



# The Buzz

FOR MEMBERS OF CKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

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A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

## 2016 Shines a new light for Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives

CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Inc., makes debut as first consolidated cooperative for the state.

Annnd we've done it! Folks, we have made history! CKenergy Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the first consolidated cooperative for the wonderful state of Oklahoma and we couldn't be more excited!

Consolidations present great opportunities for cost reduction by eliminating costly duplication of services as well as achieving savings from improved employee efficiencies and attrition and this new cooperative is just one example.

Headquarters for CKenergy will be in Binger, the location of the Caddo Electric Cooperative. The Cordell office of Kiwash Electric will remain a regional hub for the new entity.

Members needn't worry about having to change any set routine they may have with their respective co-op office. We will have the same offices and friendly faces that you've come to know over time.

"It takes a concerted effort of the Managers, employees, and Boards of Trustees of both cooperatives to accomplish this feat," according to Mr. Clint Pack, the CEO of CKenergy. "CKenergy will continue to be a service oriented organization and strive to improve its service even more. Construction of key interconnects between substations will ulti-

mately enable better service to all our members."

This consolidation is just one tiny step towards the future of the energy industry. As a member-owned and community driven company, we strive for excellence on all fronts. CKenergy is set to stand the test of time with the knowledge and experience from two, formerly separate and successful in their own right, cooperatives at the helm.

Caddo Electric and Kiwash Electric arose during a time when our nation was revolutionized by the electric energy industry. CEC and KEC both were formed at the dawn of a new era when electricity was brought to parts of the country that had long been in the dark.

By coming together as one cooperative, CEC and KEC have provided CKenergy with the opportunity to continue on with tradition and also embrace the future.

Our members remain at the core of our being. For you guys, we promise to stay true to who we are as an electric cooperative. We are the same

cooperatives that you have grown to know. The only difference is we are now a singular cooperative with a brand new name.

As we usher in a new age, there are some things that we would like for you all to remember.

- We are NOT closing or relocating any offices. It will be business as usual at all of our current offices.
- Our staff members all remain the same. You'll still be able to visit with your favorite customer service reps or high five your favorite linemen when you see them out and about.
- Services and programs, that means generators, geothermals, our youth programs, payment options, etc... are all available to you, our members.

We're excited to see what the future will bring for CKenergy and for you, our members. Hopefully you are too!

*If anyone has any questions about the consolidation or anything else, please feel free to contact us at 405-656-2322 or 580-832-3361.*

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**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- Pay online at [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop).
- Pay by phone by calling 405-656-2322. Available 24 hours a day. Visa or Mastercard.
- Pay in person at any of CKenergy offices: Binger, Cordell, Mustang, Custer City and Anadarko.
- Pay via automatic draft of your checking or savings account. To sign up, please visit [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop) or call 405-656-2322.



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*Socialize with us!*

Check us out on Facebook & Twitter!  
 Now that we've consolidated, we have new social media pages! 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**



Save energy and money by lowering your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. This will also slow mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

**Find Your Hidden Account Number**

In this issue, be sure to look for your Hidden Account Number! If you locate it, 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.



# ICE MAGEDDON 2015

Here are a few snap shots of the devastation that was Icemageddon. We are so thankful for our linemen and support personnel who worked diligently over a span of several days, to get everyone back online.



# CKEC is looking for the next generation of leaders

What do 1,500 high school students, our nation's capital and electric cooperatives have in common? The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, of course!#754300

Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind – to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperative. And CKenergy is excited to continue on this practice started by our parent cooperatives, Caddo Electric and Kiwash Electric.

It all takes place in June, when hundreds of electric co-ops across the country send participants to Washington, D.C. for a chance to learn about the cooperative business model and a full week of sightseeing.

While in D.C., participants have a chance to meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important back home. Without a doubt, Youth Tour has grown into an invaluable program that gives young Americans an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

In February, CKEC will begin the process to select local students to attend Youth Tour 2016 and receive a \$500 scholarship. If you are a high

school junior interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience the trip of a lifetime, please contact us for more information.

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

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 leader, and as a result, they put these skills to use right here in our community.

Help us find the next generation of leaders by sharing the Youth Tour experience with a promising student. For more information about CKenergy's Youth Tour program, call 405-656-2322, 580-832-3361 or visit [ckenergy.coop](http://ckenergy.coop).



Contact your  
**Youth Tour Coordinators**

Lisa Willard-  
580-832-3361

Devin Whittington-  
405-656-2322

Fill out the contest  
application

Write a **letter** to a person of  
importance about a topic that  
you care about.

Submit your application and  
letter to CKenergy by February  
8th, 2016.



YOUR SMALL  
CHANGE CAN  
CHANGE LIVES

THIS IS THE FOUNDATION ON  
WHICH CKEC'S OPERATION  
ROUND UP PROGRAM WAS  
BUILT.

# OPERATION



MEMBERS WHO AGREE TO PARTICIPATE  
ALLOW CKEC TO "ROUND UP" THEIR  
MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILL TO THE NEXT  
HIGHEST DOLLAR.



# ROUND

EVERY PENNY DONATED  
WILL BE USED TO  
SUPPORT CHARITABLE  
CAUSES AND NONPROFIT  
SERVICES THROUGHOUT  
CKEC COMMUNITIES.

WHO BENEFITS?

SCHOOLS

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

HEALTH CENTERS

FOOD PANTRIES

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

ETC...

# UP

TO BE INVOLVED IN  
OPERATION ROUND UP,  
CONTACT US AT 405-656-2322.  
SINGLE DONATIONS FROM  
CKEC MEMBERS AND OTHERS  
OUTSIDE OUR TERRITORY ARE  
WELCOME.





# Get to know your co-op network

*The power behind your power*

Every day, CKenergy Electric Cooperative is hard at work to make sure all of our members have the electric power they need at the best possible price. And behind the scenes, we are working with a network of cooperatives to make that happen.

CKenergy is a part of Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative, which creates the power, along with 27 other distribution co-ops that receive power from WFEC. We helped to create this second tier co-op so that we have more control over power supply and pricing. #302103

It also takes a lot of money to run an electric co-op, so when we need to borrow capital, we turn to either the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) or CoBank. Both of these organizations are also cooperatives. CFC is owned by electric co-ops throughout the country, and CoBank is owned by electric and agricultural co-ops nationwide.

As you know, every month we generate an electric bill that we send to you either electronically or through regular mail. We use SEDC to ensure we can apply the latest technology, help lower your energy costs and send timely, accurate bills to you.

No business can operate without several different types of insurance, such as general liability, auto and workmen's compensation. So once again, along with other electric

cooperatives across the state, we are members of Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. This allows us to maintain reliable coverage at an affordable price.

It also takes a whole lot of "stuff" to operate an electric co-op, such as poles, wires, transformers and many other items that you may not see. This is why we partnered with other co-ops to create The Utility Sales Department of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Along with AECEI, we purchase materials from several different companies. The power of this co-op allows us to have quick access to all the materials we need at the best price.

CKenergy is a member of Touchstone Energy, a nationwide alliance

of 750 local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives. Our participation allows us access to a wealth of informational materials. It also allows us to benchmark our performance in comparison with other co-ops so that we can learn from others as we constantly strive to serve you better.

Several cooperatives are also part of the Cooperative Response Center, which allows them to answer calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

So, while you are a member of one electric co-op, you are actually connected to many other co-ops. And being connected to this cooperative network ensures your needs are met in the most efficient and cooperative way possible.

## WHAT'S COOKIN'

### Crock Pot Jalapeno Popper Chili

1 yellow onion, diced  
1 - 2 jalapeno peppers, seeds removed, and diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 red or yellow bell pepper, diced  
2 boneless, skinless chicken thighs  
1 teaspoon chile powder  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon oregano  
pinch of crushed red pepper

1 (14 oz) can diced tomatoes  
3-4 cups chicken broth (use 4 if you're doing a full pound of beans)  
1/2 or 1 lb dry white beans, rinsed and sorted  
1 cup frozen corn  
salt and pepper to taste  
8 ounces cream cheese  
1/2 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled

Add all ingredients except the cream cheese and bacon to the crockpot. Cook on low for 7-9 hours. Shred chicken with two forks.

Add the cream cheese and let melt for about 10 minutes, stir to combine, and mix in crumbled bacon. Salt to taste and serve.

# 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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

CKEC Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

*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.

**'86 Chevy School Bus**, not running, good for parts/storage. Good tires/glass,

Lg handicap doors for easy access. \$675, cash no checks. 405-818-9011.

**'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/en-

gine. 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.

## 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.

## Hay/Wood

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

**Net Crop Native Grass Hay-** Lg Bales, net wrapped. 405-638-0620 or 405-206-8126.

**Clean Bermuda Grass Hay** 4x5 bales \$45/bale. Please call King Sod Farms 405-797-3323.

**Cowpea Hay-** 150 5x6 bales, 10% protein, \$50/bale. 405-668-2679.

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

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

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

## Livestock/Pets

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

**Registered Angus Bulls.** 13-18mos, semen tested, docile, & ready to work. 405-352-5025.

**40 Big Stout Limousin Bulls.** 20 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.

## Business

**Alterations & T- Shirt Quilts.** 405-831-0593

**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

**Interior Painting/Glazing-** Twila Buie 580-302-3514

**Health & Wellness Classes & Products.** Donna J. Richey, Arbonna Indep. Area Manager. 405-933-2528.

**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.

## Misc

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

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

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

**3-20ftX6in Channel Steel Beams,** 2- 9.5ftX-6in 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

## 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.

**2000 sq ft brick home for rent 3 bd, 3 ba,** 2 living areas, 1 dining, office & utility. 2 car garage, inside storm shelter, lots of storage, big shop building. 1 mi E & 1 1/4 mi S of Oney E side of road. 405-

728-6783.

**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.

**All sizes of manufactured Homes.** Single-Wide or Double-Wide. Low overhead for me = best price for you.

Exit 108 I-40. 405-884-2620

**Ft Cobb Lake House Crows Roost Area**

2 bed furnished, 2 lots, new metal roof Garage, carport, 2 PWC on double trailer \$ 62,500 Call 405-623-4231

**Lemons Point Ft. Cobb-** 3bd 2ba, brick house w/ stainless steel appliances, new roof, finished basement, new windows on 2 lots. Large trees, covered parking & storage building. \$89,900. 405-409-7658.

**1 Acre Commercial Zoned,** 4 3/4 mile East of Tuttle on Highway 37. 405-794-4612.

**2 Bed, 1 Bath, Brick home-** South of Anadarko. 5 acres with pipe fence. 2 car garage, barn, shed, new storm shelter. Call 405-756-6708.

**4 bed, 4 bath, Rock Home.** 3,000sqft on 2 acres. 12x18 master bath with 6x6 walk in shower, 2 lg master closets. Tile in all bathrooms, laundry, kitchen & lg dining room. 2 car garage & carport. Work shop & separate barn. Storm cellar, 2 water heaters, 2 a/c units, wood burning insert. 3 miles south of Anadarko. \$195,000. 405-863-2050.