

A New Energy



There's a quiet transformation happening across the nation. America's smaller communities are changing in remarkable ways—while holding steadfastly to the values that, for generations, have made them the places people choose to build a better life for themselves and their families.

To embrace the beauty of a simpler lifestyle. To live independently; yet, to also be part of a community that looks out for neighbors. To grow in new ways, in new directions. To feed the world, change the world, build the future.

Because America's rural communities may seem quiet—but scratch below the surface and you'll find a whole lot happening. There's a new energy here

to go along with the more affordable, down-to-earth way to live that's been here all along. And the opportunities to create something new have never been greater.

These are the communities served by America's electric cooperatives. You might think of us as the local electric company, and you'd be right: We're led by members like you, created by and for the communities we serve. Electric cooperatives are community-focused organizations who work to deliver affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to our members. And every co-op is as unique as the community that shaped it, changing over time as our communities grow and change.

We're local and we're independent. But

together, we're mighty: across the country, local cooperatives work together and learn from one another to develop new technologies and infrastructure. And in the process, we bring electricity to one in eight Americans and over 19 million homes, businesses, farms, and schools in 47 states. Co-ops themselves provide 71,000 great jobs, invest billions in local economies every year, and are a driving force in helping attract and grow business and industry in rural America.

And America's electric cooperatives aren't just economic engines. They're innovators, developing new ways to incorporate the benefits of cooperative solar, wind, and other sources of renewable energy into a balanced energy mix. And we're always looking for new ways to help our members save energy, save money and take advantage of the technology that's changed the way we live.

It's all part of the cooperative spirit that's always been one of the best things about living in our community. Neighbors looking out for neighbors. People working for the common good. Even as we celebrate our differences and our individual achievements, knowing that we can't do everything alone—we're all in this together. And we are stronger and better for it.

That's community. That's what fueled the co-op movement so many years ago—and it's the source of our new energy today. The power of community is what being an electric cooperative is all about.



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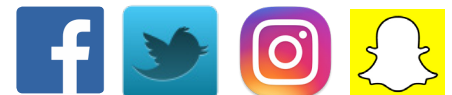


JUNE

Winning CKEC Members

Carylon Bacon
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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 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.

See You at the Annual Meeting!



Most of us lead busy lives. We find ourselves multitasking, constantly checking phones and email to keep up with the demands of modern life. Thanks to technology, we can accomplish many tasks electronically and remotely to be more efficient. And with so many pressing obligations, we like to protect our “spare” time. Invitations to attend in-person meetings and gatherings are weighed carefully as we decide whether or not our time and effort to attend is beneficial. The answer to the question, “what’s in it for me?” must be compelling. You may think attending CKenergy’s annual meeting would be easy to lump into the “no benefit to me” category. However, I’d ask you to think again.

CKenergy exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to its consumer-members (that’s you!). Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of all members and to serve the long-term interests of our local communities. This is where you can help.

As a member of the community, you have a perspective that is valuable—and we invite you to share it with the co-op. At the annual meeting, co-op leaders will discuss priorities and challenges, and discuss the financial health and priorities for the coming years.

CKenergy is one of the few local organizations that is uniquely positioned

to bring together all members of the community. It is worth noting that the health of the co-op and the well-being of the community are closely intertwined.

Perhaps you may feel that you have nothing to add to the discussion, so there is no need to attend the annual meeting. However, every energy bill you pay to the co-op helps ensure better service and reliability for the whole community. Your dollars are reinvested locally into improvements that impact the reliability and affordability of your energy, and CKenergy wants to hear from you to better inform our decisions as we plan for the future.

While CKenergy provides convenient electronic options for bill-paying and communication, there are times when there is no substitute for in-person engagement. When members of our community come together for a common purpose, we improve the quality of life for all in our corner of the world.

If you’ve never attended our annual meeting, or if it’s been awhile, please stop by. Our co-op family looks forward to visiting with you! We’ll have food, fun and door prizes, so mark your calendar for the annual meeting on August 9, 2019, at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at 5:00 p.m.



Someone is going home with **\$100** and a chance for **\$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 next month’s newsletter and on our Facebook page!

Transformers

Directing traffic on the electric highway.



Sending power to your home is a lot like driving to a neighboring state. You wouldn't consider taking a two-lane secondary road to travel to a city hundreds of miles away, would you? Of course not: You would find the nearest interstate so you could drive faster and arrive at your destination in less time.

Just like you, your electricity has an interstate that allows it to travel long distances, and a secondary system that winds through back roads and neighborhoods to direct it to its final destination, your home.

Transmission lines that deliver power from a power plant to substations are the fast-moving interstate highways of the electric industry. These lines carry from 161,000 to 23,000 volts of electricity into the local distribution substation. They are located on structures ranging from large metal towers more than 100 feet tall to a single pole standing 70 to 90 feet in the air.

And just like a car leaving the interstate, the electricity leaving the substation has to slow down when it enters the distribution lines serving CKenergy's service area. Transformers in the substation provide the

braking system for lowering the voltage of the electricity so it can continue safely along its journey.

So, how does it work? Higher voltage electricity passes through a system of coiled wires located in the substation transformer. The electricity enters a primary side of the transformer, which has metal coil windings surrounding that side of the transformer, and then passes to a secondary side, which has fewer coil windings. Travelling through the reduced number of windings lowers the voltage as it leaves the secondary side and continues the journey along the distribution lines.

The electricity moving along CKEC's distribution lines are cruising between 7,200 volts to 14,400 volts, depending on whether or not they are travelling along a single-phase, two-phase or three-phase line. Consider these lines the secondary roads of the electric system. They make the journey through the local co-op's service area.

Distribution lines carry the electricity shorter distances than transmission lines. They transport electricity to the businesses, schools and homes served by your co-op.

These are the lines you see CKEC crews repairing after a storm.

Your electricity has one more stop before making its way into your home. Just as you slow down to pull into your final destination, the voltage is lowered one more time. It takes a turn off the distribution line and into another transformer that's located outside your home.

This transformer may be a canister hanging on a pole or a box in your yard if you have underground electric service. Like the substation transformer, the electricity passes through a primary side with more coil windings to a secondary side with fewer coils. The voltage leaving the secondary side is generally between 120 and 240 volts.

Most transformers service only one home or business, but in some subdivisions two homes may share a single transformer. These transformers are protected by fuses that will disconnect them from the electric line if there is a fault caused by current surges or overloads.

After the electric current leaves the transformer, it makes its way through a service line, into the meter base and to its final destination – your home, where it powers the appliances and electronics of our modern world. As you can see, the electric highway plays a key role in powering our lives and delivering safe, reliable and affordable electricity to you.

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Third Party Payment Sites

Know who you are paying.

These days there are countless ways to pay your bills. A new trend that has come about is third party bill pay services. Some sites may appear to be affiliated with our co-op, but they are not.

Some co-op members have felt misled after unknowingly stumbling upon a third party service while searching for CKenergy's payment service.

While some bill pay services are legitimate, members who use these should be cautious to pick reputable companies.

Often, these third party sites charge additional service fees, and do not always make the payment the same day you pay them, which could result in your payment being late and your power being disconnected. Some of these sites/ companies include but are not limited to: doxo.com, prismmoney.com, and

chargesmart.com. CKenergy also is not affiliated with any off-site payment kiosks.

Several of these sites use the co-op's name in the header of the webpage and specific company logos, giving it the appearance of an official payment site.

The use of CKenergy Electric Cooperative's logo or even the former Caddo Electric or Kiwash Electric logos is unauthorized and makes it appear that the service is affiliated with CKEC when it is not.

CKenergy's official online payment services are located on our website (www.ckenergy.coop) and through our CKenergy App. There are NO additional fees associated with these programs. Any payments made through them are secure and reflected on your account immediately.

Utility Scams 101

Utility phone scams typically involve callers claiming to represent a utility company attempting to trick people into paying them money by threatening to turn off their service. The scammer usually insists the victim pay immediately with a pre-paid debit card, which provides them easy access to your money.

Hang Up

If there's any doubt about the authenticity of a caller, hang up and call your utility provider directly to verify your billing and payment status.

Report It

Contact your local authorities and utility provider to report theft or attempted theft due to scams.

Beware

Never give out personal information, debit/credit card numbers or wire money as a result of an unexpected or unsolicited call if you cannot validate the caller's authenticity.

Get It In Writing

Customers will receive a 48 hour cut-off notice via U.S. Mail about past due bills before their service is turned off.

Know Your Options

Utilities provide many options for payment and NEVER require the use of a pre-paid debit card.



Secure Ways to Pay

We offer a range of direct payment options with no added fees.

Levelized Billing- CKEC offers a level payment plan for qualified members. Call us to find out how to qualify.

Bank Draft- This bill-paying system eliminates your need to write a check & mail your payment to CKEC. Your payment goes directly from your bank account to CKEC.

Secure Online Bill Pay- Use the Customer Service Portal on our website to make payments, view statements, report outages, & much more. You can also do all of this through our mobile app.

Automated Payment by Phone- Make a payment by dialing 1-800-868-8243 or 1-888-832-3362. You will need your account information.

Drop Box- Deposit a payment anytime at any of our offices at the convenient drop box.

Prepaid Service- Instead of receiving a bill once a month, your electric use and cost is calculated daily. You can check your balance several different ways and receive notices when your balance is low.

For details on these services, call or visit any of our offices:

Binger- 405-656-2322

Cordell- 580-832-3361

Mustang- 405-376-3983

Anadarko- 405-247-3041

Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Keeping You Safe

During and after summer storms.

No one knows electrical safety better than the experts who practice it every single day. CKenergy encourages you to practice safety with these reminders – for during and after a summer storm:

Avoid wires and water — When lightning strikes a home during a storm, the electrical charge can surge through pipes and utility wires. That means you can get zapped if you're touching water or any device that's plugged in, whether it's a landline phone or toaster.

Skip the makeshift shelter — During a storm, it's tempting to take cover under a picnic gazebo or golf cart, but in open-sided structures with no conductors to channel strikes, a bolt's path of least resistance to the ground could be you. On top of that, these structures raise your risk of a lightning strike because of their height. Keep moving toward suitable shelter.

Portable generators — Take special care with portable generators, which can provide a good source of power, but if improperly installed or

operated, can become deadly. Do not connect generators directly to household wiring. Power from generators can back-feed along power lines and electrocute anyone coming in contact with them, including co-op line workers making repairs. It's best to hire a qualified, licensed electrician to install your generator and ensure that it meets local electrical codes.

Flooded areas — Stay away from downed power lines and avoid walking through flooded areas. Power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Report any downed lines you see to CKEC by calling 1-800-868-8243 immediately.

Electrical equipment — Never use electrical equipment that is wet – especially outdoor electrical equipment, which could be a potential danger after a summer storm. Water can damage electrical equipment and parts, posing a shock or fire hazard.

Follow these tips to stay safe this summer. For more electrical safety tips visit www.ckenergy.coop/safety.

Summer Storm Safety Tip

Strong summer storms can create dangerous situations. Always avoid downed power lines - the wire could be live, which could be deadly for those nearby. Quickly report downed power lines to your local electric cooperative.



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.

Automotive

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

2011 GMC Sierra 1500, extended cab Z71, 4x4. 140,000 miles. \$10,000. Locking tool box & spray in bedliner. 580-331-8155.

2010 Ford F-150 XLT crew cab. 78,850 miles, one owner, garaged, serviced. 5.4 V8, towing package. Chrome step bar, bed cover & many other options. \$17,000. 405-247-7254 or 580-450-2254.

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.

06 Ford F-150 XLT, 4 door, white super crew cab with 5.4 Tritan V8 engine. 92,250 miles. One owner. \$8,000. 405-256-0012.

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.

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

Retiring. JD Tractors, swather, baler, trailers, corrals, drill, cultivator, 15ft brush hog. Good equipment. 405-408-3219.

John Deere 855, turf tires up and good. No transmission, motor does run, no battery. 3 point and drawbar. 580-530-0593. \$450 firm.

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

1 year old Shetland Pony. Pretty paint. \$100. 580-704-6219 or 580-549-6219.

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 jtblindsandshutters.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.

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.

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 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.

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 # _____

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. 2100sq' 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 ground 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.bigtretrat.com

43 acres mol, Minco. Gorgeous 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 exit 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Grape Salad

from Chicken Salad Chick

Ingredients:

- 12 oz cream cheese at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 lb red seedless grapes washed and dried
- 2 lb green seedless grapes washed and dried
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup pecans finely chopped

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in the sour cream and vanilla and beat again until light and creamy.

Fold the grapes into the bowl of cream cheese mixture. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Right before serving, top with sprinkled brown sugar and pecans.

