

Holiday Closing

CKEC offices will close Monday, July 5 to observe Independence Day.

Mark your Calendar

CKEC Annual Meeting is Friday, August 13.

July 2021

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



First Care Therapist, Burgundy House and Karen



Therapist, Christian Hernandez and Karen

Karen Sawatzky's Battle of a Lifetime

Karen Sawatzky, wife of CKenergy board of director Jack Sawatzky battled Covid-19 for months.

Karen was a patient at SSM Health St. Anthony where she spent months fighting for her life.

"God puts the right people in the right place at the right time," said CKenergy Board of Director, Jack Sawatzky as he talked about his wife's recent battle with Covid-19.

For almost three months, Karen Sawatzky called SSM Health St. Anthony her home. She was in a constant battle with COVID-19. She went four weeks without seeing her husband of 53 years. "Being alone was the toughest part," said Karen. Brittany Meadors, Karen's ICU nurse was by Karen's side throughout her battle. "Nurses are angels," Karen said. "They're your lifeline since you don't have family. They become your family."

"Someone put a heart in the hospital window on a piece of paper and that way my family knew what room I was in and they could look up towards the window. Some days Jack would come there and he had this little seat and he would pray for me," Karen said. "I didn't have any family with me. Your nurses become your family and you kind of fall in love with them in a way because they make you fight."

"There would be really bad days where I would say, I can't do this anymore. Brittany, my ICU nurse would say, What do you mean you can't do this anymore? You have to. Brittany was my constant reminder of all the things I had to live for."

Karen made it home after spending nearly three months in ICU just in time to celebrate Christmas and her 53rd wedding anniversary. CKenergy had the honor in welcoming home Karen along with her friends and family. On

December 23rd, the road leading to Karen's house was lined with cars of friends and family as she was escorted home by the Bessie Fire Department.

While the virus is out of Karen's system, the affects linger. She continues to receive supplemental oxygen. The drive of Karen's medical team gave her new drive. Karen was able to stop using her walker on March 7th. She walked into church that morning without the walker for the first time since she had been home from the hospital. Jack shared her story with their church family during that special Sunday morning service.

Karen attends physical therapy twice a week at First Care where she continues to build her endurance. Jack and Karen are both thankful for the people that were put in their lives during Karen's battle. Those people became Karen's lifeline and Jack's avenue of communication. Karen has come a long way since she has been home, but she isn't done yet. She is a survivor and a fighter. "I'm hopeful of one day being off the supplemental oxygen," said Karen. The doctors won't say if it's possible, but I'm determined."



Karen's Homecoming on December 23



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JULY

Winning CKEC Members

Shauna Baade
Colleen Courtney
Floyd Mace

If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.



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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 Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



Approved Grants:

Thomas Fire Dept.	\$7,500.00
Hydro Fire Dept.	\$6,600.00
Weatherford Food and Resource Center	\$5,000.00
Friends of Mustang Library	\$3,000.00
Crow Roost Fire Dept.	\$5,835.00
Individual Grants	\$2,500.00

Total Grants **\$30,935.00**

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Small Change, Big Difference!

On Monday, May 10, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$30,935.00 for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, 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 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 and organizations.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizens' 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-op coordinator is Boyd Lee. 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 3, 2021. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Visit www.CKenergy.coop for a foundation application.



CKEC'S Experience with an Electric Vehicle

The Give and Take of an EV

CKenergy decided to take a dedicated research and development approach to electric vehicles (EVs). One of CKenergy's goals is to stay on the cutting edge of convenience and cost cutting options for as many members as possible. So in November 2017, CKenergy purchased a 2018 Chevrolet Bolt.

The Bolt is unique in appearance but like any other mid-sized car on the inside, with a large screen and typical air conditioning controls. The differences are in the driving experience with an option for one pedal driving, i.e., no need to use the brake, and instant power from the electric motor. One of the best aspects is how quiet the car is going down the road; the only noticeable noise is the tires on the pavement. Now don't get us wrong, there's nothing like the throaty rumble

of a muscle car; however, most EV's have similar or better performance. This continues to evolve as we have seen with our new Ford Mustang Mach E.

Our goal was to be able to give our members educated answers to questions such as: Can I pull out in front of an 18-wheeler without the fear of being crushed because I am too slow? How long will I sit while the car is charging to get

home? How far can I go without a charge? Are there charging opportunities where I am headed? How many miles do I reduce my capacity if I stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer? Is this car good for anything other than minor commuting or can it be relied upon for extended distances?

The first question I believe we answered above; the car will really get up and go! The charging time is dependent on the size of the charger available. A level 2 charger, which can be installed at home by an electrician, will charge the car from 25% to 100% in six to eight hours. A level 3 charger, like those popping up around retail locations, will accomplish the same charge in one to two hours. The range of the car, depending on driving conditions and the amount of air conditioning, is 180 to 220 miles. The Bolt does well in the city due to the regen feature that charges the battery while slowing and braking. Depending on starting and stopping, you can actually leave the city with more range than when you arrived. Long distance driving is still a challenge with an EV, however with recent improvements current EV's can go upward of 300 miles on a charge.



The economics we have experienced are below. The car costs about the same as an equivalent mid-sized gasoline vehicle. CKEnergy has saved over \$5,800 in fuel over a three-year period. This really makes the slight inconvenience of charging seem insignificant. We estimate the batteries have only lost about 10% capacity over the almost 100,000 miles. There have been zero problems of any kind with money only being spent on a new set of tires. The car gets you from point A to point B while making no sound and needing no oil changes or anything else for that matter. It's a great vehicle that, for practical purposes, is... just...a...car.



Purchased Bolt in Nov. 2017	Bolt kWh	Bolt Odometer	Bolt Cost of Electricity (1)	Similar Car Cost of Gasoline(2)	Fuel Savings with EV
2017 Totals	1,757	5,058	\$156	\$454	(\$298)
2018 Totals	10,083	31,291	\$955	\$3,151	(\$2,196)
Since Purchase	11,840	36,349	\$1,111	\$3,605	(\$2,494)
2019 Totals	9,067	28,951	\$867	\$2,857	(\$1,990)
Since Purchase	20,907	65,300	\$1,978	\$6,462	(\$4,484)
2020 January	697	67,777	\$69	\$205	(\$136)
2020 February	657	69,791	\$68	\$163	(\$95)
2020 March	785	72,357	\$81	\$163	(\$82)
2020 April	786	74,765	\$91	\$134	(\$43)
2020 May	797	76,945	\$91	\$155	(\$64)
2020 June	645	80,024	\$72	\$249	(\$177)
2020 July	645	82,670	\$67	\$224	(\$156)
2020 August	645	85,570	\$68	\$234	(\$166)
2020 September	645	87,962	\$66	\$184	(\$118)
2020 October	645	90,350	\$69	\$179	(\$110)
2020 November	645	93,550	\$72	\$228	(\$156)
2020 December	667	95,510	\$71	\$147	(\$76)
2020 Totals	8,259	30,210	\$883	\$2,264	(\$1,381)
Since Purchase	29,166	95,510	\$2,861	\$8,726	(\$5,865)

(1) Cost of Electricity based on CKE C Residential with Geothermal Rate 45
(2) Average cost of gasoline over the 38 month period was \$2.37 per gallon



Geothermal Incentives are Changing

You’ve heard us talk about geothermal heating and cooling (Geo) for years. People have asked us many times why we focus so much on Geo. For the Cooperative, it’s simple. Geo is the best way to positively impact the Coop’s average cost of power within the residential rate classes. So, does that mean it’s only good for the Cooperative? Emphatically NO! It is also in the best interest of the homeowner as Geo is THE most efficient source for heating and cooling you can install.

Everywhere you look today you see ads for solar or you hear radio spots pushing you toward solar panels for your home.

All you do with those things is go deep into debt and only end up paying a banker for your utility costs. Not a good buy...at all...because solar doesn’t “fix” anything. Your home’s energy efficiency remains the same after the installation of solar panels. With geo you improve efficiency on the three highest users in the home; heating, cooling and water heating.

Over the past decade, our incentive programs have resulted in the installation of nearly 7,000 tons of Geo. That’s the equivalent of 2000 homes. The resulting reduction in cost of wholesale power is one of the reasons the horrendous costs from February’s polar vortex will have

little to no impact on CKenergy members. Solar panels had no impact on the polar vortex, in fact, they didn’t work at all.

The Geo incentives are changing just slightly although they are still worth the same to the member. For years, the Coop has paid for the loop and retained “paper” ownership of the loop. We paid an additional \$1000/ton for the Geo installation. The accountants felt we need to be out of the loop ownership business so we were tasked to come up with another avenue to keep the same incentive value to the member. The result is we have increased our rebate amount to \$3,625/ton, which is the equivalent to the cost of the loop at \$2,625/ton and an additional \$1,000/ton incentive to the homeowner.

The only difference to the new incentive method is the Cooperative will no longer book the asset value of the loop. It instead becomes the property of the homeowner without easements or loop agreements. That’s it. It is very simple. We’ll still help you to make sure you get a good loop installation and we will continue to require provable documentation from the contractor before paying the rebate. That’s for your protection. We want to make sure you get as good a deal as possible for your new Geo.

Oh yeah, one last thing. Geo uses the earth for its heating and cooling source. You know what keeps the earth temperature steady? Solar absorption - without panels. Geo is by far the most efficient way to use the energy from the sun.



SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 13, 2021

**CKEC Annual Meeting
A Family Night of Fun**



Automotive

1940 Ford convertible restored. Original drive train. New upholstery and top. New paint and tires. 580-331-7304.

1992 Cadillac Allante 69,900 miles. Pearl white with black convertible top. Tan seats. Excellent condition. One owner. Call for details and photos. 405-250-5396.

83 Chev. van. New tires. 580-637-2520.

1973 Mustang 2 dr. 351 mtr. auto-power and air. Paint and interior excellent. Good rubber. \$15,000. 580-331-7304.

Farm/ Equipment

1941 John Deere, 1939 John Deere. Both restored. Spoke wheels and new tires. Original. \$7500 both. 405-834-0825.

2020 Trip Hopper. 3,000 capacity. Model #T-856. Like new. \$5500. 580-445-6152 or 937-286-9897.

1950 For 8N Tractor. Completely restored. 580-483-8537.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Livestock/Pets

Better bulls. Add more profit with big, stout bulls with low birth weights that will sire calves with faster growth and more muscle. Kusel Limousin and Limflex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Four year old red angus bull. Leave message. 580-919-5490.

German wirehair pointers. 3 males. 2 females. Quail pheasant ducks. \$500. Ready May 21, 2021. 405-687-0125.

Business

Mobile welding and fabrication. Call Tony at 405-831-1128.

Parking lot maintenance, crack and asphalt sealing, overlay, potholes, striping

and signage. Discounts for churches. Free estimates. Call Bruce Hall at Liberty Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 580-550-0545.

Heavy haul of tractor dozers, backhoes, loaders, etc. 20 years of experience. 405-395-7758.

Liner replacement for semi end dump trailers. 405-638-1158.

Award winning decks, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, firepits, outdoor fireplaces, cedar fence. Design. 405-834-3411

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Free estimates. 405-413-7590

Miscellaneous

200 bales. 2020 wheat hay. 4x6 round bales avg. \$50 per ton. 405-320-0884.

Bales of grass hay. \$45 per bale. 405-613-5731.

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20 yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 580-832-5174. 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 # _____

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 5th 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 580-832-3361 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 5th of the month.

2018 Bighorn Traveler 39MB Fifth wheel. Four slides, fireplace, washer, drer, outside grill, central vacuum, excellent condition. Colony. 903-701-7888.

1986 Lincoln gas welder. S.A. 200. good leads, good machine. \$3,500. 405-929-9410.

Reclining living room set from Bob Mills. One year old. Excellent condition. No animals or kids on them. Blue gray color. Will sell couch and loveseat separate. \$1500. 405-256-0270

Inogen one porable oxygen conentrator with two double batteries, carry bag, all manual and plugs. less than one year old. \$1595. 405-659-9737.

Jeans and pants hemming and minor alterations. Tuxes, accessory sales and rentals. Settle Studio. 405-247-5142.

Silver parade, saddle, bridle, and chest strap. Black-cement. 817-229-5663.

Heavy duty fire pits. 24-48". Free standing. 580-819-0695.

2017 Nash 25C travel trailer. Boondocking ready with solar and batteries. Four season capable, enclosed underbilly. New queen mattress, TV, radio with DVD player. 580-574-2741

Heavy Haul: tractor, dozers, backhoes, loaders, trackhoes. 20 years experience. 405-395-7758.

Winchester model 770. 30:06, good condition. Bushnell 3x9x50 firefly scope, strap, ammo, ready to go. \$600 OBO 405-213-4126.

55/55 chevy used parts bumper. Brake drums, chrome pieces, seats, misc. 405-828-9011.

Eastlake bedroom suit, circa 1800's. Paneled double bed, four drawer chest with jewelry/gloves boxes on top. Framed mirror. Call or text for pics. 405-256-0121.

2008 36' HH 5th wheel, four slides. Two western jackets 46 R, three western hats 7 1/8. 405-919-0980.

Recreational Trailer, 19 ft, 2004. Travel

Cruiser. Good Condition. \$5,000. Call or text 580-773-8513.

Real Estate

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. 5bd/2 1/2ba for party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigtretrat.com.

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

Vacation Rental Cabin. Fort Cobb Lake, right on the edge of the water. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success.

Vacation cabin rental. Great for hunting, fishing at Ft. Cobb lake. Room for trailer and boat. Next to water. 580-243-8697. 20 acres (mol) with large custom home and barns. Private and secluded. www.goldbucklerealty.com 580-330-9090.

House for rent near Ft. Cobb lake. Two bedroom. 405-826-6376.

5-50 acre tract of land. Caddo Grady County Line frontage. Timber, wildlife, water available. Financing availabe. Minco school district. 405-574-2980.

Wanted-Notices

Old toys wanted 1950-1989. Hot wheels, GI Joe, star wars, super heroes, model car kits, old comics, and trading cards. 405-361-2227.

Avocado Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

2 medium cooked chicken breasts shredded or chopped (may use rotisserie chicken)
2 ripe avocado pitted and diced
1/2 cup diced onion
1/4 cup red or green onion minced
2 Tbs. cilantro minced (or parsley or dill)
2 Tbs. lime or lemon juice
2 Tbs. olive oil
salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

1. In a large bowl, add the shredded chicken avocado onion, corn, and cilantro.
2. Drizzle with the lime (or lemon) juice, olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Toss gently until all the ingredients are combined.

Notes: Additional add-ins that go well with this salad include chopped tomato, chopped cucumber, bacon chopped and cooked, or black beans.