



# THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Youth Tour applications  
are due February 8th by  
5:00 p.m.

January 2019

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## Electric Cooperatives Post-Election Priorities



**W**ith the midterm elections in the rearview mirror, CKenergy is looking ahead at the impact and opportunities for rural America and electric cooperatives.

Electric cooperatives across the nation played an active role in the midterm election and worked to get to know each candidate running for federal office. This was particularly important since more than 60 members of Congress decided to retire or run for other office.

Through Co-ops Vote, a nonpartisan political engagement effort led by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, more than 100 candidates attended electric cooperative functions or met with co-op staff. Several statewide co-op associations sponsored or hosted a debate or forum for gubernatorial candidates, while more than 30 local electric cooperatives participated in National Voter Registration Day activities.

As we continue getting to know our new elected officials, CKenergy will continue advocating for policies that protect local business interests and advance the quality of life in western and central Oklahoma.

There are several opportunities for our elected leaders to find common ground and advance legislation to benefit our community.

Improving our nation's aging infrastructure is a great place to start. Congress and the White House should explore an infrastructure package that benefits all Americans, especially those at risk of being left behind in rural America. And this investment in critical infrastructure needs to go beyond roads and bridges. Congress should leverage an infrastructure package to help maintain and modernize the electric grid and connect rural communities to the modern economy.

The new Congress also presents an opportunity to expand access to high-speed internet service in rural communities that currently lack it. According to the FCC, 23 million rural Americans lack access to broadband internet—most of them are members of an electric co-op. Roughly 100 electric cooperatives are working to close the digital divide by bringing broadband to their communities.

Despite that progress, an expanded combination of grants and loans is necessary to continue providing rural communities with the wherewithal for education, telemedicine and a 21st century economy. Everyone—the Trump administration and both Democrats and Republicans in Congress—agrees on the need to bolster rural broadband.

A third area of possible bipartisan agreement lies in the need to produce a new farm bill. The farm bill, which authorizes numerous rural economic development programs, traditionally has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress. Although the House and Senate have passed very different versions of a farm bill this year, we're hopeful that lawmakers can come to an agreement on a compromise bill that promotes rural economic development and protects Rural Utilities Service electric loan funding on which electric co-ops depend.

Electric cooperatives like CKenergy are engines of economic development in our part of rural Oklahoma. And we are proud to continue working towards a brighter and more prosperous rural America.



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**JANUARY**

## Winning CKEC Members

- Stefani Juarez
- Kyle Nyhart
- Gary Deal

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.

# Remember to Update Your Info



**A**t various times and for various reasons, CKEC may need to contact our members. The information that you provide is our source of contact. If that information is incorrect—for example your phone number has changed or you no longer use your post office box, etc.- we have no way of knowing unless you make us aware of the change. If you call in your information, please be prepared to confirm

your identity. Also, a correct phone number could be the means of avoiding disconnection of service.

A correct address will help to ensure that you receive your bill. A forwarding address if you move off CKEC lines will help to ensure that you receive your final bill, your deposit and/or membership refund check, if applicable, as well as your capital credit checks when the time comes.

## Did not receive your bill?

Remember that failure to receive your bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact the office billing department before the due date so that another bill can be issued at (405) 656-2322.



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

CKEC has two toll free numbers. 888-832-3362 and 800-868-8243 that 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.

## CKEC Employees Recognized for Years of Service

**O**n December 14, 2018, 22 CKenergy employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their years of service. Thank you all for you everything you have done and continue to do!

### 5 Years of Service

Garrett Bradley  
Kenneth Cawthon  
Shane Harrison  
Blake Scott  
Brad Claussen  
Jennifer Hatcher

### 10 Years of Service

Wisper Howell  
Linda Robison  
Dana Haddon  
Donna Mogg  
Jim Gwyn  
Deborah Birch  
Jerry Dale Cart  
Cade Fulmer  
Roxanna King  
Mario Rivera  
Tyler Mitchell

### 20 Years of Service

Mark Fouts  
Dusty McNatt  
Michele Kauk  
Mark Lawson

### 25 Years of Service

Rick Wiest

**Congratulations  
on your awards!**

# Rural Electric Youth Tour

Long standing program still provides the trip of a lifetime.

Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the Youth Tour when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. The Senator and future president declared, *“If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.”*

Consequently, some Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson’s office. In 1958, a rural electric cooperative in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of our nation’s capital. Later that same year, another bus load came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew and other states sent bus loads of young people throughout the summer. By 1959, the “Youth Tour” had grown to 130 students.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested that cooperative representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C., during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated Tour included approximately 400 young people from 12 states. Word of the program has continued to spread and today, more than 1,500 students and over

250 chaperones participate in the Youth Tour every year.

Youth Tour directors from each state association arrange their delegation’s visits to their U.S. representatives’ and senators’ offices, federal agencies and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by NRECA.

Oklahoma students have made that trip seeing sights such as the Smithsonian Institution Museums, the Lincoln Memorial, war memorials, George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate, the U.S. Capitol and the White House, to name a few. They have shaken hands with senators and representatives, and some have even seen the president.

Coordination of the 2019 Youth Tour contest is already underway. Deadline for applications is drawing close, **February 8th, 2019**. High School Juniors, don’t miss out on this once in a lifetime trip! Rule and application forms are at your school counselor’s office, CKenergy offices and online at [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop). For more information call Member Services at 405-656-2322.

## 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 8th, 2019**.

For more information contact:

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580-832-3361

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*“If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending youngsters to the National Capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.”*—Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1957

# College is just around the corner, are you ready?

By Devin Whittington, The Buzz Editor

**A**re 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!

## 2019 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

CKEC will award 12 Senior Scholarships to applicants who satisfy the eligibility requirements. The CKEC Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 and are awarded to individuals pursuing a four-year university or college academic degree program or a two-year associate degree or technical institute certificate program.

### TO ENTER:

Student's Parent(s) or Guardian(s) must be a member in good standing of CKEnergy Electric Co-op.

### Student must complete all required items on the application:

- Application for CKEC Senior Scholarship.
- Minimum of 2 letters of recommendation.
- Letter from applicant stating why they desire to continue their education.
- Current photograph for use in the Cooperative's monthly publication, "The Buzz."

Completed Senior Scholarship applications are due no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019**. Applications can be mailed to P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632 or emailed to [lwillard@ckenergy.coop](mailto:lwillard@ckenergy.coop).



## Youth Power Energy Camp Energizes Teens

**A** four-day action-packed adventure for eighth-graders, Energy Camp helps develop leadership skills and promotes teamwork while teaching about cooperative enterprises, the rural electrification program and electrical safety.

Each year, CKEC sponsors four students to the camp, which will be held May 28-May 31, 2019 at Canyon Camp, near Hinton, Oklahoma.

While Energy Camp offers many traditional summer camp activities like swimming, hiking, basketball, and a ropes course, teens also have the unique opportunity to climb a utility pole, ride in the basket of a bucket truck, tour one of the largest electricity generating facilities in the state and watch a co-op crew at work. They'll take home a new-found confidence and a host of new friends—like minded peers from all over Oklahoma.

Students currently enrolled in the eighth grade within CKEC's service territory are eligible to compete for a spot at Energy Camp. For more information, visit [www.ckenergy.coop](http://www.ckenergy.coop).

# CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



## Approved grants:

Carnegie Elementary.....	\$3,349.50
Hinton Elementary.....	\$800.00
APEX, Inc.....	\$5,500.00
Caddo Co. Annie's Project....	\$2,000.00
Caddo Co. Sheriff's Dept.....	\$5,000.00
Individual Grants.....	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Grants.....</b>	<b>\$18,649.50</b>

## CKEC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

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*Small Change, **Big** Difference!*

**O**n Tuesday, December 11th, 2018, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of **\$18,649.50** for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, they will help local law enforcement better protect citizens, and so much more!

Giving to those in need is a great way to tap into the Oklahoma spirit and thousands of Oklahoma's electric co-op members do just that by donating funds year-round through Operation Round Up.

As a member of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, you have the opportunity to participate in the Operation Round Up program. The program works by allowing co-op members to round up their monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar amount. The spare change is transferred to CKenergy's Operation Round Up fund and dispersed to local charitable causes.

For example, let's say you have a monthly electric bill of \$84.62. The bill is rounded up to a flat \$85, with the additional 38 cents going into the Operation Round Up Fund. On average, a co-op member donates roughly \$6 each year. Seems like a small amount, right? It is, but when multiplied by thousands of other CKenergy members, Operation Round Up raises thousands of dollars for local causes.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizen's centers and food banks are just a few of the beneficiaries of Round Up funds. Funds are also used to help needy individuals and families pay for medical equipment and other needs.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative is passionate about the communities we serve. Together, electric co-ops with Operation Round Up programs in place have raised more than \$100 million since 1989.

Grants are decided by a twelve-member board of cooperative members who volunteer their time to oversee the program. CKenergy Electric co-coordinators are Boyd Lee and Devin Whittington. Requests for assistance are reviewed and evaluated quarterly throughout the year.

We hope you will continue to participate in CKenergy's Operation Round Up. Your small change will change lives, and together we will make a big difference right here in Oklahoma.

Next quarter grant applications must be submitted no later than **February 6th, 2019**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

### Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment.  
405-641-3344.

1927 Studebaker Winch Truck. Runs and drives good. Tag & title. \$9,950. Call after 6:00 p.m. 405-422-3545.

### Farm/ Equipment

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

John Deere 855, turf tires good, no transmission, everything else is quality parts. Motor runs clean & nice with a battery. \$500 firm. 580-530-0593.

### Livestock/Pets

2 yr ol SIm Angus Bull. 405-966-3535 or 405-788-2614.

For Sale: Beefmaster bulls- wealings plus. Solid red colors. 580-445-6152.

Genetic superior bulls for more profit! more profit! Low birth wts like angus but more muscle, growth, & better dispositions. \$2,200- \$2,800. John Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038. Rebates & Delivery.

Red Angus bull for sale. Coming 5yrs old this spring. Registered, throws nice calves. 405-284-6984 or 405-517-5361.

2 year old Bison bulls for sale. \$3.00 per pound. 405-623-5400.

### Business

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.

# Swap'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

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

\$100 Agreed Divorces, JNK Paralegal Service (405) 376-2206 www.jnkparalegal.webs.com JNKparalegal@aol.com

Jeans & pants hemming & minor alterations. Tuxes & accessories sales & rentals. Settle Studio. Call for appointment. 405-247-5142.

Gardner Piano Service- Tuning & Repair. Western Oklahoma. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans and Peanut Brittle. Spanish, Honey Roased, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunters Mix and roasted and salted in the shell. Carnegie office: 580-654-1175 Mary Howell 580-515-5821. www.gooberhouse.com

Welding & fabrication. Foleys Welding Service. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

Loud Mountain Trading Co., downtown Cement, OK. Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-3. OK made items. Decor & Gifts. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

### Hay/ Wood

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

Seasoned firewood- Black Locust, Walnut, & any other types of firewood. Call Keith, 580-660-0402.

Small square bales of wheat straw. Great for fall decorating and bedding. \$5 ea. 580-515-3030.

### Miscellaneous

Franciscan Ware, made in California, USA. Swirl pattern, 3 colors, 69 pieces. 405-542-7468.

172 Airplane (Cessna) Call for appointment. 405-631-1505.

Dearbon Room Heater. 45,000 BTU, free standing, vented. \$50, Union City, OK. 405-483-5501

Five pairs of size 42x32 Wrangler FR jeans. Brand new, tags still on. Cost \$69.99, will take \$50/ea or \$200 for all five. 405-489-3370.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

**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 405-656-2912. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Real Estate

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

Two acres south of Carnegje. 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.

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

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.

Grandad's Hideout (Trailer Park) in Butler. 16 working hook-ups with 30 to 50 amp electric. 580-214-1731 or 580-664-3921.

3 bed, 1 bath, home for sale in Eakly. Attached garage & extra lot. Call Eagle Realty at 580-772-8300 to make an offer!

20 acres of grassland. 5 miles southwest of Woodward. \$60,000 OBO. 580-473-2224.

2 story house on one acre, 2 1/2 car detached garage, 3.5 miles west of Bessie. \$35,000. 903-783-1146.

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.

Time to get out of the city? This beautiful 2600 sq. ft. home with basement on 40 acres will be a great investment. This estate comes with pipe fencing; pnd and private drive perfect for cattle or horses. Located south of Anadarko. Email williamska72@yahoo.com for more info.

FOR RENT: Quiet, country living north of Weatherford. 2 bd/ 2 ba apartments with all appliances including washer & dryer. Horse facilities available. \$900/mo, \$50/horse. FMI call 580-772-4855.

70 acres, surface only, 1 mile west of Lookeba on Sickles Rd. 405-495-1658.

For Rent- At Foss Lake. Large house and/or party barn. All amenities. 580-323-1975.

230 Acres For Sale. 2 domestic water wells, 10+ acre lake, fenced/cross fenced, some cultivation, sod runway, wi-fi tower producing income. For more information contact: donna@rsok.net.

Weekend Mancave Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Secluded wooded lot, your own shooting range, 40 foot trailer. See on craigslist under vac rentals. Must sell. \$8,000.00 or trade. 405-801-2968 or 405-248-6917.

2 homes in Clinton- ready for new owners! 1500 Redstone & 620 S 11th. Priced to sell. Call Remax Gold Buckle Realty. 580-330-9090 or www.goldbucklerealty.com

Reduced! 3 bed, 2 bath remolded home with new sunroom, patio, roof, fence, appliances. Great location with country view on XL lot. Finished basement. \$189,900. 130 W. Quail, Cordell. 940-395-1370.

For rent: 2bd/ 1.5 ba. \$850/mo. \$850 deposit. Application fee, proof of income, references required. No pets/smoking. No utilities. Leave msg. 405-823-4819. Minco.

2005 Clayton/Cheyenne Mobile Home. 16x60- 2 bed, 2 bath with open floor plan. Total electric. Central heat/air. NADA value is \$18,099.12. For sale \$16,500. Needs to be moved to your land. 405-694-0625.

80 acres, surface only, cultivated. 6.1 miles east of Roosevelt, OK, Kiowa county. 580-726-3825.

3 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

For Rent: Cabin to rent right on edge of Ft. Cobb lake. Sleeps 7, everything you need. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697 or 405-643-2152.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. Call 405-777-3156.

## Wanted

Hardworking team members that want to make real estate a full time career- ask me how to become a realtor. www.goldbucklerealty.com. 580-330-9090.

## Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. Country & Western 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. All Gospel 5th Saturday. Admission \$9.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

## Brown Sugar Italian Chicken

### Ingredients:

- 4 to 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 (0.7-oz) packet Italian Dressing Mix

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a 9x13-inch baking pan with aluminum foil.
2. Combine the brown sugar and Italian dressing mix. Coat both sides of the chicken with the brown sugar mixture. Place in prepared pan. Top chicken with any remaining brown sugar mixture.
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.
4. Turn broiler on HIGH. Broil chicken until brown sugar caramelizes, about 1 to 2 minutes. Watch it carefully so it doesn't burn!

