

CKEC offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th, in observation of Independence Day.

July 2019 A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Don't Miss Out-Annual Meeting '19!



id you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership? The purpose is to share important financial information, occasionally vote on other matters such as by-law changes and of course—the great door prizes!

CKenergy Electric Cooperative's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors—or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the "errands of life" and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like CKenergy to bring together all members of our local communities.

While rural Americans probably do a better job of staying connected to our neighbors (in part because we need to), it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand truly lifts both parties.

Our country and community face many challenges. Our economy feels like it has been stagnant for years. Overcoming these challenges will only happen if we come together.

CKenergy's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric power

is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members.

We get out of life what we put into it. CKenergy is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting.

This year's annual meeting will be held August 9th, 2019, in Weatherford, OK at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. Registration and the meal begin at 5:00 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.



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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 coop 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.

You are a Member, not a Customer

That's the co-op difference!



any businesses use the word "member" to describe their customers. Places like Sam's Club or Costco and even American Express like to refer to their customers as members. You pay a fee to buy their goods and services, but that is really all you get for the "membership." No right to vote for the Board of Directors or to participate in any meaningful way in the organization.

In cooperatives like CKenergy, membership really does mean something more than just the right to buy electricity. Co-ops of all types are founded on seven cooperative principles that give us guidance and strategic direction.

Membership also gives you rights as an owner of this co-op.

Brett Fairbairn is the director of the Center for the Study of Cooperatives at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. He makes the case that member relations is not just part of what co-ops should be doing, but in fact is the fundamental core business of the cooperative.

He further lays out the three strategic concepts that any co-op must get right in order to survive and thrive:

Economic linkage

CKenergy is connected to you. There is a business relationship that serves you (the member) and the co-op. Since co-ops are solely owned by people in the community, they have a mutual interest to ensure that both the co-op and the member do well and prosper.

Transparency

As an owner of the co-op, you have a right to know how it operates and how decisions are made that directly impact you. If the co-op is transparent and combines this trait with integrity and fairness, it will build trust with the members.

Cognition

In this case, cognition is best defined as how your co-op thinks. It includes the current and historical identity, the mission and the sense of shared values with co-op members. Research, education and training are critical functions that CKenergy must conduct on an ongoing basis to ensure that we always have the best information to make decisions.

The cooperative business model is the best one on earth, but like any enterprise, it is up to the human beings who work at the co-op, who serve on the board and the members like you to ensure that the principles and values do not fade over time.





Someone gets the chance to win \$5,000! Is it YOU?

One lucky member who attends this year's Annual Meeting and enters Western Farmer's Electric Co-Op's Plug in to Win contest will receive a \$100 gift card and the chance to win \$5,000 this fall. Watch for more details in the Annual Report and on our Facebook page!

YOU get the credit

CKenergy retires more than \$5.6 million to members.



t's time for you to get the credit capital credits, that is—for helping build, sustain, and grow your local electric cooperative. At the end of June, CKenergy retired – or paid by cash or bill credit - \$5,670,293.64 to 11,873 members like you across portions of 10 counties served by the co-op.

When you signed up to receive electric service from CKenergy you became a member of an electric cooperative utility. While investor-owned utilities return a portion of any profits back to their shareholders, electric co-ops operate on an at-cost basis.

CKenergy allocates margins annually and that amount becomes your capital credits. Your capital credits are based on how much electricity you've purchased throughout the year.

If the cooperative is in a good financial standing, CKenergy may retire capital credits for a period determined by the Board of Directors.

If you were a member between the years of 1976-1991 and your capital credits total \$20 or more, you should expect a check in the mail. Members whose capital credits total less than \$20 will receive credit on their electric bill for the amount.

For more information on this part of the cooperative business, please feel free to contact us at 405-656-2322.

Co-ops Work for **MEMBERS** Not for **Profit\$**

Every penny you pay into the Co-op is invested into the Co-op. Every penny that's not used comes back to you as capital credits. Here's a look at what you see on your monthly bill and whether it is used to determine your capital credit allocation or not each year.

Your Monthly Bill



Standard Offer Service-The cost of electricity each member uses. This is a pass-through cost with no mark up. This is NOT *included in capital credit allocation.*

Regulatory, State, & Local Taxes-Fees required by state & local governments to cover taxes and other government imposed charges. These fees are NOT included in capital credit allocation.





Distribution Service-The costs associated with keeping the Co-op running from day to day to provide reliable power to members. Your monthly power usage is included in capital credit allocation.

Capital Credits





Power use = % of Margin \$

Each members share of the Co-op's margins is based on how much electricity the member used and the rate at which the account was billed.

The Capital Credit Process



1. CKEC tracks how much electricity you use throughout the year.



2. Each year, after expenses are paid, CKEC calculates margins (leftover funds).



Margins are used to pay down debt, invest in facilities and improvement projects, and allocate to members as capital credits based on their usage of electricity.



4. If financial conditions allow. CKEC retires capital credits to members.

Local Winners Return From Energy Camp



This year's campers, L-R: Adrian Leal, Denver Bradford, J.B. Miles, James Coombes, & Braden Hill.

he 2019 "YouthPower" Energy Camp was held May 28 through May 31. Eighty outstanding eighth graders attended camp and were chosen from across the state by their local rural electric cooperatives. This year, CKEC sponsored five students to attend Energy Camp. J.B. Miles, Denver Bradford, Adrian Leal, James Coombes, & Braden Hill. The campers represented their coops at Canyon Camp, just east of Hinton, OK.

"We had a terrific time at the 2019 camp," said Stacy Howeth, OAEC Member Services Director and camp director. "The kids were very respectful and seemed to really appreciate the opportunity to attend this year's camp."

While at camp, the delegates attended sessions on leadership, electric safety and potential careers available at rural electric cooperatives. The campers elected directors to represent their districts during camp. The elected Board of Directors interviewed and 'hired' Adrian Leal as their manager. J.B. Miles had a successful campaign and was selected to serve on this year's Board of Directors at camp.

Other special activities of the four-day program included hands-on electric safety demonstrations, including a poleclimbing demonstration and bucket truck rides from the linemen, they took turns riding an electric bicycles and learning about EV's, hiking, an energy battle tournament and they got to spend some time with Pepper the Robot. Campers were also able to enjoy a dance that Thursday evening that included not just dancing but karaoke as well.

The "YouthPower Energy Camp" is coordinated by the OAEC and sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives.





Camp was AWESOME-

"I met a lot of people and made friends.

They gave me a chance to try new things and find something that I really enjoyed."

- Braden Hill

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



Approved grants:

Butler Fire Dept......\$6,000.00 Mt. View Sr. Citizen.....\$6,449.61 APEX, Inc.....\$10,000.00 Carnegie Tri Co. Hospital......\$1,000.00 Custer Co. Sheriff's Dept.....\$3,288.00 Corn Vol. Fire Dept......\$5,000.00 El Reno Blessing Baskets.....\$5,000.00 Lone Wolf Schools......\$7.500.00 Newborns in Need......\$4,000.00

CKEC Foundation. Inc. Board of Directors

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Small Change, **Big** Difference!

n Tuesday, May 21st, 2019, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$53,237.61 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 August 7th, 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.

1951 Ford Custom 2 dr, 302 V8,C4AT, frt disc brks, 3.25 rear end, AC, skirts, spots, new paint & HD vinyl inter. TInted windows, bumpers, grille, 5 www tires. \$22,000 OBO. 405-416-0521.

2003 Chevy Impala. 4 door, taupe grey. Asking \$3,000, cashiers check please. 405-929-7377.

For 1992-2016 Ford Econoline Cargo Van/ right side rear & front hinged body door window glass stationary. NIB \$50 each. Includes adhesive, window bolts. 405-247-5144.

4 - P245 - 70- 17 tires on Jeep wheels. Less than 100 miles, absolutely new. Goodyear Fontera, all season. Jeep Grand Cherokee Wheels. \$350, 580-530-0593.

3 Ford Bronco 2's, '86-'87. Not running, good titles. \$600 each or \$1500 all. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

'08 Yukon XL- every option available. 580-772-4213.

'09 GMC 3500, 72k miles, no def required. SOld only with 1989 5th wheel, 34'. Will sell 5th wheel alone. Truck \$39,000, 5th wheel \$9,000 firm. 405-410-1922.

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.

Farm/ Equipment

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

Horse Trailer, older. Power boss generator 7350, easy pull start, hay hauler with gas motor. Sell or Trade 405-284-6804.

Like new 72" county line finish mower. \$1,400. 580-473-9184.

Livestock/Pets

3 cute, sweet puppies, free! First come, first served. 405-797-3203.

5 rams & 5 ewes, 30-60lbs each. 405-596-8405 or email metalmansguitars@gmail.com

Business

\$100 Agreed Divorces. JNK Paralegal Service. www.jnkparalegal.webs.com, JNKparalegal@aol.com.

Window Treatments, shutters, & blinds. Specialize in new home construction & remodeling. Visit itblindsandshutters.com or call 405-406-8962.

"We do dirt." Anywhere from large animal graves to trash pits. 405-519-2718.

Liberty Paving Maintenance: Install/ repair/seal asphalt/concrete. Repair potholes. Backfill & seal cracks/gator areas. Stripe. Install signage. Call for free estimates, 405-245-6759.

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

Hay/ Wood

Hate strapping hay in the wind? Try the hay strapping hook! Positions & holds straps in place while loading hay. \$32 each. 580-445-6989.

Miscellaneous

For sale: 10 older oil cans and several old porcelain door knobs. 580-772-4213.

1- Garmin Astro 320 with 2 collars (GPS system). 1- K Light. 405-638-1746.

Trenton condenser #tesa060L6Ht3BF R-404 refrigerant- used 4 months. Kept in garage. Ran an 8 door reach in freezer. Paid \$8.430. Make offer or consider trade. 806-669-5397.

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.

Autos	Farm/Equip	Furn/Appl	Hay/Wood	Livestock/Pets	Misc
	Real Es	tate Wante	d-Notices	Business	
Name:					
Address:					
Phone #					
CKEC Acct #	!				

Furniture/Appliance

Antique 4 piece blond poster bedroom set for sale. 405-245-4146.

Couch & matching loveseat, sage green. \$75/set. Heavy oak coffee table w/ drawers end toplifts, \$85. Desk 40.5" wide, 20" deep, \$40. 405-663-2259.

Real Estate

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.

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.

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.

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

Beautiful Cordell 3 bed, 2 bath home. Living/dining room, utility, new sunroom, basement, new crown molding, roof, fence, appliances, HVAC. Updated throughout. 940-395-1370.

FOR RENT: Cabin right at the edge of Ft. Cobb Lake on the water. Will sleep up to seven. Room to park boat & trailer. Everything you need. Call or text 580-243-8697.

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2 bed, 1 bath that could be converted to 4 bed and two baths. Near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors.Fully furnished. Fantastic condition and new metal roof. Newly built 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

Country Living, Close to Town-3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sg' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3 bd, 2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with 30x60 metal barn w/ lean too, insulated with living quarters, in gorund cellar. 20 KW generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. Call 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath. North side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3 bedroom South of Binger. 580-302-3051. No Pets. \$600/ month, \$500 deposit.

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. Homey 5 bdr, 2 1/2 baths or party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigtretreat.

43 acres mol, Minco. Goregeous 4,025 sq. ft. home, Geothermal HVAC, inground pool, shelter, 50x50 barn, gated entrance. Call Diane Denison, 405-919-7457, 1st United Realtors.

For Rent: Vacation Cabins at Foss Lake. Quiet neighborhood, no smoking, no pets. 580-515-6452.

Crow Roost, Lake lots for sale! Fort Cobb Lake. 405-694-0625.

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.

Cheesy Meatball Cups

from Cacique

Ingredients:

2 (8 ounce) cans crescent dough flour for dusting 5 ounces Cacique® Queso Quesadilla Jalapeño, shredded 16 frozen meatballs 1/2 cup garlic spaghetti sauce 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Prepare two muffin tins with (16 molds total) with non-stick cooking spray. Extend dough on a lightly floured surface. Pull apart dough triangles and press each inside a muffin mold. Covering the bottom of mold and pressing up the sides. Sprinkle each dough cup with 1 teaspoon shredded cheese. Place a meatball on top of cheese, lightly pressing into the dough. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and top with 1 teaspoon of sauce and 1 teaspoon shredded cheese. Place back in the oven and bake for 10 minutes more or until dough is golden brown and the cheese bubbles. Serve with a sprinkle of fresh parsley.