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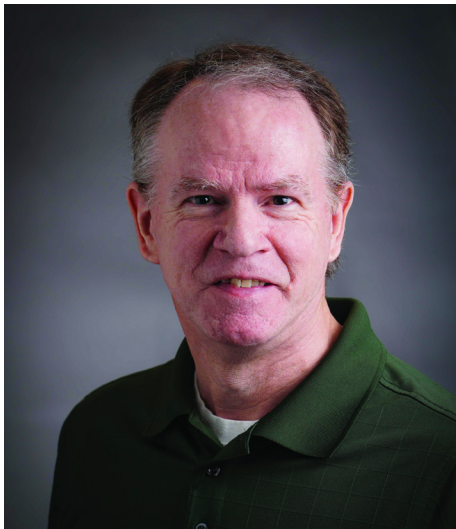
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A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Appreciating Electricity a Penny at a Time

Electricity is about the only thing you can buy and still get value for just a penny's worth



By Curtis Condon, editor of Ruralite magazine in Hillsboro, Oregon.

I'm old enough to remember when penny candy actually cost a penny. For a nickel, you could buy enough candy to rot your teeth out, as my mother used to say.

But what does a penny buy these days? Not much. The government can't even make a penny for a penny anymore. According to the U.S. Mint, it now costs 1.5 cents to produce one.

About the only thing of value you can still get for a penny is electricity. You might call it "penny electricity."

No, I'm not kidding. Think about it.

To make the math easier, let's say the average rate for a kilowatt-hour of electricity is 10 cents. That is 60 minutes of 1,000 watts of electricity for a dime, so a penny of electricity equates to 100 watts. It's enough to power a 9-watt LED lightbulb—the equivalent of a 60-watt incandescent bulb—for 11 hours, all for only a penny.

Where else can you get that kind of value?

How many eggs will a penny buy? How much milk, bread, coffee, medicine or gasoline?

Gas has come down from its stratospheric levels of several years ago, but there is still no comparison to the value of electricity. For example, if a gallon of gas costs \$2.50 and your car gets 25 miles to the gallon, you can drive 176 yards—about two blocks—on a penny's worth of gas.

I will take 11 hours of lighting for a penny over a two-block drive any day.

The value is just as evident when powering things other than lighting. Take, for instance, your smartphone. Using the same 10 cents per kWh price, penny electricity allows you to fully charge your iPhone more than 18 times for a penny. You can charge it once every day of the year for about 20 cents total.

Not impressed? Well, how about these other examples of what you can do with just a penny's worth of electricity: power a 1,000-watt microwave on high for 6 minutes; run a 200-watt desktop computer for 30 minutes; watch 2.5 hours of your favorite shows on a 40-watt, 32-inch, LED television or 1.3 hours on a 75-watt, 75-inch mega TV. The examples are endless.

We are fortunate electricity is such an excellent value because we have a huge appetite for it. We tend to forget that.

Electricity is not expensive. It's that we use it for so many different things: lighting, heating, cooking, cooling, refrigeration, cleaning, washing, pumping, entertainment, communications—even transportation these days.

Few corners of our lives are left untouched by electricity.

Unfortunately, we don't always appreciate it. When our monthly electric bill comes, we

open it and may complain about the cost. It's a knee-jerk reaction ingrained in us as consumers. We don't stop to think about the value we received for the money.

Early in my career, I had the pleasure to interview an elderly woman who vividly remembered the day electricity came to her farm. Her name escapes me, but I do remember she proudly showed me the worn, dog-eared membership certificate the co-op issued to her husband.

"You young people will never know what it was like to have electricity for the very first time," she said. "It was glorious. Nowadays, you take it for granted."

Her farm was energized in 1940. She said the price of electricity at the time was slightly less than a penny a kilowatt-hour—true penny electricity.

A lot has changed since then. Wages and the cost of living today are a far cry from 1940, when the average annual wage was less than \$150 a month and the average cost of a house was \$3,920.

But one thing that hasn't changed is the value of electricity. In 77 years, its price has risen much slower than the rate of inflation.

A penny in 1940 had as much buying power as 17 cents today, which means the residential price of electricity—which now averages 12 cents a kWh nationally and less than 10 cents in the Pacific Northwest—is actually a better deal today than it was in 1940.

So to my way of thinking, the value of electricity is like the bygone days of penny candy, and it's OK to indulge yourself a little. But, unlike penny candy, penny electricity won't rot your teeth out.



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JUNE

Winning CKEC Members

Deanna Kaiser
Gary Mabee
Jared Gudgel

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, and Instagram. 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.

CKenergy Receives Safety Achievement

CKenergy Electric Cooperative has earned the Certificate of Excellence for Safety by the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP).

Johnny Jones, safety director & Clint Pack, CEO at CKenergy accepted the award at the recent Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Annual Meeting.

The Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP), administered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), is a peer-review safety and loss control evaluation of electric utilities. It is an organized analysis of a system's safety and loss control program that measures overall effectiveness.

The RESAP Certificate of Excellence for Safety is presented to selected electric cooperatives throughout the United States that undergo a comprehensive program that includes a rigorous peer-review audit program and on-site inspections of the cooperative's entire system. The review covers the cooperative's safety policies, procedures, facilities and equipment. Each participating electric cooperative must undergo this same procedure every three years to re-earn its safety certification.



Johnny Jones & CKenergy's CEO Clint Pack accepted the RESAP award at OAEC's 2017 Annual Meeting.

"Earning the RESAP Certificate of Excellence for Safety truly recognizes the emphasis that CKenergy places on the well-being of its customer-members and its employees. Creating a safe work environment for all our employees is very important," adds Jones. "Many of our jobs place employees in potentially hazardous situations. Securing work sites, briefing crews before a job, and continuing our

monthly safety education is key to helping employees work safely. Keeping employee and customer safety at the top of our list ensures that, at the end of the day, we go home to our families."

RESAP is a service of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which strives to promote the highest standards of safety among electric cooperatives throughout the United States.

Remember to Update Account Information

At 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.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

Dining in the Dark

Food safety tips during a power outage

Storm-induced power outages can take you by surprise. If you've lost power and have a refrigerator full of food, make sure time and temperatures are on your side.

If your home's power is interrupted for two hours or less, losing perishable foods shouldn't be a concern. When an outage is prolonged, it's time to decide when to save and when to toss food away.

A digital quick-response thermometer can be one of the most useful tools you can wield in your battle to preserve food. The gadget checks the internal temperature of food, ensuring items are cold enough to eat safely.

Use these food safety tips to help you minimize food loss and reduce the risk of foodborne illness:

Refrigerated Food

- Keep refrigerator doors closed as much as possible. An unopened refrigerator keeps food cold for about four hours.
- If food (especially meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) has been exposed to temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit

for two or more hours, or has an unusual odor, texture, or color, get rid of it.

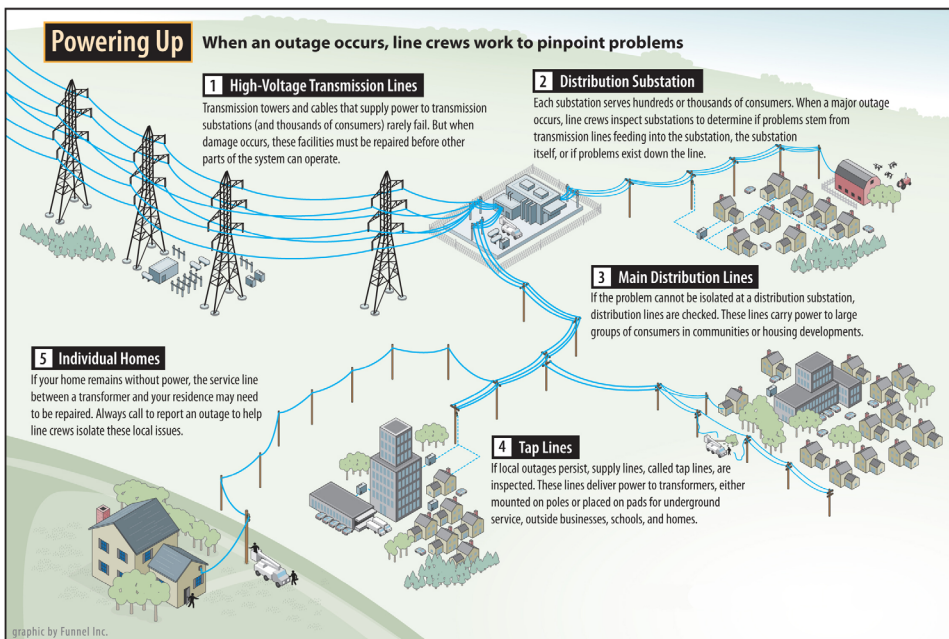
Remember the American Red Cross food safety rule: "When in doubt, throw it out."

- Never taste food to determine its safety or rely on appearance or odor.
- Use perishable foods first, then frozen food.
- To keep perishable food cold, place them in a refrigerator or cooler and cover with ice.

Frozen Food

- A full freezer stays colder longer. Freeze containers of water to help keep food cold in the freezer. If your water supply runs out, melting ice can supply drinking water.
- If you keep the door closed, a full freezer keeps the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full).
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, is partially thawed, and has ice crystals on it, you can safely refreeze it.
- Always discard frozen or perishable food items that have come into contact with raw meat juices.

Find more tips at www.FoodSafety.gov.



When electricity goes out, most of us expect power will be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm causes widespread damage, longer outages may result. Co-op line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark.

BE PREPARED BEFORE A STORM STRIKES

In the event of a power outage, be prepared by keeping the following items in an easy-to-find emergency supply kit.

■ WATER

Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.

■ TOOLS

Flashlight, extra batteries, manual can opener, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert.

■ FIRST AID KIT AND PRESCRIPTIONS

First aid supplies, hand sanitizer and at least one week's supply of prescriptions and medications for the family.

Learn more at www.ready.gov

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Your Spare Change Can Make a **Big Difference** through Operation RoundUp®

Even during tough economic times, it's important that we continue to support our local communities. That's the philosophy behind Operation RoundUp, a charitable program governed, funded and supported by CKenergy Electric Cooperative members like you.

Here's how the program works: As a member of Operation RoundUp, the Cooperative will "round up" the amount due on your electric bill to the nearest dollar. These donations are placed in an account from which an independent panel of CKenergy Electric members makes grants to support various community projects across the Cooperative's service territory. This program has assisted a wide variety of organizations, including local food pantries, senior centers, fire departments and schools. We are happy to continue this program as CKenergy.

For more information call Boyd Lee or Devin Whittington at 405-656-2322.



**OPERATION
ROUND UP**
THE POWER OF CHANGE

Small change
Big Difference



AT A GLANCE

Operation RoundUp

- Round up your monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar.
- Contributions will range from \$0.01 to \$0.99 per month.
- Your contributions, pooled with those made by fellow Cooperative members, will help fund charitable projects in the community.
- You can cancel or resume participation at any time.

Live Wire: Metal Theft Threatens Safety, Lives

Would you risk being hit by lightning for \$100? Seems a bit ludicrous, but desperate times cause folks to do foolish things.

Thefts of copper, bronze, aluminum, and bronze are on the rise, at abandoned commercial buildings, empty homes, and—most dangerously—at power substations near neighborhoods. We need your help to keep our equipment safe, prevent outages, and save lives.

At an electric co-op in Oklahoma a few years ago, metal thieves took off with about \$100 worth of wire in a substation, but left behind a \$1 million repair bill after a fire destroyed regulators, switches, and a \$600,000 transformer. More than 3,500 consumers were temporarily left in the dark after the incident, although the co-op moved quickly to reroute power to affected areas. More recently, there was a case of vandalism on transmission lines that caused power loss to two of our substations.

It's hard to understand why folks would put their life on the line for a few dollars. Many law enforcement officials believe that methamphetamine users are responsible for much of the problem. And the damage done to our system packs a big punch, since equipment can be ruined without the protection copper wires provide. There's also the potential for loss of life. Over the years, numerous metal theft-related deaths occurred in several states across the nation.



The cost for scrap copper goes up and down, but recently it's been on the rise—and so have robbery attempts. In January 2017 scrap copper sold for over five times the amount it went for in the early 2000's.

We use copper to ground our equipment, protecting it from electrical surges and lightning by giving electricity a safe path to ground. We use a lot of copper wire in our substations, where we step-down high-voltage electricity arriving from distant power plants before it travels to your neighborhood. Then another transformer near your home—either mounted on a utility pole or in a green box on the ground—lowers the voltage again so you can use the power at home. Copper is an essential component every step of the way.

Our linemen are highly trained professionals who understand the dangers of working with electricity and take proper safety precautions. To protect the public we surround our substations with secure fencing and post warning signs. But some thieves will not be deterred.

Please help us prevent these thefts. If you notice anything unusual, such as an open substation gate, open equipment, or hanging wire, call CKenergy immediately at 405-656-2322. If you see anyone other than our utility personnel or contractors around substations or other electric facilities, call the police.

Help Prevent Copper Theft

CKenergy urges you to follow the following guidelines to guard against electrical dangers and prevent copper theft.

- Never enter or touch equipment inside a substation; stay away from power lines and anything touching a power line.
- If you notice anything unusual with electric facilities, such as an open substation gate, open equipment, or hanging wire, contact your electric co-op immediately.
- If you see anyone around electric

substations or electric facilities other than co-op personnel or contractors, call the police.

- Install motion-sensor lights on the outside of your house and business to deter possible thieves.
- Store tools and wire cutters in a secure location, and never leave them out while you are away.
- If you work in construction, do not leave any wires or plumbing unattended or leave loose wire at the job site, especially overnight.



- Help spread the word about the deadly consequences that can result from trying to steal copper or aluminum.

Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm machinery, call 405-641-3344 for more information.

Hilltop Small Engine Repair, 3 mi north of Gracemont, 1/2 mi west on CR 1230. 405-638-0325.

Carburetor Rebuilding- 30 yrs experience on all carburetors. 1000's in stock with 1 year warranty. I'll save you time & money! 541-515-2933.

Apache Starter & Alternator- 2.5 miles N. of sale barn. Apache, OK 580-588-9284.

'98 Chevy 1 ton Dually Crew Cab. \$3,000. 405-638-1379 or 405-638-1333.

'52 Studebaker Pickup. All original, no rust. '51 cab on Chevy suspension, Rat rod 454 engine runs & 350 trans. All for \$5000. 405-376-0236 or 405-641-3344.

34ft Everest 5th wheel travel trailer. 3 slides, lg. living area, kitchen, 1 bd, nice ba.. w/ lg. shower. Central H/A, 15gal elect/ gas hot water heater. Always kept in barn. 580-445-1234.

04 3/4 ton Chevy Duramx, diesel. Ext. cab w/ long bed. 116k miles- perfect condition. 580-445-1234.

Swap'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Forest River Flagstaff V-lite 21 WRS. King bed, power hitch jack, power stabilizers. Sleeps up to 6. 24' 7" in length. Lots of extras. 405-831-5484.

Farm/ Equipment

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

'51 SN Ford Tractor, 4 spd, new rear tires, battery, clutch, steering wheel, 3 implements, blade, 2 bottom plow. Good paint. \$2,500 firm. 405-376-3288.

'85 L-3 Gleaner Combine, 24ft header. 580-637-2520.

JD 1518 Batwing mower, good condition, low hours. Lemans Hydraulic bale spike, hoks to gooseneck ball. \$500. 405-668-0336.

2600 Ford Tractor, 3 point- gas- front loader. 4 new tires- power steering. \$5,500 firm. 580-331-7304.

Gleaner M2 Combine. 20' header, field

ready. '67 white diesel 10 wheeler w/ lift, field ready. 20ft covered gooseneck stock trailer, new floor. 580-574-0254.

Hay/ Wood

Grass Hay 300 Native Grass, 80 Switchgrass, Large Round Bales, Net Wrapped, \$50/Bale, Weatherford, Will Load, Delivery Available, 405-542-6713, 580-774-4942

Midland 99 Bermuda Grass Hay. 4x4x8 segmented bales. 5'x4' Rd bales, small sq. bales. High protein, clean horse hay quality. 580-774-5477.

Livestock/Pets

80 Big Stout Limousin Bulls. Easy calving, gentle, high growth. Best for Xbreeding to increase weaning wts & profit. Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038 or 405-643-2884.

Saanan billy goat. 1 1/2 years old. Great breed for milking. \$175. N of Weatherford. 580-613-1423.

Fresh Raw Goat Milk \$6/gal. Basic Goatcheese \$5/lb. 405-643-9948.

Nubian/Boer mix goats for sale. Various ages. 405-284-6419.

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.
- 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 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 405-656-2327. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.

Circle category:

Autos Farm/Equip Furn/Apl Hay/Wood Livestock/Pets Misc
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Business

BackWoods Welding & Construction- Farm & ranch welding, pipe fencing, steel buildings, metal roofs, pole barns, state certified & insured. 405-320-8379.

Hauling/moving of most anything. Will pick up old cars/and junk metal. 405-952-4993.

Welding & Fabrication work. Call Tony, 405-834-1128.

Miscellaneous

Portable Generator- black max subaru. 6560 max watts. 5250 running watts. \$400 OBO. 405-376-5678.

Red Hat Society- IG crochet afghan. Has several matching accessories. \$125/all. 405-643-9980.

Furniture/Appliance

4 pc. Blond '50's Poster Bedroom Suite. 405-643-2471.

3 retail business show cases \$25 ea. Dining room table & chairs \$25 ea. Nice living room chair \$34. Nice glass shelves w/ storage in bottom \$30. Going out of business 402 E Central, Anadarko, OK.

Real Estate

12x60 3bd, 2ba, partially furnished, mobile home. \$30,000. Crow's Roost Edition. 405-601-0382.

16X80 3 bed 2 bath, Mobile Home on 64X120 lot. 2 yr old central H&A, new carpet, new hot water tank, new pressure well. Covered porch. 14X30 pole barn, \$41,500. 405-601-0382. Call for info.

3 brd, 1 bath brick home. Newly updated windows, doors, roof, water heater, central H&A, & more. Attached garage, fenced back yard, sprinkler system, covered porch & Storage shed. In Anadarko. 405-265-8456.

Irrigated Farm- West 1/2 of section 28 1 16. Washita county. 2 irrigation wells, 2 center pivots, 307 acre crop land. Call Gerald Nabors, 580-660-5360 or 940-262-3522.

480 acre grass, 2 live creeks- good hunting. 160 acre w/ 145 acre cultivated & pivot irrigation- between Eakly & Hydro. Call 405-388-1827 or 405-570-4893.

Ft. Cobb Lake House- Crows Roost area. 2 bed, furnished. 2 lots, new metal roof, garage & carport. Also, Waverunner & Seadoo on double trailer. \$62,000. 405-623-4231.

Rainbow Lake- between Binger & Minco. Back lot seeded, 40ft trailer, new deck very good condition. \$19,900. 405-543-6012.

20 Acre Horse Property. 4250sqft home, barns, arena, pipe & cable fence, bermuda, 14X80 mobile home, 20 min from OKC. El Reno area. \$695,000. 405-410-5222.

Nice Brick Home in Eakly. 2 bd, 2 ba. Nice storage, basement, 2 car garage, front porch, back porch w/ patio. Building in back yard. \$85,000/negotiable. 405-687-0375.

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.

4.5 acres W edge of Cordell. 4 bd, 3 1/2 ba, brick home. 40x60 barn, basement, new kitchen, carpet, tile, windows, roof, & fence. Must see. 940-395-1370.

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

1102 SW 8th, Anadarko. 3 bd, 1 updated ba, cellar in garage, fenced in yard. Great neighborhood. ABC Realty 580-515-1752.

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 bldg. on 5 acres. Grace-mont. Serious lookers only. 580-515-4126.

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

Gracemont: small 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. \$85k. 405-402-0895.

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

Events

SAVE THE DATE: 2017 Women in Ag & Small Business Conference. 11/09/2017.

Bacon Cheddar Dip

From Spendwithpennies.com

Ingredients:

- 4 green onions , slivered
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 4 dashes hot sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 8 slices of bacon cooked crisp & crumbled
- 4 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley



Directions:

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Serve with crackers, veggies or sour dough bread chunks.