

# THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

**Youth Program deadlines:**

March 7 - Senior Scholarship

April 15 - Energy Camp

March 2022

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## ENERGY CAMP: LEARN ABOUT ENERGY IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT!



**A**pplications for the Energy Camp Essay Contest are open for 8th grade students who attend school in CKenergy's service territory.

It's easy to apply. Just write an essay of at least 100 words in length on the topic "What would you miss most without electricity." Essays are to be written legibly or typed, doubled spaced on only one side of the paper. Team up with your buddy or enter individually. Four students or two teams will be selected from the submitted essays .

Attach a cover page which includes name, birthdate, email, parent's name, address, phone number, school, and shirt size. Essays will be judged on the basis of knowledge of subject, 40% originality, 30% composition, 15% grammar, spelling and punctuation, 15%. For complete details visit [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop).

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- \* Spend the day as a lineman (ride in a bucket truck, learn to climb a pole, etc.)
- \* Check out electric technology such as drones, electric cars, etc.
- \* Learn about electrical safety and electric cooperatives
- \* Build leadership skills
- \* Participate in a career fair
- \* Enjoy a dance party
- \* Make a ton of new friends

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#### MARCH

### Winning CKEC Members

Scot Fairchild  
Richard Haag  
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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 Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).



## Scholarship opportunities for former Youth Tour winners and future engineers

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has two scholarship opportunities—one for former Youth Tour winners and one for students pursuing careers in the electrical engineering field.

### Youth Tour Alumni Scholarships

The Glenn English National Cooperative Leadership Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to NRECA's Youth Tour alumni since the program's inception in 2014. The Foundation awards one \$10,000 scholarship and four additional \$1,000 scholarships.

To be eligible, application must be a U.S. citizen, be a former participant in NRECA's Washington D.C. Youth Tour program, received academic credits equal to at least one year of college and be working on completing their first undergraduate degree.

The deadline for application is April 5, 2022. For complete details visit [www.electric.coop/our-organization/youth-programs/scholarships](http://www.electric.coop/our-organization/youth-programs/scholarships).

### Next Generation Rural Engineering Scholarship

The Glenn English Scholarship Committee partners with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for Rural Electric Power Conference to offer additional "Engineers for the Future" scholarship opportunities.

The committee awards two \$2,000 scholarships to college students pursuing a career in the rural electric engineering field. Applicants of the Next Generation Rural Engineering Scholarship are not required to be former Youth Tour participants.

Applications are due May 14, 2022. For complete details visit [www.electric.coop.engineers-future-scholarship](http://www.electric.coop.engineers-future-scholarship).



**Energy Efficiency**  
Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy

# Polar Vortex 2021

## What does it mean for CKEC members?



Clint Pack, CKEnergy CEO

Let me start by saying, I don't write a monthly article for filler in our newsletter because the communications staff has great monthly articles. However, I do write one when it is vitally important for the members to hear the message from me directly. This is one of those times thanks to the February 2021 polar vortex known as winter storm Uri. CKEnergy and our power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), experienced historic electricity demand and historically high costs from gas providers to operate the generation required to meet the needs of the market. The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) had to implement temporary service interruptions to prevent the power grid

from a total collapse. The additional fuel cost during Storm URI resulted in 183 million dollars increase for WFEC to provide service to its' 21 members. CKEnergy's portion was \$12,346,915.20. CKEnergy secured a loan from our financial partner, CoBank, to pay the cost of keeping the lights on.

What do we do now? We must account for the debt, and we are member owned, so how do we pass the costs on to the membership? Great news! The CKEC board of directors and the management team here have decided that we are NOT going to pass those costs on to the membership, even though some sacrifices will need to be made internally for this to happen. At the beginning of 2021 your cooperative had 33.83% equity but after borrowing the funds to pay for the extra power cost we ended the year with 31.64%. What does that mean to you? CKEnergy has a minimum financial ratio requirement of 30% equity established by RUS. Each year when we retire capital credits or borrow funds for capital it lowers our equity. The only way to increase equity is to reduce the debt and increase margins. Because the storm debt reduced our equity, the board will have to closely analyze the cooperatives' ability to retire capital credits and maintain equity as we go forward. In my opinion, it's better to delay capital credit retirements and NOT pass on the storm cost to our members, especially during an already inflationary time.

How is CKEnergy one of the only utilities in the state to absorb the total storm cost while other utilities are passing it through to the end users? Here's how it's possible with CKEnergy. We are different from the investor-owned utilities such as OG&E

and AEP (PSO) because we aren't profit driven. Our shareholders are each of you! The consolidation between Caddo Electric and Kiwash Electric to form CKEnergy has exceeded all expectations. We are financially stronger and better able to absorb extraordinary costs like the Polar Vortex, while maintaining safe and reliable electricity. Everyone probably had a higher-than-normal electric bill last February, but it was only due to the usage and extra consumption during the bitterly cold storm URI. CKEnergy members have not been and will not be charged extra through the power cost adjustment (PCA) for any of the polar vortex related cost. I hope that as a member of CKEnergy you can take pride in being one of the only utilities that aren't passing on the extra cost which resulted in gas producers and pipeline companies setting record profits.

Clint Pack, CEO

## 7 SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

1. Voluntary and open membership.
2. Democratic member control.
3. Member economic participation.
4. Autonomy and independence.
5. Education, training and information.
6. Cooperation among co-operatives
7. Concern for community.

# CKEC Sponsors Caddo County Basketball Tournament

## Investing in our Youth

The 2022 Caddo county basketball tournament is sponsored by CKEnergy Electric Cooperative. The Caddo County Basketball tournament is an annual basketball tournament brought to you from Anadarko Warrior Fieldhouse in Anadarko. The tournament's play by play and stats provided by Don Tyson and Kem Crowell are broadcasted live on the radio at KACO 98.5 and live streamed on Caddo Kiowa Technology's YouTube channel. The Caddo Kiowa Technology Center students enrolled in the Digital Imaging and Printing Technology and the Business, Information, Technology Education programs, along with their instructors, have been web-casting the tournament the past 17 years.

Participating teams include Binger-Oney, Boone-Apache, Carnegie, Cement,

Cyril, Fort Cobb-Broxton, Gracemont, Hinton, Lookeba-Sickles, and Mountain View-Gotebo. The Scales brothers took top honors at this year's tournament. Lookeba-Sickles Lady Panthers coached by Lance Scales and Mountain-View Gotebo Tigers coached by Landon Scales were the 2022 Championship teams.

CKEnergy has dedicated itself to educating the youth in our service area by offering a variety of programs

designed to teach youth about electrical safety, leadership, and the cooperative world. Not only have we made an investment in our members, but we have expanded that investment to include the youth of our service area through donations, sponsorships, scholarships, and leadership programs. We take commitment to our community seriously; in fact, it is one of the 7 principles we are founded on.



All Tournament team trophies were presented and provided by CKEnergy Electric Cooperative.



Photo Courtesy of Tricia Pierce



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# Surge Protection 101

**A** power surge is an unexpected increase in voltage, and it can occur from a variety of sources. Regardless of the cause, power surges can majorly damage electronic devices and equipment in your home.

Let's take a look at common causes of power surges and how you can protect your sensitive electronics.

One of the most common causes of a power surge is lightning. Most of us have experienced this during a severe thunderstorm. When lightning strikes an electrical system, the excess current must be channeled somewhere-- unfortunately in many cases, it's sent through a home. Your best bet is to unplug all unused devices and electronics during severe thunderstorms.

Another common cause of power surges is electrical overload. This happens when devices or appliances are plugged into an outlet that can't handle the required amount of voltage, or if multiple devices are plugged into one outlet

through an extension cord. If you're experiencing power surges due to electrical overload, it's time to call a qualified electrician to evaluate your home's circuits and electrical needs.

Faulty wiring in a home can also cause power surges. Damaged or exposed wires can cause spikes in voltage, creating a potentially dangerous situation. If you notice signs of faulty wiring, like visible burns on outlets, buzzing sounds from outlets or frequently tripped circuit breakers, your home may be due for electrical wiring repairs and updates.

Surges can also occur after a power outage. Sometimes, when electricity is being restored and reconnected, it's common to experience a quick surge in current. Similar to advice for a surge caused by lightning, it's best to unplug sensitive electronics during the outage--then wait to plug them back in after power is fully restored.

Aside from unplugging devices when you suspect a power surge, there are two ways you can take

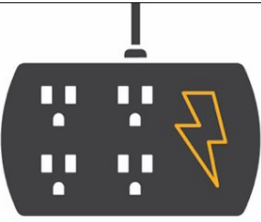


additional precautions to protect electronics in your home.

Point-of-use surge protection devices, like power strips, can protect electronics during most surges. But remember, not all power strips include surge protection, so read the packaging label carefully before you buy, and don't overload the power strip with too many devices. You can also install specialized electrical outlets that offer additional surge protection. Talk to a trusted electrician to learn more.

Another option is a whole-home surge protector, which can help protect your home from larger, more powerful surges. In most cases, whole-home suppressors are connected to your home's service panel and include features like thermal fuses and notification capabilities that indicate when a device has been impacted by a surge. Whole-home surge protection prices vary based on the size of the home and suppressor. Whole-home suppressors should always be connected by a licensed electrician, so consider the cost of installation as well.

Occasional power surges are inevitable, but by unplugging devices when you think a surge may occur and using additional levels of protection like power strips or whole-home suppressors, you can better safeguard your sensitive electronics and devices.



**SURGE PROTECTION**  
Keep your electronic equipment safe.

A power surge is typically caused by lightning, changes in electrical loads, faulty wiring or damaged power lines.

Install power strips with surge protection to protect sensitive equipment.

- Easy to use (just plug them in)
- Protect electronics plugged into the device
- Must be replaced over time or after a major surge event

**REMEMBER:**  
Not all power strips offer surge protection. Carefully read the packaging labels when purchasing.

### Automotive

Ford F-1501 fuel pumps, brand new for front and back tanks. Fits 87-95 model years. \$125. 580-530-0593.

55/57 chevy used parts bumper. Brake drums, chrome pieces, seats, misc. 405-818-9011.

1981 Corvette T-top. 37,000 original miles. Garage kept. Set idle since 1989. Best Offer. 580-515-0817.

1979 Dodge power wagon truck. 36,000 original miles. Runs good. 580-339-3037.

### Farm/ Equipment

820 John Deere, will run. 80 JD - needs work. \$2500 for both 580-331-7304

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

### Livestock/Pets

Better bulls. Add more profit with big, stout bulls with low birth weights that will sire calves with faster growth and more muscle. Kusel Limousin and Lim-flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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

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

Four year old red angus bull. Leave message. 580-919-5490.

### Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.  
Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 580-550-0545.

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

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

Award winning decks, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, firepits, outdoor fireplaces, cedar fence. 405-834-3411.

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on site to meet your needs. Free estimates. 405-413-7590.

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

Loud Mountain Trading Co. Cement, OK. Over 90 local artisans and craftsmen. Premium ice cream. Monday-Saturday 10-6 p.m. [LoudMountainTradingCo.com](http://LoudMountainTradingCo.com)

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Door and window installation and repair. Free estimates. JD DE Shazo Construction 405-245-4042.

### Miscellaneous

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20

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**You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, [ads@ckenergy.coop](mailto:ads@ckenergy.coop), or fax to 580-832-5174. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.**

#### Circle category:

Autos   Farm/Equip   Furn/Appl   Hay/Wood   Livestock/Pets   Misc  
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Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are **NOT** taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 5th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
- Ad space is limited to a 25 word maximum. **ONE** ad per member.
- Contact the editor at 580-832-3361 for information about availability of ad space.
- CKEC reserves the right to reject any ad deemed inappropriate.
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yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

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

Heavy duty fire pits. 24-48". Free standing. 580-819-0695.

Heavy Haul: tractor, dozers, backhoes, loaders, trackhoes. 20 years experience. 405-395-7758.

2008 36' HH 5th wheel, four slides. Two western jackets 46 R, three western hats 7 1/8. 405-919-0980.

Recreational Trailer, 19 ft, 2004. Travel Cruiser. Good Condition. \$5,000. Call or text 580-773-8513.

Old gumball machine \$80. Student desk \$65. Old fan \$80. Old tricycle \$90. 48" round oak table and six chars \$600, matching hutch \$150. 405-256-0270.

Knitting machines and all accessories. Approximately 10 of them. \$1500 for all or best offer. 405-659-1171.

49 JFK Jr. "Geroge magazines" plus "Last will and testament of Jacqueline Kennedy. 405-797-2915.

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

6' BushHog, like new. Lumber: 3x12x16xLVls. Kenmmore sewing mahcine. 1993 Lincoln Cont. Mark VII. 580-695-4589

Four 18 inch Mag wheels and Good Year Eagle tires. \$500 OBO. 405-439-7571.

Milbank generator 6750 starting watts. 5500 running watts .120/240 gasoline. \$500 firm, New. 405-609-0299.

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

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

4-Mag wheels and tires off 2019 camaro. Like new. 18 in. \$475. 405-439-7571.

## Real Estate

Hunting, fishing and vacation cabin rental at Ft. Cobb lake. 580-243-8697.

5 acres tract of land. Minco school. 405-574-2980.

Swan Lake. 4 bd. 2 bath, central H/A, wood stove, carport, garage. \$60,000 or best offer. 580-747-3672.

Home on 1.5 acres in Eakly. Lovingly maintained with 3 bed/3bath. Living room and den. 580-330-9090. www.goldbucklerealty.com

## Wanted-Notices

Old toys wanted 1950-1989. Hot wheels, GI Joe, star wars, super heroes, model cars, and trading cards. 405-361-2227.

Gas portable stick welder/generator unit around 185 to 225ac. 405-247-8843.

Two used tires for old crap metal trailer. 15 inch 95L 405-638-0466.

## Hay/Wood

Grass Hay for sale. \$45 per round bale. 405-613-5731.

## French Toast

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup half and half
- 3 large eggs
- 2 Tbs. honey, warmed in microwave
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 8 (½-inch) slices day-old country loaf, brioche or challah bread
- 4 Tbs. butter



### Directions:

1. In medium size mixing bowl, whisk together the half-and-half, eggs, honey, and salt. You may do this the night before. When ready to cook, pour custard mixture into a pie pan and set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Dip bread into mixture, allow to soak for 30 seconds on each side, and then remove to a cooling rack that is sitting in a sheet pan, and allow to sit for 1 to 2 minutes.
3. Over medium-low heat, melt 1 Tbs. of butter in a 10-inch nonstick saute pan. Place 2 slices of bread at a time into the pan and cook until golden brown, approximately 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove from pan and place on rack in oven for 5 minutes. Repeat with all 8 slizes. Serve immediatly with syrup, whipped cream or fruit.