



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Reminder:

CKenergy offices will be closed Friday, March 30, for Good Friday.

March 2018

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

The value of electricity continues to shine



How many of us remember dropping into an electric cooperative office with our parents and grandparents to pay the light bill? Whether you do that in person, by mail or online today, paying your monthly bill does a lot more than just keep the lights on.

Electricity keeps us connected to our modern world. Consider all the necessities and conveniences we enjoy in part because of the power lines running to the electric meter outside your home.

Count up your televisions, desktop, laptop and tablet computers, printers, your gaming consoles, music and video players and personal assistant devices. Whether they get used every day or just occasionally, the electricity that keeps them working comes from CKenergy Electric Co-op.

Have you looked around your kitchen lately? Between the coffee maker and toaster and the microwave and electric skillet, a lot of us have added several other modern small appliances.

If you've got a craft nook or workshop, the power tools and machines you use to cut and shape your projects are either plugged in or recharged from the outlets connecting your household wiring to CKenergy.

You use electricity to run all these devices, and we still keep the lights on, use the stove, heating and air conditioning, and get hot water from tap. The good news is, even as we rely more on electricity, it's still a bargain, especially compared to other things we pay for regularly.

Since 2011, medical care, residential rental rates and education have increased at rates of 3 percent or more per year. Butter, meat and egg costs have been up by more than one to 2 percent annually, and even bread costs have risen better than a half point on average.

Electricity costs rise about 1 percent a year, but co-ops across the country have reported a decline in average residential use per household since 2010. That means we're doing more things with less energy.

Kilowatt hour use per household dropped by 8 percent between 2010 and 2016, slightly less than the 9 percent decline reported by all electric utilities, nationwide.

When it comes to value, electricity is a clear winner, and we're always looking for ways to work with you to make it even better. That's why CKenergy urges energy efficiency, encourages you to look for ENERGY STAR® appliances, and promotes technology, designed to give members more control over their electricity use.

Energy performance dashboards, smart thermostats and power strips, and appliance settings that shift most water heating, laundry and dishwashing outside of peak rate periods help reduce the co-op's overall power demand. They also give you opportunities to control or even trim your monthly utility bills.

That's good for families, couples and individuals trying to live within their budgets. And it's going to become even more important as digital devices and internet-connected technologies become even more important in our lives.

The average home now has 10 Wi-Fi connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 50 by 2020.

Technology and the gateways that keep it working use electricity, so you'll depend upon CKenergy for more than the power that keeps the lights on.

That's why we're always working to provide service that's reliable, keep it affordable, and make it even more valuable to our member—you, your family and your neighbors.



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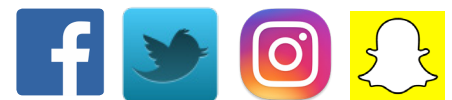


MARCH

Winning CKEC Members

KENNETH HARGUS
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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.

2018 Energy Camp

Nearly 80 teens from across OK are selected to experience energy in a new light at Energy Camp.



Each year, CKEnergy Electric Cooperative joins Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and electric cooperatives from across the state in sponsoring the Youth Power Energy Camp at Camp Canyon near Hinton, OK. The camp slated for May 29-June 1, 2018, is designed to help students develop leadership skills while having lots of fun.

Energy Camp focuses its leadership qualities and learning opportunities on the great outdoors. Campers enjoy a four day stay in the beautiful Canyon Camp area east of Hinton, Oklahoma. Eighth-grade students who are just beginning to understand the need for great leaders are a perfect fit for Energy Camp.

While at the camp, the teens attend sessions on energy, electrical safety and rural electric careers. They also

elect their own board of directors and operate a coke and candy cooperative. Other special activities include hands on electrical demonstrations, pole-climbing and bucket truck rides, a ropes course, swimming, an energy battle tournament, and a trip to Celebration Station for video games and go cart rides.

This year, the essay topic, “What I would miss most without electricity,” must be submitted by a team of two eighth grade students currently attending school within CKEC’s service territory. CKEC rules state that if a teammate is not available for the two-student project, individual essays are acceptable. Four students or two teams, will be selected from the submitted essays to represent the cooperative at Energy Camp. CKEC covers all expenses related to the camp including transportation to and from Canyon Camp.

Contest Rules

Students must currently be classified as eighth grade students attending a school in CKEC’s service territory. The students will be required to write an essay of at least 100 words in length on the topic, “What I would miss most without electricity.”

Essays are to be written legibly or typed, double spaced on only one side of the paper. Attach a cover page which includes name, parent’s name, address, phone number, school, and shirt size.

1. Essays will be judged on the basis of knowledge of subject, 40%; originality, 30%; composition, 15%; grammar, spelling and punctuation, 15%.
2. Deadline for essays is April 13, 2018.
3. Dates for the 2018 Youth Power Energy Camp are May 29 -June 1, 2018.

Submit the completed essay and cover sheet to Devin Whittington, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009 or Lisa Willard, CKEnergy P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632.

Renewable Energy Considerations



There is a lot of talk about renewable energy. Utilities are diversifying their energy portfolios, and businesses as well as individuals are looking for ways to be greener and support sustainable practices. Before investing in a renewable energy option, it is important to make sure it is right for you. The Energy Education Council provides information on important considerations and explores some of the options available to consumers who want to be greener in their energy use.

“A renewable energy system is an investment that should be carefully considered and assessed,” explains Molly Hall, executive director of the Energy Education Council. “Start by evaluating your current energy usage and making a clear list of your energy goals.”

If the goal is to save money on energy, first make your home as efficient as possible. Perform an energy audit so that you can identify problem areas and make improvements to reduce energy loss. “It is important to remember that the cheapest, cleanest, and greenest energy is the energy not used, and this comes from energy efficiency,” says Hall.

If you want to reduce energy costs further or have other renewable energy goals, research various options for renewable systems, taking into consideration such factors as site needs, installation costs, and the availability of any utility incentives, rebates, or tax credits.

Solar technologies are becoming increasingly accessible and are being incorporated in to more and more devices, including solar lighting, chargers, speakers, generators, and even refrigerators. These types of items best fit energy needs when camping, in remote areas, or in emergency situations.

To add a solar electric or photovoltaic array to a home or business, you must consider if the site and rooftop are right for installation and take into account the amount of sun the site receives. Smaller, specific applications, such as solar water heaters, are also available.

Wind turbines are used to harness the power of the wind. To be able to utilize wind energy, a site must have enough wind on a consistent basis. These systems can be used for more specific applications as well, such as pumping water.

Hybrid systems take advantage of different types of energy and the availability of these resources. For instance, hybrid solar and wind systems can harness the strong winter winds and strong summer sun to provide a more consistent energy supply during different times of the year.

Hydropower options are limited to sites that have a flowing source of water. Micro

hydropower systems make use of a turbine, pump, or waterwheel to generate electricity. It is important to research water permits to ensure you are operating in accordance with them.

Geothermal energy utilizes an array of underground coils to harness the natural heating and cooling inside the earth. Geothermal heat pumps can be used for heating and cooling as well as water heating.

The Department of Energy reports that there is a new generation of advanced wood and pellet burning appliances that are an efficient and cleaner burning option for heating homes. All newer wood stoves should have an Environment Protection Agency certification sticker.

The Energy Education Council has created a renewable energy checklist that can help you assess your energy use, goals, property, and more. It can be downloaded at EnergyEdCouncil.org/checklist.pdf. “The checklist includes questions and resources to take into consideration prior to starting the installation process and once you begin to look for qualified installation professionals,” explains Hall.

For more information on energy efficiency and safety, visit EnergyEdCouncil.org.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



In spring and summer months, set your ceiling fans to turn in the counterclockwise direction. This will create a cool breeze. Remember: Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Farm Bill Update



Every five years, the U.S. Congress considers the Farm Bill, a bill that has huge implications for America's electric cooperatives, including CKenergy. The bill sets food and agriculture policy for the entire nation, affecting everything from what crops are grown to funding for food nutrition programs. The Farm Bill is due to be reauthorized by the federal government this year.

The Farm Bill is about much more than agriculture policy. It promotes rural economic development and allows co-ops to finance basic electrification activities, deploy high-speed communications and enhance smart grid technologies. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), our national service organization, America's electric cooperatives are working to ensure lawmakers in Washington know what our priorities are for the 2018 Farm Bill. Here are a few.

Economic development

Co-ops aren't just electricity providers. They are engines of economic development - powering and empowering the communities they serve. The Farm Bill's

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program is an important source of financing for economic development projects in rural communities. Over the last two decades, electric cooperatives have partnered with community stakeholders on hundreds of projects to renovate hospitals, build libraries and expand businesses. Co-ops have asked Congress to ensure ample funding for this program in the next Farm Bill and beyond.

Innovation

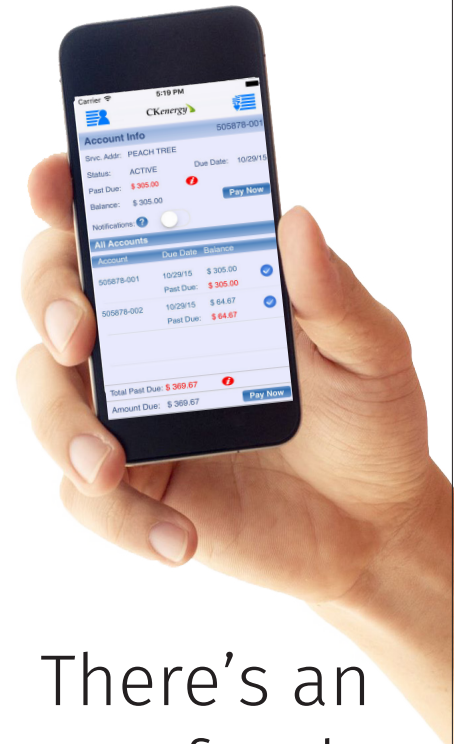
Not-for-profit electric co-ops are natural incubators of innovation, because they are driven solely by the needs of members like you. The USDA runs a number of programs that help fund innovative projects, including the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP). Co-ops use these programs to save members money by financing investments in energy efficiency, constructing new renewable energy resources and deploying electric grid modernization technologies. REAP and RESP help ensure that co-ops are poised to meet the evolving needs of their members.

USDA Rural Development

The health of our nation is dependent on a healthy rural America. Rural America grows most of the food, generates much of the power and manufactures many of the goods consumed by the nation. USDA's office of Rural Development operates many different programs that provide fundamental assistance to those rural communities. Co-ops have asked Congress to maintain a strong rural development in the Farm Bill to reaffirm the importance of these programs.

We look forward to working with Congress and other stakeholders to pass a Farm Bill that promotes economic growth in rural America and allows co-ops to continue meeting the needs of their members.

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Receive?



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app for that.

Look for the CKenergy EC app on Google Play or the App Store.



Remember to Update Your Information

Please let CKEC know if you've recently changed your name, address, or phone number.

Have you recently tied the knot, gotten divorced, or become widowed? If your name, address or telephone number has changed for any reason, CKEC needs to know.

Up-to-date, accurate information makes it easier for you to conduct business with your co-op when you call. It also helps CKEC keep you informed about important co-op business and ensures your capital credits are properly applied.

When updating your records, please make sure you include the names of any individuals who are approved to discuss your account with us. Federal laws prevent us from discussing account details with anyone not listed on your account.

You can easily update your records by visiting any of our locations, calling us at 405-656-2322 or through the CKenergy app. Thank you for helping us serve you better!



Help Prevent Dog Bites When Utility Employees Visit Your Home



Utility employees regularly visit homes to read meters and provide other types of service to customers, but they also frequently encounter aggressive dogs. Veterinarian Dr. William VanAlstine says, "These animals are merely trying to protect their home or their owners and dog owners should ensure their animals are safe and secure when a utility employee is scheduled to visit a home or business."

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report in a recent year that 4.7 million Americans sustained dog bites and one in every six required

medical treatment. Small children were the most frequent victims, but meter readers are particularly vulnerable to attacks by dogs which do not recognize a utility worker as needing to be around the home to provide the required services.

Dr. VanAlstine offered suggestions to prevent dog bites and provide a safe environment for a meter reader or other utility worker who visits your home. Home and business owners can help themselves by being familiar with the schedule for reading meters and plan ahead for a visit by a meter reader that day, or knowing when a utility worker is anticipated to arrive to provide a service.

Confine a dog if necessary, keeping the animal either inside or outside, and away from the utility employee until the service is completed. Relocating the animal temporarily will also reduce its concern for your welfare. A "beware of dog" sign near the home will help the utility employee anticipate a potential encounter or even contact the owner of the home or business to help avoid such an encounter.

A note on the electric meter will help a utility employee understand how the animal is confined and whether a problem might occur. Ensure your dog's vaccinations are up to date.

Training a dog with simple commands, or more formal obedience training, will help you restrain the animal when utility employees approach your home or business.

Provide a collar for your dog to more quickly control its behavior if it becomes aggressive toward a utility employee.

Dr. VanAlstine says home and business owners can help their dogs by being prepared for an encounter and handling their animal in a manner that is respectful to both it and the utility employee.

Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment. 405-641-3344.
 '59 Chevy Apache- Fleetside. Long bed, 6 cyl- 3 speed on column. Good paint, tires, & seat. 82,000 miles, \$5,000. Runs good. 580-331-7304.
 1940 Ford Conv. Restored- new paint, upholstery, top, tires. All org. drive train. 580-331-7304.
 '76 GMC pickup. 350/350 good, solid truck. 65k original miles. \$4,400. Cash only. 405-818-9011.
 '03 T-Bird convertible. Runs great, \$10,000. OBO. 405-668-0514.
 WANTED- Hood, tail gate for 1949-52 Studebaker. 405-641-3344.

Farm/ Equipment

Marrow's Tractor Tire Repair, Sales, & Service 405-668-0248
 1946 H Farmall Tractor. Fully restored, one owner. 405-352-4326.
 4020 John Deere front loader. Good tires & paint, diesel, PTO no 3 point. \$15,000 firm. 580-331-7304.
 New Holland 3930. \$12,300, MFWD 55hp, loader, low hrs. Day- 580-355-3065, Eve.- 580-536-1331.
 Antique farm machinery- 14ft chisel, rotary hoe, springtooth, etc... 405-638-0145 or 405-933-1360.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

2600 Ford Tractor. 38 HP, front loader, gas, power steer, new tires, 3pt, no dents, needs paint. 580-331-7304. \$5000 Firm.
 360 Long Tractor \$800 OBO, 405-641-3344.

Livestock/Pets

Looking for country home: 6yr old female cat. Spayed, shots, well mannered, litter trained, likes outside, kept in at night. 405-397-6723.
 Rumley Farms- Registered Angus bulls. 16-18mos of age. Have been worked & semen tested. 405-352-5025.
 Polled Hereford Bull. 8 years old. \$2,250. 580-919-5490.
 Genetic Superior Bulls, for more Profit! Low birth wts, like angus but more muscle, growth, & better disposition. \$2,200- \$2,800. John Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038. Rebates & delivery.
 Reg. Limousins- Polled, FB + Blk PB. Bred heifers & cows. 405-457-6554 or 405-542-7291.
 Registered American Angus Bull. 4yr old, gentle, his calves on site. \$2,300. 405-392-4936.

Business

Keith's Tree Trimming- firewood, welding, concrete, fencing. 580-660-0402.
 Piano Tuning & Repair. Western OK. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.
 \$100 Agreed Divorces- JNK Paralegal Service. 405-376-2206.
 Tractor & truck repair, welding & fabrication, muffler & exhaust service. 405-638-1158.
 BackWoods Welding & Construction. Farm & Ranch welding- gen. welding- we specialize in pipe fencing, steel buildings, metal roofs, pole barns, state cert. & insured. References available. 405-320-8379.
 Slagell Lawn & Tree- offering basic lawn and tree care, tree removal, stump grinding. 580-302-1455.

Hay/ Wood

'17 sprayed & fertilized blue stem, bermuda, & native grass hay. Lg round bales. 580-550-0334, leave a message.
 2017 sprayed & fertilized Blue Stem, Bermuda, & Native Grass. Lg round bales. 580-550-0334.
 Seasoned split Oak firewood- 20" cut. In Anadarko, \$85.00 per rick. Delivery will be extra. 405-638-1158.

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.

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.

Circle category:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Miscellaneous

8 drapery panels; pleated at top, gold color lined in white, extra long (84"x120"). Will fit 10' ceiling. Never used. Text 405-640-9068 for pictures and/or questions.

Metal Garage Door. 18ft wide x 8ft tall. All hardware included to install. \$150. 405-313-0714.

Real Estate

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.

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

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 bdlg. on 5 acres. Gracemont. Serious lookers only. 580-515-4126.

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

Gracemont: Quiet, small, rural 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. Reduced to \$79,900. 405-402-0895.

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

1 acre commercial zoned. Between Tuttle & Tricity on highway 37. 4 3/4 mi east of Tuttle. 405-794-4612.

3 bd, 1 ba. Carport, storage building, fenced in yard, new kitchen, remodeled bathroom with wood, tile, & carpet floors and new windows. \$83,000, just have to see. 405-952-4171.

Two lots. Well, electricity, 2 metal buildings, 21 ft. Tahoe travel trailer. Used very little but needs repairs. Make offer. Swan Lake area. 405-681-6991.

Cedar Lake Cabin (lot 821). Dock space, 2 bed, 1 bath. 1048 sq. ft. \$65,500. 405-295-2401.

Two acres south of Carnegie. 3 bed, 2 bath trailer. Living room, den, 2 car garage, shop, storage shed, garden shop. 2 cellars. \$75,000. 580-654-2202.

2 adjoining cemetery plots by pond with fountain. Resthaven OKC. \$7,000 OBO. 405-517-2624.

36 acres- surface land, scenic Wichita Mts. 4 miles West of Meers, OK. Bids begin at \$4,200 per acre. Amenities available. Email: Wayne Orrell@gmail.com

120 acres available for oil lease in Washita County- section 6-8-14. 405-794-4612.

302 acres- hunting lease. Deer, turkey, quail, 2 deer feeders, 220 electric pole for trailer. Please send text to 580-215-9207.

Ft. Cobb Lake- 2 story, 5bd, 2lr, 2ba, garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, open concept, newly remodeled, furnished, backs up to lake. 405-222-0636.

Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Best kept secret. Secluded in back part of lake. HAVe your own shooting range & hunting. 40ft trailer, new deck remodded. \$12,000 or trade. 405-543-6012.

Beautiful home in Eakly. 3 bd, 1 ba, 2 living rooms. New carpet & tile throughout plus a new stove. Move in ready. Large back yard & a 2 car carport. \$43,900. 405-627-4176.

Grandad's Hideout (Trailer Park) in Butler. 16 working hook-ups with 30 to 50 amp electric. 580-214-1731 or 580-664-3921.

16x80 MH Crow's Roost addition. 3bd, 2 bath, 60x120 lot, #35,000 OBO. 405-664-2662.

20x50 MH 2 bath, 3d, CH&A, \$15,000 firm. Crow's Roost addition. 405-601-0382.

3 bed, 1 bath, home for sale in Eakly. Attached garage & extra lot. Call Eagle Realty at 580-772-8300 to make an offer!

20 acres of grassland. 5 miles southwest of Woodward. \$60,000 OBO. 580-473-2224.

2 story house on one acre, 2 1/2 car detached garage, 3.5 miles west of Bessie. \$35,000. 903-783-1146.

Wanted

Looking for a 1950 Oklahoma License Plate. 405-376-4243.

Events

CHOCOLATE LOVERS- don't miss the Friends of the Mustang Public Library's 12 Annual Chocolate Festival March 9th at the Mustang Community Center, 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for 8 tastes!

Smothered Green Beans

Ingredients:

5 (15-oz) cans green beans, drained
1 lb bacon
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1-1/2 tsp garlic powder



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour drained green beans in an ungreased 9x13-inch pan. In a large skillet, cook bacon until almost done but not too crispy.

Remove from skillet, drain on paper towel and chop. Sprinkle cooked bacon on top of green beans. Whisk together brown sugar, melted butter, soy sauce and garlic powder. Pour over green beans. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes.