



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

CKenergy offices will be closed Friday, April 19, 2019, in observation of Good Friday. We will return Monday, April 22, 2019.

March 2019

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

You're Supporting Clean Power

Renewables make up a sizeable part of co-op electricity.

By Tim Rodriguez



As cooperative members, we don't necessarily think about where our electricity comes from or how it is made. You may be surprised to learn that a significant amount of your electricity is generated from wind. Solar is also growing as a renewable source of power at the utility level.

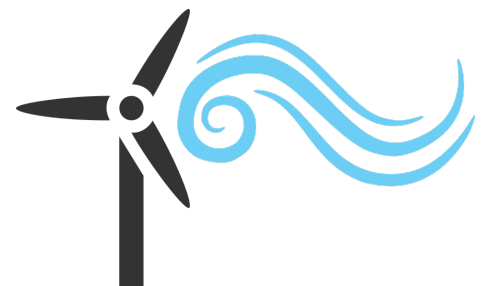
Seventeen rural electric cooperatives in Oklahoma, including CKenergy, receive wholesale power from Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative (WFEC), a generation and transmission cooperative located in Anadarko, Oklahoma. WFEC was organized in 1941 to provide wholesale power to cooperatives in the western part of Oklahoma. Since 2014, they have secured power for the 17 Oklahoma cooperatives through a large multi-state power market called the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). While WFEC buys power from this large market and resales to us, they also own and operate their own generation facilities. Through its own assets or purchase power agreements, WFEC's

electricity comes from a mix of wind, solar, hydro, coal, and natural gas. Its gas plants are located in Mooreland and Anadarko. WFEC's coal-fired plant is located in Hugo.

WFEC receives wind power from seven wind facilities, most of them located in western Oklahoma where winds are steady. In November 2018, WFEC generated over 40 percent of their electric power from wind alone. November is a month when electricity usage is generally low since the daytime temperatures are typically very mild. To generate that amount of electricity from wind very significant. WFEC was the first major utility in the state to take power from a wind turbine facility when it entered a purchase power agreement with Blue Canyon wind farm north of Lawton. In the news, we often hear about much larger utilities being environmentally responsible, but it was electric cooperatives in Oklahoma, through our power supplier, WFEC, that set the high bar when it comes to utilizing one of Oklahoma's greatest assets—wind.

Because wind and solar aren't reliable 365 days of the year, they must buy supplemented with power generated from traditional fuel sources in this part of the country are natural gas and coal. WFEC's well-mixed power portfolio allows it to be the regional grid. Wind power in this part of the country continues to grow, however, the base load production of natural gas, coal, or nuclear will always be necessary to keep the lights on. Fortunately, Oklahoma is in the ideal location for generating from several sources of power. Because of our rich and varied resources, we enjoy some of the lowest electricity costs in the nation.

If you are environmentally conscious and want to keep our landscape and air clean, remember that your electric cooperative is doing its part through WFEC and its varied generation portfolio. Without making a personal investment on your own, you can feel good knowing that a significant amount of power you use comes from renewable resources, namely wind and solar.



In November 2018, WFEC generated over **40 percent** of their **power** from **wind**.



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MARCH

Winning CKEC Members

Keith & Ann Koassechony
Robert D Nuckolls
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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.

Out of the Gate

OAEC hosts legislative reception for 57th Oklahoma Legislature.

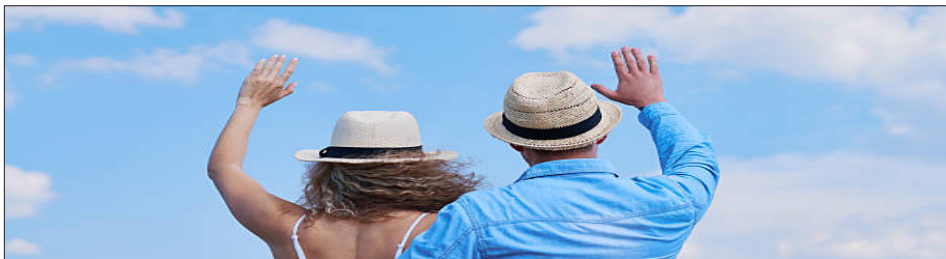


Each year, the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) invites all elected officials, legislators and staff to visit with delegates from Oklahoma's rural electric cooperatives at the "Out of the Gate" Legislative Reception.

On Monday, February 4, 2019, CKenergy staff and board members were able to meet with six legislators that represent different portions of our service territory.

We appreciate events like this because we are able to talk one-on-one with legislators about current events or new laws that could potentially affect electric cooperatives.

We'd like to express our thanks to all the Oklahoma legislators that joined us at the "Out of the Gate" Legislative Reception. We wish you the best during this year's session.



Bye, Bye High Bills!

CKEC's levelized plan helps level out seasonal extremes.

Hot summers and cold winters can cause your energy usage to rise. With CKenergy's levelized bill pay plan you can balance those seasonal high bills and avoid unpleasant surprises.

Levelized billing works by averaging your usage over a period of twelve months. The result is a more consistent monthly bill that makes it easier to anticipate your monthly energy spending.

For added convenience, be sure to ask about CKEC's automative payment plan. With this option, your monthly payment

is automatically withdrawn from your checking, savings or credit card account, saving you time and trouble.

For details about these and other payment options, please call 405-656-2322 or visit www.ckenergy.coop.

*** Levelized billing makes it easier to budget because you receive approximately the same size bill each month.**

2019 Energy Camp

Energy Camp is for eighth-grade students interested in developing leadership skills and learning about electric cooperatives. Deadline to apply is **April 5, 2019!**



May 28- 31, 2019

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



Approved grants:

Friends of the Mustang Public Library.....	\$3,000.00
Rocky Fire Department.....	\$1,910.50
Mountain View Senior Citizen Center.....	\$1,889.00
Total Grants.....	\$6,800.00

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*Small Change, **Big** Difference!*

On Tuesday, February 12th, 2019, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of **\$6,800.00** for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, they will 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 year-round 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.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizen's 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-coordinators are Boyd Lee and Devin Whittington. 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 **May 15th, 2019**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Three Easy DIY Projects to Save Energy



Did You Know?

The average American family spends \$2,000 annually on energy bills—

Most of that is wasted on air leaks within the home.

Winter weather can have a big impact on your energy bills, hitting your pockets a little harder than you would have liked. Now that spring is just around the corner, it's the perfect time to tackle a few DIY efficiency projects for your home. The good news: You don't have to be an energy expert to do this!

There are several easy ways to save energy, but if you're willing to take a hands-on approach, here are three projects you can do now to start saving.

Make the Most of Your Water Heater.

Let's start with one of the easiest projects: insulating your water heater. Insulating a water heater that's warm to the touch can save 7 to 16 percent annually on your water heating bills. It should also be noted that if your water heater is new, it is likely already insulated. But if your water heater is warm to the touch, it needs additional insulation.

You can purchase a pre-cut jacket or blanket for about \$20. You'll also need two people for this project. Before you start, turn off the water heater. Wrap the blanket around the water heater and tape it to temporarily keep it in place. If necessary,

use a marker to note the areas where the controls are so you can cut them out. Once the blanket is positioned correctly tape it permanently in place, then turn the water heater back on. If you have an electric water heater, do not set the thermostat above 130 degrees, which can cause overheating.

Seal Air Leaks with Caulk.

The average American family spends \$2,000 annually on energy bills, but unfortunately, much of that money is wasted through air leaks in the home. Applying caulk around windows, doors, electrical wiring and plumbing can save energy and money. There are many different types of caulking compounds available, but the most popular choice is silicone. Silicone caulk is waterproof, flexible and won't shrink or crack.

Before applying new caulk, clean and remove any old caulk or paint with a putty knife, screwdriver, brush or solvent. The area should be dry before you apply the new caulk.

Apply the caulk in one continuous stream, and make sure it sticks to both sides of the crack or seam. Afterwards, use a putty knife to smooth out the caulk, then wipe the surface with a dry cloth.

Weather Strip Exterior Doors.

One of the best ways to seal air leaks is to weather strip exterior doors, which can keep out drafts and help you control energy costs. Weather stripping materials vary, but you can ask your local hardware or home store for assistance if you're unsure about the supplies you need.

When choosing weather stripping materials, make sure it can withstand temperature changes, friction and the general "wear and tear" for the location of the door. Keep in mind, you will need separate materials for the door sweep (at the bottom of the door) and the top and sides.

Before applying the new weather stripping, clean the moulding with water and soap, then let the area dry completely. Measure each side of the door, then cut the weather stripping to fit each section. Make sure the weather stripping fits snugly against both surfaces so it compresses when the door is closed.

By completing these simple efficiency projects, you can save energy (and money!) while increasing the comfort level of your home. And you can impress your family and friends with your savvy energy-saving skills.

Storm Safety: When Thunderstorms, Tornadoes Strike

Beware. Spring can usher in more than April showers. Now through the summer months, thunderstorms can quickly roll in and tornadoes can touch down, often during the afternoon and evening hours, according to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Follow these tips from NOAA and the American Red Cross to keep you and your home safe when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms come your way.

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs.
- Listen to local news or National Weather Service broadcasts to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- If in a mobile home, immediately head to a sturdy shelter or vehicle. Mobile homes, especially hallways and bathrooms, are not safe places to take shelter during tornadoes or other severe winds.
- Designate a family meeting place for shelter during and after a storm. If possible, go to your home's basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest level. Also, have a



battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.

- Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical equipment and corded telephones.
- Remember that there is no safe place outside during a severe storm. If you are caught in a storm while on the road, the American Red Cross urges drivers to turn their headlights on, try to safely exit the roadway, and park. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. If thunder and lightning is occurring, avoid

touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.
- Stay safe after a storm. Remain indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Also, stay away from downed power lines and avoid flooded areas, power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Report them to CKenergy at 1-800-868-8243 or 1-888-832-3362 immediately.

Lightning Safety Tips

When **thunder roars, go indoors.**

Seek shelter immediately. There is **no safe place outside** during a thunderstorm.

Safe shelter can be found in **an enclosed building or a hard-topped vehicle**

Keep as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

Only use battery-operated appliances.

Wait 30 minutes after the last lightning strike in a severe storm before venturing outside.

Stay away from items that conduct electricity: corded telephones, appliances, sinks, bathtubs, radiators and metal pipes.

The Weather Network
Your weather when it really matters

**LIGHTS OUT?
REPORT IT HERE**

CKEC has two toll free numbers. 888-832-3362 and 800-868-8243 that have the capacity to handle over 2,000 calls as well as get the outage information into our outage system.

So remember to report outages to one of CKEC's toll free phone lines. You can also report an outage using the CKenergy app.

Automotive

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

'06 Jeep Liberty Sport- 4x4, new bat, tires.
Very clean. Call Henry 580-550-1671.

'83 Ford pickup long bed, 6 cyl w/ camper.
Standard over drive trans. \$1,700 OBO.
Candy Coco Electric Car. New battery,
street legal. \$3,000 OBO. 405-590-4354.

'59 Chevy PU, fleetside long bed, 6 cyl-
3speed. 84,000 miles. Good paint, interior,
glass, & rubber. No dents. \$5,500 or trade.
580-331-7304.

'05 GMC Black Sierra Crew Cab. 159,000K
miles, NEW tires, heated leather seats,
dual AC/heat, bed liner and locking
toolbox, windscreens, running boards. Call
or text 405-247-8349.

Farm/ Equipment

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

WANTED: Used 6'-8' disc harrow. Three
point hookup preferred, but would consider
pull type up to 10' width. 405-250-5396.

John Deere riding mower 100 series D105
Auto. 42" blade. Has 74.3 hours. Used only
one season. \$1,000. Call 580-402-5864.

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

2 year old Bison bulls for sale. \$3.00 per
pound. 405-623-5400.

2 AKC Shetland Sheepdog male puppies
for sale. Blue Merle & tri-colored. Dew
claws removed. Available 3-11-19. \$650ea.
580-917-3210.

Beefmaster Bulls- foundation herd. Bulls from
Texoma Sales & Collier Farms. 580-445-6152.

High quality polled/horned Hereford bulls.
Body calves bring more money. Call 580661-
1146. Good disposition. Came from nationally
competitive, registered show herd.

Business

Gardner Piano Service- Tuning & Repair.
Western Oklahoma. 580-254-0817 or 580-
799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans and Peanut Brittle.
Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot
& Spicy, Hunters Mix and roasted and
salted in the shell. Carnegie office:
580-654-1175 Mary Howell 580-515-5821.
www.gooberhouse.com

Loud Mountain Trading Co., downtown
Cement, OK. Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-3.
OK made items. Decor & Gifts.
LoudMountainTradingCo.com

Keith Tree Trimming-Welding-Concrete-
Fencing. 580-660-0402.

\$100 Agreed Divorces. JNK Paralegal
Service. www.jnkparalegal.webs.com,
JNKparalegal@aol.com.

Hay/ Wood

Seasoned split Oak firewood- 20" cut. In
Anadarko, \$85.00 per rick. Delivery will be
extra. 405-638-1158.

Seasoned firewood- Black Locust, Walnut,
& any other types of firewood. Call Keith,
580-660-0402.

Small square bales of wheat straw. Great for fall
decorating and bedding. \$5 ea. 580-515-3030.

85 Round Bales. Hay Grazer, high nitrate
analysis. Do not feed to livestock. Use for
ground cover, mulch, or you name it. Not
responsible for usage. 405-650-4784.

Miscellaneous

Two dead walnut trees, over 30 years old.
Free for removal. Hinton. 405-542-7699.

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 # _____

Real Estate

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

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

Fort Cobb Lake Lots- Crow's Roost area. 3 lots recently cleared & levelled off. 192' wide x 120' deep, 2 water wells, & septic. 405-694-0625.

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.

For Rent- At Foss Lake. Large house and/or party barn. All amenities. 580-323-1975.

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 remodeled 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.

2005 Clayton/Cheyenne Mobile Home. 16x60- 2 bed, 2 bath with open floor plan. Total electric. Central heat/air. NADA value is \$18,099.12. For sale \$16,500. Needs to be moved to your land. 405-694-0625.

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.

For Rent: Cabin to rent right on edge of Ft. Cobb lake. Sleeps 7, everything you need. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697 or 405-643-2152.

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 seve. Room to park boat & trailer. Everything you need. Call or text 580-243-8697.

Water meter for use in Comanche County Rural Water District #2. \$1,500. 580-550-0334.

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 gorund cellar. 20 K 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.

Foss Lake Cabin Rentals- Boaters, Fishermen, Hunters. 580-515-6452.

Wanted

Hardworking team members that want to make real estate a full time career- ask me how to become a realtor. www.goldbucklerealty.com. 580-330-9090.

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.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS: Don't miss the Chocolate Festival, March 8, 2019. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. 10 treats for \$10! Pay at the door or call 405-376-2226 for tickets.

Pistachio and White Chocolate Pudding Cookies

Ingredients:

1 2/3 cups all purpose flour
(1) 3.4 oz box instant pistachio pudding mix
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup light brown sugar
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 tsp clear vanilla extract
1 egg, room temperature
1 cup white chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped pistachios



Directions:

Whisk together flour, pudding mix, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Cream sugars and butter together until light and fluffy. Add in egg and vanilla and beat until well blended. Gradually stir in dry ingredients. Fold in chocolate chips and pistachios. Refrigerate dough for at least 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 325F. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper or lightly grease. Scoop out rounded tablespoons of cookie dough and place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or just until they are set. If you see any brown, pull them out. Remove from oven and let cool on baking sheet for several minutes before moving to a rack.