



Operation Round Up helps groups, like the Boone- Apache Schools Robotics team, fund their programs and keep students engaged in extra curricular activities.

## 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.

## The power of Operation Roundup

Learn how your small change can make a big difference

It started as a simple idea 27 years ago at one co-op in South Carolina. Just round up the co-op member's electric bill to the next dollar, and then use it to do good work in your community. Today, hundreds of electric co-ops throughout the country, including CKenergy, use this idea to help members and organizations close to home.

All co-ops adhere to the seven cooperative principles, including "Concern for Community." The Operation Roundup program is the perfect embodiment of this core principle. The average co-op member donates \$6 with a maximum possible contribution of \$11.88 per year. This may not seem like a large amount, but when combined with thousands of participants it adds up to make a significant impact.

Each co-op decides how they want to

operate the program, and the vast majority is governed by a board of volunteers that is different from the board of directors for the electric co-op. This ensures that the decisions are made in the best interest of the community.

The program is always voluntary, and at any time, members can change their minds about participating. Once folks see the good work the program does in their community, they almost always keep contributing.

Over the years, millions of dollars have been collected and distributed for a wide range of activities. This can include helping a family in need after a house fire. Assisting the local food pantry. Providing funds so that the local fire department can get a needed piece of equipment. Or

dozens of other humanitarian efforts that bring electric co-ops even closer to the communities we serve.

While each co-op must respond to the needs of its members, one of the great attributes of co-ops across the country – and the world – is their willingness to share information about the programs that have been successful. Operation Roundup is a perfect example of that cooperative spirit.

CKenergy is pleased to offer Operation Roundup. We will continue to "borrow" ideas from other co-ops and welcome your participation. Please share with us additional activities we should explore to serve you and your neighbors. Contact our Member Services Department at 405-656-2322 for more information.



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### JANUARY

### Winning CKEC Members

**Jamie Williams**  
**Anthony Roark**  
**Tim Berry**

If you see your name, please call your co-op 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, and Instagram. 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.

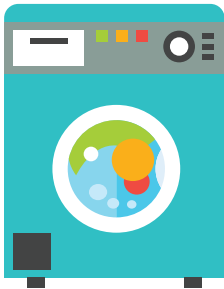
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# ENERGY STAR

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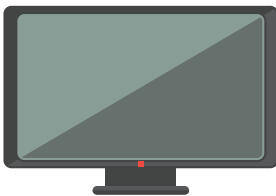
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AMERICA'S ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVES

# CKEC is looking for the next generation of leaders

Youth Tour inspires teens to become leaders

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

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 for years to come.

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).



- Fill out the contest application.
- Write a letter to a person of importance over a topic that you care about.
- Submit your application and letter to CKenergy by *February 10th, 2017*.

*For more information contact:*

Lisa Willard  
580-832-3361

Devin Whittington  
405-656-2322



# Earn cash for college

scholarships available for teens in CKenergy territory

**A** smart phone and a little ingenuity could win college scholarships for teens who enter CKenergy's scholarship contest.

The competition encourages teens to place themselves in their future shoes as a CKEC member and find a way to creatively persuade their fellow CKEC members to vote for them to be their district board member. Students can either create a video or craft a 500-word essay on the topic. Complete contest rules are available online at [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop), under Youth Programs.

Lisa Willard, coordinator of the scholarship program, says the contest prompts students to take the initiative to learn about the cooperative business model and to take action within their communities through learning what it takes to serve on a cooperative board.



**VOTE FOR ME AS  
YOUR DISTRICT  
BOARD MEMBER!**

**“We want to see that the students truly understands what it means to be a cooperative member. We also want them to know what it’s like to be actively engaged in the inner workings of a co-op.”**

—Lisa Willard, Scholarship Coordinator

By allowing contestants to enter a written essay or a short video, they enjoy more freedom to express themselves. “We’ve seen some great entries in the past,” Willard recalls. “One year, a contestant wrote a song and filmed himself singing. He won.”

This year, CKenergy will award twelve \$500 scholarships to seniors graduating from high schools that are in CKEC's territory. The applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must belong to the co-op.

Willard also pointed out that scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year college, university, or technical school within the state. “if a teen wants to attend vo-tech or any other career training program, this scholarship will help them do that,” she added.

Video and essay entries must be delivered by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2017. For more details, visit [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop) or contact your high school counselor. To visit with Lisa Willard, please call 580-832-3361.



## Payment option offsets seasonally high bills

Cooler weather is upon us and that can mean increases in electricity usage as switches flip on home heating systems.

CKenergy members who want to avoid spikes that come from increased seasonal usage may want to consider having their monthly bills averaged.

Averaged bills are the perfect way to avoid being surprised by the peak usage that comes when more home heating is required.

The Average Monthly Payment Plan offered by the Cooperative keeps a rolling average of a member's last 12 months of usage. That way, they'll pay a more predictable amount each month.

Members who participate in the program can still look at their bills and tell what they would have had to pay for that billing period. Meters are still read monthly for members who pay averaged bills.

Averaged billing simply keeps monthly bills within a similar range. That predictability is something from which the home owner on a budget can benefit.

Members can apply for the Average Monthly Payment Plan by calling the Cooperative during normal business hours at 1-405-656-2322.

# Use your space heater safely

**M**any people turn to space heaters—both electric models and those powered by kerosene or even wood—as a convenient source of warmth in winter months. However, space heaters can be dangerous if not used properly.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with space heaters. More than 300 people die in these fires. In addition, an estimated 6,000 people annually receive hospital emergency care for burn injuries connected with space heaters.

Space heater hazards stem not just from fires caused by contact with or close proximity to heating elements. They also include fires started by flammable fuels used in the heaters; defective wiring in the appliance; and carbon monoxide poisoning caused by improper venting or an incomplete combustion of fuels.

*Here are some tips for using your electric space heater safely:*

- Keep the heater at least 3 feet from flammable items such as curtains, furniture, or bedspreads.
- Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element.
- When buying a heater, choose one that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing institution such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

## Space Heater Safety

1. Place heater on a hard, level surface.
2. Turn it off when you leave.
3. Keep it 3 ft. from the nearest object.
4. Avoid using extension cords.

- Buy a heater that can handle the area that you want to heat.
- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- Never leave a space heater unattended.
- Never go to sleep with a space heater on.
- Never use or store flammable liquids near a space heater.
- Do not use a heater in a bathroom—it's a high-moisture area that could cause damage.
- Keep heaters away from water to prevent electrocution.
- Do not use an extension cord with a space heater.
- Do not use the heater to dry clothes.
- Be sure the heater's plug fits snugly in an outlet. The cord and plug may feel warm when operating since the unit draws so much power, but they should not feel hot. If they do, unplug the heater and have a qualified repair person check for problems.
- Do not attempt to repair a broken heater yourself. It should be checked and repaired by a qualified appliance service center.



## Be a good neighbor

Winter weather can be difficult on elderly loved ones and neighbors. The temperature alone, not to mention wind, ice or snow, can make it hard for senior citizens to get to the doctor, pharmacy and even the grocery store. Those on a tight budget sometimes skimp on basics such as food and utilities to keep their home warm.

CKenergy encourages you to be a good neighbor by checking on your aging friends and family regularly. Take action if you haven't seen them in a while, or if you notice mail or newspapers piling up in their mailbox. They will appreciate your concern, and you'll feel better knowing they are safe and sound.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



According to the Consumer Electronics Association, the average household owns 24 consumer electronics

products, which are responsible for 12 percent of household electricity use. ENERGY STAR-certified audio/video equipment is up to 50 percent more efficient than conventional models.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

### 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.

'46 Chevy Pickup, sub frames, 400 Pontiac engine p.s. p.b. auto. \$17,500. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

'55 Chevy Pickup- \$1,500, '47 Studebaker Pickup Cab- \$1,000., Merc Zefr dar \$600 OBO. 405-641-3344.

'95 GMC SLE 4x4 Ext. Cab, long bed, 115k miles, 454 motor, 5 speed, standard, gooseneck & reciever hitches, good tires. \$4000 OBO. 580-772-3223 or 580-774-8060.

### Farm/ Equip

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

Ensign Repair Kits 580-846-5633

Snapper Pushmower, self propelled, steel deck, Briggs & Straton. 8.75 engine, fully serviced in Aug, 1 owner. 405-625-6299.

New Generator, 13hp 7500w, E-start steele.

# Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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never used. Stored inside, have papers. \$500 405-933-3357.

2 — 1/4 mi 5' Irr. Wheel moves. Good Condition. \$1,250 each. 405-797-3232.

JD 80 Series Front End Loader. Fits JD 870 or 970. 405-681-4500 or 405-596-5353.

### 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 pickup. \$100/rick for delivered. 405-352-5242

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

Grass Hay 300 Native Grass, 80 Switchgrass, Large Round Bales, Net Wrapped, \$50/Bale, Weatherford, Will Load, Delivery Available, 405-542-6713, 580-774-4942

Midland 99 Bermuda Grass Hay. 4x4x8 segmented bales. 5'x4' Rd bales, small sq. bales. High protein, clean horse hay quality. 580-774-5477.

### Livestock/Pets

Barrel Saddle, 14", beautiful leather w/ silver. \$500. 405-788-2334 or 405-373-4328.

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.

**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 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.

**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. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.**

#### Circle category:

Autos   Farm/Equip   Furn/Appl   Hay/Wood   Livestock/Pets   Misc  
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Hereford & Angus Bulls- Breeding age & semen tested. 580-280-2855.

Charolais Bulls for Sale. 6- 30mth, 12-18/24mth. 580-774-9989.

### 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.

Saw 'N Cedars, cedar tree cutting & pasture recovery. 405-247-9686.

Chisholm Trail Bed & Breakfast. 3366 SW Clayton Rd, Minco, OK. 405-352-4994 or 405-642-3760.

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

Hooked On Antiques, 209 W Main in Binger. Wed 9:30- 5, Thurs 9-5. Call for more info. 405-202-6563.

Abbot Electric, OK #1648, no job too small. 405-933-1780

### Misc.

2 Albums, 78 Vinyl: Statler Bro's, "Flowers on the wall." Luderin Darbone's Hackberry ramblers, "LA. Cajun Music." 405-625-6299.

12X18 Wood Building. Electric, windows, large front door, has upper loft. Great for storage or hunting cabin. Call Tom 405-439-7571.

Gravity Inversion System. Defy gravity. \$75 OBO 405-256-0270.

2 Mongoose Pavers. Aluminum, one needs brakes. Nice bicycle. \$75 or \$45 each. 405-659-2744.

Sears Kenmore Side by Side Refridge/Freezer. \$300 405-439-7571.

### Real Estate

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

Ft Cobb Lake House Crows Roost Area 2 bed furnished, 2 lots, new metal roof, Garage, carport, also Waverunner and Seadoo on double trailer. \$62,500 Call 405-623-4231.

12x60 3bd, 2ba, partially furnished, mobile

home. \$30,000. Crow's Roost Edition. 405-601-0382.

Crow's Roost- 3bd, 1.5ba, LG living, family room, & kitchen. Central H/A. Shop & wood shed w/ electric. Fruit trees. 3 lots fenced. \$89,900 405-638-7111.

Swan Lake Area- 1 bd, 1 ba, metal home with 3 lots. Needs some work, great hunting/fishing cabin. \$17,000 OBO. 405-643-9953.

Very Nice 4 bd/2ba home on .92 acres, in Cyril. Includes stainless kitchen appl., carport, & 30x40 shop bldg w/ auto door.

136 acres SW of Hinton. Great hunting, deer, turkey, & hogs. \$3,000 per acre. 405-952-7382.

'02 Mobile Home 16'x60', Silvercreek. Bought new, bedroom & bath on each end. Solid floors & windows, has hitch & wheels. 580-464-2519.

2 Story Home Cedar Lake Hinton School Dist. 1,152sq ft., 2 car garage, out building, 6ft fence, could come fully furnished, \$30,000 OBO. 405-284-6806.

Crows Roost- 3bd, 2 ba, 3 lots, 2 big barns, 1 small. Lg den, 2 living rooms. Lg screened in porch. Needs some work. 405-656-2436.

Carnegie- 3d, 2ba. 2200sqft. Country Home. w/ finished basement that could be bdrm. LG living room and separate den. 2 car garage. New H&A. 1 acre of land. LG shed in back yard. \$130,000. 580-654-2422.

16X80 3 bed 2 bath, Mobile Home on 64X120 lot. 2 yr old central H&A, new carpet, new hot water tank, new pressure well. Covered porch. 14X30 pole barn, \$41,500. 405-601-0382. Call for info.

4 Bed, 2 Bath Brick Home, very nice, asking low price. 405-797-3434

3 Bd, 2Ba Home, N of Carnegie, 2200sqft. Basement, fireplace, garden tub, Central H/A new in '14, storage shed, garage. \$130,000. 580-654-2422.

'02 16x60 Mobile Home. 2 ba - 2 bd. Non smokers, or animals lived in. Bought new. Solid floors & windows. Cement area. \$14,000. 580-464-2519.

Price Reduced— For sale by owner, 1 acre commercial zoned on HWY 37 between Tricity & Tuttle, OK. 405-794-4612.

House & Barn on 3 acres in Eakly at 624 N Church Ave. Double car garage, 3 bd, 2 ba, basement & large barn 54x90. 405-779-0025.

## 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.