



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Reminder:

Youth Tour applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2018.

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Electric Vehicle Appeal Gaining Momentum



The appeal of electric vehicles is gaining momentum. The push for greater mileage in terms of MPG that began in the second half of the last century has been joined by the push for greater miles per charge. But before getting too far into this transportation evolution, a quick history lesson about EVs is in order.

The first known electric car was developed in 1837 in Aberdeen, Scotland. Early variants were powered by galvanic cells rather than rechargeable batteries. The lead-acid battery was invented in France in 1859 with further French development leading to manufacturing of these batteries on an industrial scale in the early 1880s. This allowed a rechargeable battery to be installed on the vehicle.

Soon manufacturers were selling a wide array of EVs ranging from trams to trolleys, to cars, and even locomotives. Interest in electric cars blossomed in the late 1890s and early 1900s. As roads improved and became more extensive, demand for greater range emerged. A variety of solutions were put forth including the first battery exchanges by an electric utility in Connecticut in 1910 and the first hybrid automobile in 1911. It would not be long until America led the world in number of EVs on the roads.

But the rapid expansion of the country and the limitation of electricity to major cities and towns spelled the end of the electric car. The world wanted to be mobile and EVs simply did not have the range required. Enter Henry Ford and the mass-produced, affordable internal combustion engine, and the EV's fate was sealed.

Fast forward to modern times and EVs are dominating the automotive news. Thanks to the electric cooperative movement, electricity is available everywhere in the U.S., the majority of roads are paved and environmental concerns are increasing awareness.

While many drawbacks of EVs are gone, there is still a major concern limiting EV growth dubbed "range anxiety." This stems from the persistent limited range of all EVs. While the Tesla offering provides 270 miles for their all-wheel drive model and 355 miles on their standard models, that pales in comparison to most internal combustion cars. And, the lack of a rapid charging infrastructure is an ongoing impediment. Just like their 20th century predecessors, pure EVs are great "city cars."

Fortunately, advances in battery technology are hammering away at the range issue. Range is steadily expanding

and battery management systems are squeezing out more miles. At the same time, more companies and utilities are installing efficient charging stations at their places of business and in popular public locations.

Range anxiety notwithstanding, EVs have a bright future. Prices are dropping and range is expanding so owners can confidently drive nearly everywhere with a little bit of planning. On top of this, the cars are just plain cool. The Tesla Model 3 promises a minimalist interior with all the necessary controls and information presented on a large touchscreen in the center of the console as opposed to using the traditional instrument cluster.

Further, if you've never driven an electric vehicle, you are in for a treat. While an internal combustion engine must rev up to speed, an EV has full power at its disposal instantly. Of course, there are limits on this 0-60 mph capability to prevent inexperienced and over-eager drivers from launching themselves into accidents and speeding tickets. They are quiet, well-appointed inside and allow you to forever bypass the lines at the gas station— unless you are in need of some snacks and a slushy.

One final word, if you do purchase an EV, be sure to let your electric cooperative know. The service to your home is sized to meet the demands of your house as they existed when service was connected. Adding the EV charger creates a risk of overloading the wires and transformers powering your home. Overloaded services can fail and leave you in the dark with an uncharged EV.

Someday, we'll all be gliding silently— and cleanly— on our travels.



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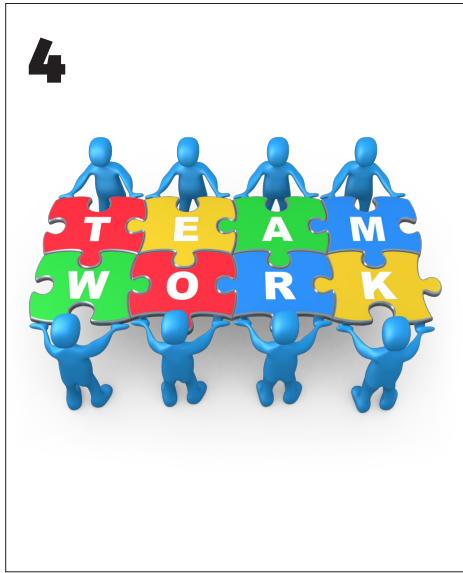
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Winning CKEC Members

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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 Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

CKEC is looking for the next generation of leaders

Youth Tour inspires teens to become 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!

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 2018 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 or visit www.ckenergy.coop.

APPLY NOW!



- 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 9th, 2018.**

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How can we better **SERVE** you in 2018?

We're always looking for innovative & efficient ways to serve our membership.

It's amazing what we learn through listening and observation. New products and services are more likely to gain the satisfaction of consumers when their introduction follows market research.

Here at CKEnergy, we've provided members with a mobile application, enabling you to check the status of your electric service, and receive real-time updates on energy use.

CKEC members are using the app to conduct routine business with us, like online bill payments, arranging service transfers and viewing real-time outage updates. Several of our members have downloaded our CKEnergy EC app and use it regularly.

These mobile services are just new ways of connecting with people, like the member services representatives you reach when you call us, or greet you from behind the counters at our office. They help us offer quality services you expect us to provide.

Our goal is to find ways to help you control energy costs. That's why we communicate with you about energy prices and ways we can work together to help ease the burdens on your wallet.

We are also dedicated to the youth in our communities. Students across our service territory are able to learn about electrical safety and about life on the line from our linemen through safety demonstrations and our 8th grade Energy Camp program. High school juniors and seniors are able to participate in our scholarship programs such as Youth Tour (for juniors), Leadership Summit, & the Senior Scholarship.

Listening improves understanding, builds trust, strengthens relationships and fosters cooperation. It's also crucial to collaboration and success.

That's why CKEnergy still loves face time with our members. Our annual meeting is a social event for our whole co-op family. We hope you'll make plans now to join us in August at the 2018 Annual Meeting for an evening of co-op business, fun and prizes.

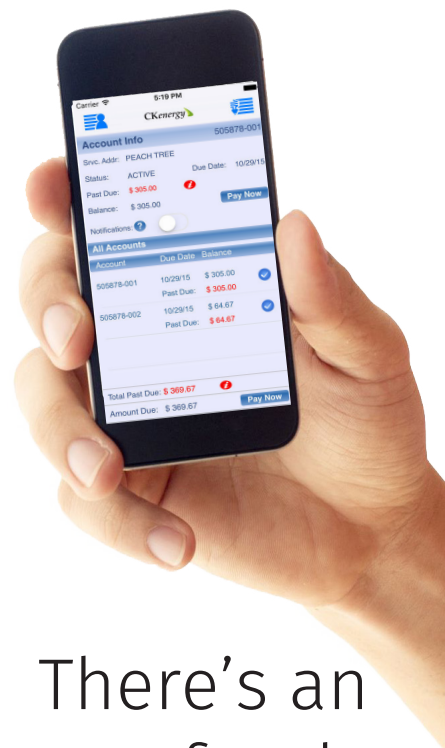
So, how do we serve you better in 2018?

The same way many of us try to serve community, society and family better, each day—by listening. In our offices, on telephones, through social media exchanges and in our face-to-face meetings, we're ready to listen.

When you have questions about energy efficiency, electrical service or any of our products or services, just ask us. When we know just what you want, we're in a better position to deliver successful results. So, drop in and see us, we're always glad to hear from you.



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There's an app for that.

Look for the CKEnergy EC app on Google Play or the App Store.



Use your space heater safely

As temperatures drop this winter, many will look for supplemental heating sources for their homes. Space heaters can be a good alternative for those who want to warm one area of their home without turning up the thermostat on the central heating system. However, space heaters are also responsible for 32 percent of house fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If you are planning to use a space heater in your home this winter, review these tips from CKenergy to keep you, your family and your property safe.

Materials – What are the components of your space heater made of? Parts like metal grating can be hot to the touch and may burn anyone who gets too close. Make sure you purchase a heater that is cool to the touch and has guards over the coils just in case little fingers get too close.

Placement - While it can be tempting to place a small heater on a shelf so it is not in the way of pets and children, it is safest to leave the heater on a level floor on a nonflammable surface. Keeping the space heater on the floor can keep it from falling over, preventing fire hazards. Also, remember that space heaters and bathrooms are not a good combination, unless the heater is designed for bathroom use. Moisture can damage the heater.

The most important rule about space heater placement is the three-foot rule. Whether you are using the heater in the bedroom, living room or kitchen, space heaters should always be kept three feet away from



flammable materials and out of the way of children and pets.

Special Features – Does your space heater have an auto shutoff function if tipped over? Auto shutoff can be a lifesaver. If you currently own a space heater without auto shutoff, consider purchasing a heater with this important safety feature.

Cords – You should never use an extension cord when plugging in a space heater as it can cause overheating. The space heater should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, and should be the only thing plugged in to the wall outlet. Also make sure cords aren't in a high-traffic area so they are not a tripping hazard.

Use – Never leave a heater unattended while in use. If you are leaving your home or going to bed, make sure to unplug the heater.

Following these tips and making sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions can keep you safe this winter.



UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS

Think before you post that sign!
Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs and fliers create dangerous obstacles for electric lineworkers. *Their jobs are dangerous enough – help us keep them safe!*



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



It is important to be weather aware and ready to respond to severe or disastrous weather conditions.

Winter ice storms and spring tornadoes can cause massive outages. CKEC has upgraded our phone handling capabilities to avoid busy signals.

CKEC's local phone numbers to the area offices are limited by the by the number of incoming lines. The lines can only handle five to twenty callers depending on the office, so busy signals are likely.

However, CKEC has upgraded the two toll free numbers. 888-832-3362 and 800-868-8243 now have the capacity to handle over 2,000 calls as well as get the outage information into our outage system.

So please remember to report outages to one of CKEC's toll free phone lines. You can also report an outage using the CKenergy app.

Youth Programs Timeline

February–

- Youth Tour applications are due Friday, February 9th.

March–

- Senior Scholarship applications are due Friday, March 2nd.
- Youth Tour winners announced after Youth Banquet, TBD.

April–

- Energy Camp applications are due by Friday, April 13th.
- Senior Scholarship winners announced.

May–

- Energy Camp: May 29th- June 2nd

June–

- Youth Tour: June 9th - 14th

Energy savings for every season



While saving money through greater energy efficiency may be a year-round objective for many consumers, the way to achieve this goal will vary by season. There are a number of factors that impact energy efficiency, including weather, the

age and condition of the home, and desired comfort levels. During fall and winter months, when the outdoor temperature is chilly, consumers desire a warm home and seek to keep the cold air out. Conversely, in the spring and summer, the focus is on keeping the hot air from infiltrating cool abodes.

Fall & winter: keeping heat in

To maintain a warm indoor environment in chillier weather, there are simple steps you can take to increase energy efficiency. Fall is a great time to examine seals on doors and windows to check for air leaks. Caulk and weatherstrip as needed to seal in warm air and energy savings. Similarly, examine outlets for air leaks, and where necessary, install gaskets around the outlet to prevent drafts. During the day, open curtains or drapes on south-facing windows to enable sunlight to heat your home naturally. Close curtains or drapes at night for an added layer of window insulation.

As the temperature drops lower with the onset of winter, schedule a service appointment for your heating system to ensure it is operating at an optimal level. Low-cost or no-cost steps for energy savings include taping or affixing heavy, clear plastic to the inside of your window frames to create an additional barrier against cold air. Ensure that the plastic is tightly sealed

to the frame to help reduce infiltration. Use a programmable thermostat to set the temperature as low as is comfortable when you are home (ideally around 68 degrees). When you are asleep or away, turn the temperature down 10-15 degrees for eight hours. This small adjustment can help you save approximately 10 percent a year on heating and cooling costs.

Spring & summer: keeping cool

During warmer months, energy savings and efficiency will require different measures, many of which are inexpensive. If you live in a climate that is cool, open your windows in the evening and turn off your cooling system while sleeping. In the morning, shut the windows and blinds to hold in the cool air. Where practical, plant trees and shrubs that provide shade in warm months and sunlight in winter.

Well placed trees can take heat gain from the sun and provide needed shade by creating a canopy for the house.

In extremely hot weather, your cooling system works harder to close the gap between the high outdoor temperature and the cool indoor thermostat setting. To lessen the difference in temperature between the two, and to keep costs low, set the thermostat as high as you can while maintaining your comfort level. Moreover, using a ceiling fan in conjunction with your air conditioning can allow you to increase the thermostat setting to approximately four degrees with no reduction in comfort levels.

Also, be sure to replace any remaining incandescent bulbs with LEDs. The waste heat from the old bulbs impacts energy use and creates wasteful and unwanted heat.

Looking for an easy way to make your home cozier? Try using an area rug to increase the insulation levels of your floors. Area rugs are stylish and can keep cool air from entering through your floors. Your toes will thank you!

Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

ENERGY SAVING TIPS in the Winter

Prepare your house for the winter chills! Keep your housing energy bills under control, while keeping your family warm during the time of cold.

HEATING

- Get yourself a programmable thermostat. **72°F**
- With a programmable thermostat you will keep warm, but still, you can take control. Lowering your thermostat settings during the night will save you 10-20 percent.
- Check your programmable thermostat. **72°F**
- Lower your thermostat and get warmer clothes.
- Get it properly installed, appropriately programmed, and place it in the right place.
- Find a humidifier.
- Check your air furnace filters, and replace them if needed.
- Install foam insulation gaskets behind electric outlets and switch plate covers.

WINDOWS & DOORS

- Close the doors and windows whenever possible.
- Install Do-It-Yourself plastic-film storm windows.
- Seal off unused rooms.
- Open south-facing window curtains, drapes, and blinds in the daylight.
- Check your window frames for cracks.
- Check the doors for air leaks.

WATER HEATER

- is the maximum to set your water heater. **125°**
- Drain it off annually to remove sediment.
- Equip it with a water heater blanket if it is more than 5 years old.
- Install a water heater insulation blanket.

FIREPLACE

- Avoid traditional fireplaces as it can suck the heated air out of your home.
- Close the fireplace damper and seal the opening shut when not in use.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Get professional help to inspect and tune your furnace up.
- Insulate and weatherize your house.
- Upgrade your insulation, should you have less than 7 inches of insulation.
- Repair any broken window panes, large holes in the attics, crawl spaces or basements.
- Seal exposed ductwork.
- Replace older and loose fireplace dampers and install a sheet-metal insert.
- Replace your traditional fireplace.

Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment. 405-641-3344.
'98 Ford F150. Little rough, runs. \$1,000 OBO or trade. 405-641-3344.

'55 Chevy 2dr, 350 4spd. New paint & tires. New torque thrust d wheels, power steering, electric wipers. Light blue & white. \$29,700. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

'86 GMC Pickup. LWD, 350/350 trans, 65,000 miles. \$4,400 cash only. 405-818-9011.

'59 Chevy Apache- Fleetside. Long bed, 6 cyl- 3 speed on column. Good paint, tires, & seat. 82,000 miles, \$5,000. Runs good. 580-331-7304.

Farm/ Equipment

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

WW Beefmaster cattle chute. Portable trailer, wheels, & hitch. 405-352-4840.

5th wheel for pickup, Husky 16k. Adjustable EZ roller w/ reese fricron sway control bar. Trailer weight 16,000lbs. Like new. 405-202-7317.

Antique farm machinery- 14ft chisel, older stock trailer, rotary hoe, springtooth, etc... 405-638-0145 or 405-933-1360.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

WANTED: 20' - 26' open gooseneck livestock trailer in fair condition under \$2,500. Leave message at 405-247-8843.

10ft John Deere Disc, 8ft- 3pt Springtooth, 12 hole steel drill. All 3 for \$2,500 OBO. 405-397-6723.

Troy Built Rear Tine Tiller \$350. Troy Built generator \$450 7,000 watts, like new condition. 405-643-9211.

John Deere 4120 tractor- MWFD, front end loader, 3 pt box blade. Garage kept, excellent condition including tires. 43 hp. Less than 300 hrs use. 405-831-5615.

Livestock/Pets

18 mo registered Red Angus bull. \$2,700. 405-284-6984.

Saanan billy goat, 2yrs old. \$130. 580-613-1423.

Looking for country home: 6yr old female cat. Spayed, shots, well mannered, litter trained, likes outside, kept in at night. 405-397-6723.

Rumley Farms- Registered Angus bulls. 16-18mos of age. Have been worked & semen tested. 405-352-5025.

Polled Hereford Bull. 8 years old. \$2,250. 580-919-5490.

Business

Hooked on Antiques. 209 W Main, Binger. Open Wed. 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Thurs. 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Call 405-202-6563 for more info.

King Cement Services, Eakly, OK. 405-545-2141 or 580-450-7804.

Keith's Tree Trimming- seasonal firewood for sale. 580-660-1237.

Piano Tuning & Repair. Western OK. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans, & Peanut Brittle- Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunter's Mix, & Roasted and salted in the shell. 580-654-1175. www.goberhouse.com

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

Tractor & truck repair, welding & fabrication, muffler & exhaust service. 405-638-1158.

Hay

'17 sprayed & fertilized blue stem, bermuda, & native grass hay. Lg round bales. 580-550-0334, leave a message.

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*. **ONE** ad per member.
- 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
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

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Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Miscellaneous

Fancy hand made baby afghans. Different colors & sizes. Text 405-640-9068 for pictures and/or questions.

8 drapery panels; pleated at top, gold color lined in white, extra long (84"x120"). Will fit 10' ceiling. Never used. Text 405-640-9068 for pictures and/or questions.

Hauling- large or small. Will haul old cars, appliances, lawn mowers, anything metal. 405-284-6804.

Seasoned split Oak firewood- 20" cut. In Anadarko, \$85.00 per rick. Delivery will be extra. 405-638-1158.

Real Estate

Fort Cobb Lake Lots- Crow's Roost area. 3 lots recently cleared & levelled off. 192' wide x 120' deep, 2 water wells, & septic. 405-694-0625.

1 Acre Commercial Zoned. 4 3/4 E of Tuttle on HWY 37. 405-794-4612.

Hunting Lodge- sleeps 6. Rent by week or month with all amenities, all appliances, & new beds. \$500/week or \$1,800/month. Close to Fort Cobb Lake. - Call Wanda. 580-302-3051.

Ft. Cobb Lake (Flying Inn #2) 3 bd, 2 ba, 1456sqft. 30x50 shop. Less than 500ft from water (boat dock), open floor plan, formal din, kit/din,lg covered ft & bk porches. Excellent condition. \$134k 580-772-4663.

60x60 shop w/ living app. 3600 sq. ft. 3000 working. Complete shop with anything you could need. Has heat with 2 lifts. 580-331-7180.

5 acre tract of land. Timber, wildlife. Financing available. Minco school district. Electric & water available. New home site, no trailer homes. 405-352-5190.

528 S. Spencer, Hinton. Completely remodeled. Must see. 3 bd, 2 ba, utility room. Detached garage. 1,450 sq. ft. MOL. 405-306-1538.

2,128 sq. ft. home. 3 bd, 2 1/2 ba. Lg. living room. 5 walk-in closets. Metal roof, all electric. Well kept-40x50 steel bdlg. on 5 acres. Gracemont. Serious lookers only. 580-515-4126.

3 bd, 2 ba brick home. XL lot west edge of Cordell. New Four Seasons sunroom/patio. basement, storage shed, fence, updated throughout. \$199,900. 940-395-1370.

Gracemont: Quiet, small, rural acreage w/ 3b, 1 1/2 ba brick home. Attached garage, storm shelter, shop building, 2 car carport, old barn, water well, close to town, paved road. Reduced to \$79,900. 405-402-0895.

Auto- transmission shop. All equipment w/ it. 60x60x14 building. 6 lots on corner. Built in 05. 580-331-7180.

1 acre commercial zoned. Between Tuttle & Tricity on highway 37. 4 3/4 mi east of Tuttle. 405-794-4612.

3 bd, 1 ba. Carport, storage building, fenced in yard, new kitchen, remodeled bathroom with wood, tile, & carpet floors and new windows. \$83,000, just have to see. 405-952-4171.

Two lots. Well, electricity, 2 metal buildings, 21 ft. Tahoe travel trailer. Used very little but needs repairs. Make offer. Swan Lake area. 405-681-6991.

Cedar Lake Cabin (lot 821). Dock space, 2 bed, 1 bath. 1048 sq. ft. \$65,500. 405-295-2401.

Ft. Cobb Lake north of golf course, south of 77 ranch. Three/two home. Two lots, garage, well water, metal roof. Nice porch with shade. \$95,000. 405-664-0983.

Two acres south of Carnegie. 3 bed, 2 bath trailer. Living room, den, 2 car garage, shop, storage shed, garden shop. 2 cellars. \$75,000. 580-654-2202.

2 adjoining cemetery plots by pond with fountain. Resthaven OKC. \$7,000 OBO. 405-517-2624.

36 acres- surface land, scenic Wichita Mts. 4 miles West of Meers, OK. Bids begin at \$4,200 per acre. Amenities available. Email: Wayne Orrell@gmail.com

120 acres available for oil lease in Washita County- section 6-8-14. 405-794-4612.

Crow's Roost Edition: 2 MH's each on 60x120 adjoining lots for \$60,000 - OR - 12x60 MH, 3bd, 2ba, new H2O tank, new pressure well, covered porch, 14x30 pole barn \$35,000. text or call 405-664-2662.

302 acres- hunting lease. Deer, turkey, quail, 2 deer feeders, 220 electric pole for trailer. Please send text to 580-215-9207.

Ft. Cobb Lake- 2 story, 5bd, 2lr, 2ba, garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open concept, newly remodeled, furnished, backs up to lake. 405-222-0636.

Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Best kept secret. Secluded in back part of lake. HAVE your own shooting range & hunting. 40ft trailer, new deck remodded. \$12,000 or trade. 405-543-6012.

Beautiful home in Eakly. 3 bd, 1 ba, 2 living rooms. New carpet & tile throughout plus a new stove. Move in ready. Large back yard & a 2 car carport. \$43,900. 405-627-4176.

Wanted

Capri Cowboy Camper, model 42, non-overhead, long bed in good condition. 918-456-3087 or 918-718-4958.

Reese's Nutter Butter Truffles

Ingredients:

16 ounces Nutter Butter Cookies
8 ounces cream cheese
8 ounces Reese's Mini Peanut Butter Cups, each one quartered
12 ounces milk chocolate chips
3/4 tablespoon shortening
1 tablespoon sprinkles (optional for top)



Directions:

Blend the Nutter Butter cookies in a food processor until they are fine crumbs. Then break up the cream cheese into chunks and blend that together with the crumbs in the food processor until well blended. Remove blade or transfer dough to another bowl. Gently fold in the quartered Reese's peanut butter cups. Roll into 1 inch balls and place on a cookie sheet lined with waxed paper or parchment paper. Stick in the freezer for about 30 to 40 minutes. Melt the chocolate chips and shortening in a microwave safe bowl stirring every 30 seconds until smooth. Dip the frozen balls into the melted chocolate. Cover them completely with chocolate, then lift up and gently tap to remove the excess chocolate. Set back onto the cookie sheet covered in waxed paper. Immediately add the sprinkles before the chocolate sets up.

Makes about 35 to 40 truffles