell! Trade!

Swap 'N Shop

Swap 'N Shop is an old staple for readers of The Caddo. We're happy to continue on this service through The Buzz. For those who have never used Swap 'N Shop before, we hope that you find it useful in your buying, selling, or trading endeavors.

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.
- 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.

Swap 'N Shop

For sale or trade

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

Circle category: Autos-Farm/Equip-Furn/Appl-Hay/Wood-Livestock/Pets-Misc-MH/RV/Boat-Real Estate-Wanted-Notices-Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

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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 405-656-2327.

AUTOMOTIVE

I buy junk cars & farm machinery, call 405-641-3344 for more information.

Hilltop Small Engine Repair, 3 mi north of Gracemont, 1/2 mi west on CR 1230. 405-638-0325.

'99 Ford Explorer, 4WD, V8, leather interior, rear H & A, 177,000 miles. \$2500

OBO. 405-643-9211.

'52 Chevy Pickup. extra parts, engines, not running. Complete. Needs restored. Comes w/ whole other drive train/engine. Good OK title. \$3700 cash. 405-818-9011.

Heavy Built Car Rotisserie \$1200 Cash 405-818-9011.

'47 Pontiac Body- \$700 OBO. 405-641-3344.

'01 Pontiac Sunfire- motor needs work. \$800, 405-439-4730.

1996 Chevy, 26 passenger bus w/ handicap lift. Make offer. 405-453-7953.

Farm/Equip

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

Jacobsen AR3 mower. Has 1318 hrs. New battery. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Located in Binger. 405-656-2304 or 405-545-0792.

Case Backhoe 580B. 3 buckets. \$9500 cash. 405-818-9011.

03 TC18 New Holland, garage kept, w/ 5' Land Pride Finish mower. Looks & runs like new. \$7100. 405-788-2334 or 405-373-4328.

Barrel Saddle, 14", beautiful leather w/ silver. \$500. 405-788-2334 or 405-373-4328. Hereford & Angus bulls. Breeding age & semen tested. 580-280-2855.

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Cedar Posts & Stays & Oak fire wood. Call 405-437-7612

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Good Bermuda Grass Hay, Large Round Bales. 6X6. \$60. 405-306-1538.

Walnut Firewood, Split \$80/rick for pickup. \$100/rick for delivered. 405-352-5242.

Alfalfa Hay- Round & Square bales. Will load. 405-933-0132.

21 Bale Bundles of small bales of Tiffany Grass & Alfalfa Hay. Cordell Area. 580-660-1622.

Livestock/Pets

Beefmaster Bulls for sale. 18mos to 2yrs. Some polled. Call 405-352-4451.

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39 Big Stout Limousin Bulls. 19 coming 2yr olds. 20 yearlings. All gentle, growthy, low birth weights. Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038 or 405-643-2884.

Hereford & Angus Bulls- Breeding age & semen tested. 580-280-2855.

1 Pure Bred Angus Bull, 20 months old, has calves on ground. \$3000. 405-284-6984.

Business

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Cooks Septic Service & Repair 580-550-0545, toll free 877-369-7305.

McCormack's Affordable Quilting T-Shirt quilts, custom quilts, & quilt repair. 405-229-4933.

\$100 Agreed Divorces, JNK Paralegal Service. (405) 376-2206

Will Haul Rocks/Gravel- Terry Buie 580-330-2062

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Pampered Chef quality products for your kitchen! Host a party or pamper a favorite Bride to Be. Need a fundraiser for a worthy organization? Call Elaine's Indep. Pampered Chef business. 405-668-0754.

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Misc

6 Toning Tables. \$300. 405-933-0132.

Kitchen chairs, 4 ash wood, hardly used. \$40 each cash only. 580-347-2437.

Set of Revereware- Dutch Oven, 3 sauce pans, 2 skillets, all with lids. Call for price. 580-347-2437.

3-20ftX6in Channel Steel Beams, 2-9.5ftX6in steel beams. All for \$25. Most have some rust on them. 405-376-3337.

Riverside oversize recliner. Motorized, 2 tablet holders. 1 year old. \$280. 405-656-2888

Beautiful coffee table, \$40. 405-656-2888.

Pride Quantum Q6 edge power wheelchair w/ charger. Manual wheelchair, transport chair, walker w/ seat. 405-376-3049

Counter-top vending machine w/ stand. Vends 5 candy bars & 3 chips. \$250. Email- waytoomanymessages@yahoo.com

Storm Door 36"x81", full glass, white trim w/ frame and hardware. Good condition. \$150. 405-256-0012.

Real Estate

4 bed, 1 1/2 ba Brick Home 12 miles SE of Hinton. Sits on 1 acre, all electric, tall privacy fence, above ground pool, with 2 storage sheds. Call 405-284-6955.

2 Lots at Swan Lake in Ft. Cobb, Electric, 21ft Tahoe Trailer, needs repair.

2 metal storage bldgs. Well & pump. @ Division & Norma St. Make offer. 405-681-6991.

2 bd, 1 ba house S of Gotebo, fenced, 4.91 acres, detached 2 bd, 1 ba building, large barn, metal grainery. Call 580-538-5511 for info.

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385 acres in Kiowa County- Cooperton Valley. 580-654-1413.

Crow's Roost Area- 217 Maryland St, Ft. Cobb. 3 d, 1 ba, new septic lines, pressure tank pump, central H&A. \$79,900. 405-668-0109.

3 Bed, 2 1/2, 2 story townhouse, Hobart, OK. Totally remodeled. Near hospital & quiet neighborhood. \$120,000. 580-515-1361.

16X80 3 bed 2 bath, Crow's Roost area. New a/c, laminate flooring, curtains, & well pump. Partially furnished. Covered porch. 313 Marilyn St, Ft. Cobb. 14X30 pole barn, \$40,000. 405-601-0382.

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