



# THE BUZZ

for members of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative

### Holiday Closing:

CKEC will close Tuesday, July 4th to observe Independence Day.

### Save the Date:

August 11 - Annual Meeting

July 2023

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



CKEC Energy camper Christian Leal and CKEC lineman Billy Patterson

The CKEnergy camp winner is home following his adventure at YouthPower Energy Camp, May 30-June 2. Christian Leal of Binger-Oney won the trip to camp by entering CKEnergy Electric Cooperative's Energy Camp essay contest.

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.

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, watch a high-voltage demonstration, and learn about electric vehicles and electric bikes. The students take home a newfound confidence and a host of new friends-like minded peers from all over Oklahoma.

Students enrolled in the eighth grade within CKEC's service territory are eligible to compete for a spot at Youth Power Energy Camp.



Christian Leal is ready for his bucket truck ride.



CKEC lineman Billy Patterson and apprentice Hagan Hedrick giving bucket truck rides.



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## Winning CKEC Members

Bruce Cain  
Mark Jackson  
Dillon Kauk

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 Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).

# Get Smart About Home Lighting



Gone are the days when a simple flip of the switch was the only choice for illuminating our homes. We've entered a new era of innovative and intelligent technologies, which includes smart lighting.

Smart lighting connects to Wi-Fi and offers an array of cutting-edge functionality and convenience. Let's look at the main benefits of smart lighting options.

**Smart lighting is energy efficient.** Most smart bulbs utilize LED technology, which is much more efficient than traditional incandescent lighting. Additionally, smart lighting gives you more control over how and when you light your home.

**Smart lighting provides convenience and control.**

Most smart bulbs can be controlled from an app on your smartphone or can be paired with your voice assistant, like Amazon Alexa. You can conveniently control lighting settings from anywhere in your home or when you're away. Whether you want to set a schedule for lighting or adjust brightness levels, these smart options offer effortless control from the comfort of, well, anywhere!

**Smart options empower you to personalize home lighting.**

Bright, warm, purple, green—whatever mood you want to create, smart lighting can help. For a more traditional look, try dimmable white bulbs. If you want to create the perfect ambiance for movie night, look for bulbs that can be adjusted for a variety of vibrant colors.

While smart lighting offers convenience and control, keep in mind your wall light switch will need to stay “on” for you to control the smart bulb from your phone or via voice command. To use a smart bulb, the wall switch it's connected to must be “on” so the bulb receives power, which enables it to connect to a Wi-Fi network.

If you need additional options to operate the lights, consider a smart light switch. Today's smart switches tend to play nicely with smart bulbs. If you want to control your smart bulbs with a physical switch (in addition to using your phone and voice commands), look for smart switches that include a built-in feature that allows both. Many smart light switches include motion detectors.

If you're looking to take the plunge and integrate multiple smart bulbs to your home lighting system, your best bet may be a kit, like the Philips Hue Starter Kit. Most kits include several bulbs and any additional tools you'll need.

If you're new to smart home tech and looking to start small, try a smart bulb in a high-traffic area of your home. It's also worth noting that smart plugs are a great starter option and allow convenient control of lamps or other lighting fixtures that are plugged in to a wall outlet. Smart plugs are inexpensive and simply plug in to your existing outlet.

Smart lighting can provide multiple benefits. Determine which smart lighting features are most important for your needs, then start shopping!



CKEC volunteers: Brian Coker, Amanda and Melisa Wheeler, Donnie Freie, Keith Devaughn, and Michelle and Bo Ainsworth



Keith Devaughn helping with the long jump event.

150 volunteers from 23 rural electric cooperatives helped make the Special Olympics Oklahoma Summer Games one to remember! For over 30 years, co-op employees, directors, managers, and retirees have volunteered with Special Olympics. 4,000 athletes competed in the annual event that was held in Stillwater May 17-19. The Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives were thrilled to have the opportunity to volunteer for this amazing event again. Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives are one of the biggest volunteer groups for this event each year.

Rates and Marketing Marketing Manager, Brian Coker, CKenergy accounting employee, Michelle Ainsworth and husband Bo, Donnie Freie, apprentice electrician, CKenergy Electric Cooperative customer service rep, Melisa Wheeler and daughter Amanda, and CKEC retiree Keith Devaughn, joined over 100 co-op employees from

across the state. Co-op volunteers have worked at these games since 1985. During the three-day event, athletes competed in track and field, bocce, bowling, golf, horseshoes, powerlifting, basketball and softball.

**Special Olympics is very inspiring and heartfelt. Watching the athletes is rewarding and very motivating.**

**- MICHELLE AINSWORTH**

It is always very inspiring and motivating to see the level of sheer determination and effort the athletes put into every event. No matter if an athlete came in first or last place, each athlete was filled with so much joy and even gave hugs, fist bumps, and high-fives to the volunteers as they crossed the finish line.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, energy or dollars to make the Special Olympics a big success.

➔ Pictured on page 5 is CKEC employees Donnie Freie and Michelle Ainsworth with Special Olympic athletes.

# CKEC Volunteers at Special Olympics





# Save *the* Date

Annual Meeting

**Friday, August 11**

Pioneer Cellular Event Center  
Weatherford, OK

Doors Open at 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment - Dean Jackson Band

Kids Area

Registration Gifts

Free Meal

## Automotive

1932 Plymouty PB 4SVCIDE doops. Steel body - no rust. Chevy eng. and trans. Mustang front end Ford rear end. New glass. \$14,000. 405-262-5008.

73 Ford mustang. 351 cleveland motor. Paint - interior-rubber 2dr. \$15,000. 580-331-7304.

2005 50th Ann. T-bird. Blue show car. Immaculate \$21,500. mileage 58,948 405-265-7234

## Farm/ Equipment

16' trailer-6 ton limit. Heavy duty. Can haul equipment or vehicle. Pendulum type hitch. \$4500. 405-570-8288.

Norshell work trailer with chrome wheels, vice, six large tool storage boxes, three craftsman and tool boxes. \$3995/obo. 405-376-5846.

24 ft. gooseneck stock trailer. Needs floor. 580-530-0674.

MS Farmall Tractor. Propane-tricycle

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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front, with a front end loader. \$1,500 405-542-7545

## 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 Lim-flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

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

Wanted Walker Coon Hound. Tricolor for replacing big boy 10 year old family. Pet lost in accidnt. 580-347-2645.

## Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.  
Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank

pumping and insecptions. 580-550-0545.

C and K Trucking. 20 years exp. Hauling heavy equipment, dozers, excavators, loaders and tractors. 405-395-7758.

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

Thinking of buying or selling a home or land? Call/text Doug Eckert, Wise Oak Realty: 405-400-8281. yourokcreator.com

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Built on site to meet your needs. Free estimates. 405-413-7590.

Custom Laser Engraving, Apparel Printing, and Embroidery. No orders too small. Special rates for groups and Not for Profits. Promote your next event or business. Arapaho. 580-331-7986. Info@countrychickdesign.com

Mobile welding. Welding and fabrication. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

Loud Mountain Trading Co. Cement, OK.

**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 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.

**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

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Buster paint striping. Roll-off dumpsters, parking lot maintenance, dumpster rental, junk and debris removal. Free estimates. 405-648-2194.

### Miscellaneous

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

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

Heavy built fire pits. Can be built with or without removable grill. Made out of propane tank ends. Prices range from \$200 to \$450. 580-819-0695.

T-shirt quilts and memory bears. Alterations. 405-933-0224.

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

Goober House. Fresh peanuts of many varieties, pecans, and peanut brittle. 580-515-5821. www.Gooberhouse.com

Offering a new service. When you can not, I can assist by checking on your loved one in the hospital, nursing home or their home. Janice Smith, Companion Care. 405-542-7498.

Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor. 5 hp/1.7 hp/15 gallon 120 volt. 135 max PSI and 7 gallon air tank. \$250 405-687-0160.

Prairie Construction & Excavation, Pads, Ponds, Access roads, Grading & Draining, Mulching, Excavation, Aggregate, Dirt, & Heavy Hauling. 405-802-1725. pceok.com

For removal & replacment of floor liners in semi end up trailers, call/text 405-638-1158. Doughty's Repair Service.

New t-shirts. Quacker Factory, Denim & Co. from QVC. 2x-3x All colors, solids patterns. 918-798-3360.

Looking to hire someone to help sell something on market place. 405-256-0270.

### Real Estate

RV Hook-up - Ft. Cobb Lake (Crow Roost Area). Nightly Rentals. Provide full hook-ups. Large pavilion and storm shelter. Nice and quiet get away. 405-694-0625.

160 acres. 40 acres cultivated. Irrigation well, three stock water wells. New

fences. Two ponds. Shop 42x60x16x900 sq living. Metal lots. Caddo County. 405-639-8760.

Double wide mobile home. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath. 40x30 barn on 1 acre. South of Weatherford. 580-302-3558.

Ft Cobb Lake - Crow Roost RV Sites. Nightly and weekly rates with full hookups, free laundry, sticker-free grass, quiet street. 580-772-4792.

### Wanted-Notices

Wanted AFX, Aurora, slot cars, redline hotwheels, comic books, model car kits. 405-361-2227.

Need lawn mowing and care for small lot at Foss Lake Estates. 580-515-8277.

## Cream Puff Dessert

### Ingredients:

1 cup water  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
4 large eggs, room temp.  
2 packages instant chocolate pudding mix  
½ cup butter

### Topping:

1 carton frozen whipped topping  
¼ cup chocolate ice cream topping  
¼ cup caramel ice cream topping  
½ cup chopped almonds



### Directions:

In a large saucepan, bring the water and butter to a boil over medium heat. Add flour all at once; stir until a smooth ball forms. Remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until mixture is smooth and shiny.

Spread into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 400° for 30-35 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool completely.

For filling, beat the cream cheese, milk and pudding mix in a large bowl until smooth. Spread over puff; refrigerate for 20 minutes.

Spread with whipped topping; refrigerate until serving. Drizzle with the chocolate and caramel toppings; sprinkle with almonds. Refrigerate leftovers.