



THE BUZZ

for members of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative

Deadlines

March 3-Senior Scholarship Applications due.

March 17 - Energy Camp Applications due.

March 2023

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



Copper Theft, Utility Theft and Vandalism

This might seem like a victimless crime, but it is a crime that we all pay for and is a big safety concern at CKEnergy! When someone tampers with electrical utility service, they put us all at risk!

Recently there has been some vandalism against electric utilities in the United States. You most likely saw reports on the damage caused in North Carolina, Washington, and Oregon. These acts caused significant power outages and millions of dollars in damage. The individuals committing the crimes should and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Oklahoma cooperatives have experienced these acts of vandalism in the past and we hope to avoid any in the future.

Metal theft also continues to plague electric utilities. Copper crime costs every CKEC member by increasing repair expenses and damaging the safety

and reliability of your electric service. Thieves don't understand, or don't care, that they are risking their lives by taking copper from co-op poles or substations, where high transmission voltage is stepped down to a lower voltage for distribution lines. Help CKEC prevent these thefts by keeping your eyes and ears open as you travel along rural roads.

Help CKEC deter thieves



If you notice unusual activity with electric facilities, contact CKEnergy immediately at 405-656-2322. If you see any suspicious activity around the substation or electric facilities call the police or sheriff immediately.

Below are a few tips on how you can help your cooperative maintain safe and reliable power to our members.

- If you notice any suspicious activity near electric facilities, call CKEnergy or your local emergency services to report it.
- Report downed power lines or damaged utility equipment immediately. Notify CKEnergy Electric Cooperative and stay out of the area.
- Install motion-sensor lights and/or a security system to deter possible thieves.
- Keep unoccupied buildings locked if possible.

Taking preventative measures and reporting suspicious activity are the best methods to help reduce theft.



PO Box 70 • Binger, Okla. 73009
PO Box 100 • Cordell, Okla. 73632

tele: **(405) 656-2322**

www.ckenergy.coop

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday,
8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

POWER OUTAGE
HOT LINES

800-868-8243

888-832-3362

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jack Sawatzky, President

Greg Little, Vice President

Dr. Fred Reuter, Secretary

John Schaufele

Mark Slemp

Robert Travis

Tony Setzer

Steve Sweeney

Walter Hrbacek

Gary Brewster

Scott Klingman

Don Payne

John Garland, Attorney

Clint Pack, CEO

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay online at www.ckenergy.coop
- Pay by phone by calling **405-656-2322**, available 24 hours a day. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express.
- Pay in person at any of our offices: Binger, Cordell, Mustang, and Anadarko.
- Pay via automatic draft of your checking or savings account. To sign up, please visit www.ckenergy.coop or call **405-656-2322**. Pay at kiosks at various locations.
- **Pay through our CKenergy App available for iPhones or Androids.**



inside this issue | March 2023

- 3** Energy Camp
- 4** Scholarship
- 5** Board Certification
- 6** Right of Way
- 7** Swap'N Shop



MARCH

Winning CKEC Members

Scotty Adams
Jesse Chagolla
Kenneth Vice

If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322**



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.



**MAY 30 - JUNE 2, 2023
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 17**

✓ Teens are asked to write a 100 word essay on “What I would miss most without electricity.” The essay should be written by a team of two eighth graders.

✓ Essay deadline is March 17, 2023. Essays are to be written legibly or typed, double spaced on only one side of the paper. Attach a cover page which includes name, birthdate, email, parent’s name, address, phone number, school, and shirt size.

✓ For complete details visit ckenergy.coop/community-youth-programs#youth-programs-energy-camp. Contact Lisa Willard at 405-656-9174 with any questions or additional information.

Energy Camp focuses its leadership qualities and learning opportunities on the great outdoors. A four day stay in the beautiful Canyon Camp area east of Hinton with day trips to some of the finest and most interesting places in Oklahoma. Eighth-grade students who are just beginning to understand the need for great leaders are what we look for to attend 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 30-June 2, 2023, is designed to help students develop leadership skills while having lots of fun.

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. The essay must be at least 100 words in length. Two teams will be selected from the submitted essays to represent the cooperative at Energy Camp.



Scholarship opportunities available for future engineers and former Youth Tour winners

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) announced two scholarship opportunities for former Youth Tour winners and students pursuing careers in the rural engineering field. Scholarship opportunities include one \$10,000 winner, a \$2,000 winner, and four \$1,000 winners.

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, applicant 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 4, 2023. For complete details visit 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 13, 2023. Winners will be selected and notified in mid-July. For additional information and complete details visit www.electric.coop.engineers-future-scholarship.

Board of Directors Earn Certification

CKenergy Board of Directors Scott Klingman and Steve Sweeney were recently awarded their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate.

The CCD is a set of five courses that focus on basic governance knowledge and the essential skills required of cooperative directors. The CCD prepares directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials serving on behalf of their membership. Upon completion of all five CCD courses, directors are awarded the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate.

←Pictured are Jack Sawatzky (CKEC Board President), Scott Klingman, and Steve Sweeney.



Mark Your Calendars



CKenergy's annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 11 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford. Be sure to mark your calendar for a family evening full of fun.

There will be entertainment, registration prizes, give aways and tons of fun for the kids.

Don't miss CKEC's family night of fun. We look forward to seeing you in August.

CKEC'S 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 11 2023



Tree Trimming Equals Better Service

Can anyone trim trees near power lines? The answer is no. Specialized tree trimmers, certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in utility clearance, are the only persons legally allowed to trim within 10 feet of power lines.

OSHA requires this certification because electricity is a serious and widespread hazard to tree workers. According to the Tree Care Industry Association, electricity is the leading cause of death in the tree care industry, causing about 15 percent of all industry fatalities. Tree care industry workers do not have to directly contact a power line to be electrocuted; about half of all electrocution fatalities are the result of indirect contact.

Qualified line-clearance trimmers

must be specially trained in how to safely work in proximity to energized lines. They must understand how an electrical grid functions, the effects of tree growth patterns and tree damage and how to implement directional pruning, as required by the American National Standard for Arboricultural Operations' safety standards.

Right of Way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath and around power lines that your electric cooperative maintains and clears. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from electric lines that they will not cause harm to individuals, or disruption to electrical service.

Fifteen percent of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs or bushes grow too close to power lines. By managing vegetation, your electric cooperative keeps power safe and reliable.

Why right-of-way maintenance matters to you

CKenergy owns over 7,700 miles of electric lines that span a ten-county region that includes Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Custer, Dewey, Grady, Kiowa, Roger Mills, and Washita Counties.

Maintaining reliable and affordable electric service depends on providing a clear and unobstructed path for electricity to travel. Clear rights-of-way mean fewer and shorter outages, reduced risk for co-op employees working on power lines, and less wear and tear on co-op vehicles and equipment.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Automotive

1970 Ford F-350. V-8 and rear dual wheels. 580-473-9184. No texts.

1993 Dodge 3/4 ton 4x4 truck, club cab, Cummins turbo diesel. 5 speed manual, new tires, very good condition. \$15,000. Text 405-933-6123 for pictures.

Farm/ Equipment

16' trailer - 6 ton limit. Heavy duty. Can haul heavy equipment or vehicle. Pendulum 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. Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Peacocks, 3 year old Indian Blues. 580-347-2645.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and inspections. 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.

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Built on site to meet your needs. Free estimates. 405-413-7590.

Custom apparel printing and

embroidery for your personal or business needs. No orders too small. We can print one or more. Special rates for fundraisers and not for profit groups. www.countrychickdesign.com

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

www.CowgirlBeef.com. Quality beef you can afford. Ranch-raised calves finished for 120+ days and processed in OK. Buy 1 cut or the whole beef. 619-884-0970. cf2cattle@gmail.com

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

Buster paint striping. Roll-off dumpsters, parking lot maintenance, dumpster rental, junk and debris removal. Free estimates. 405-648-2194.

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 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.
- Ads will automatically run for 2 months, additional run time must be requested **before** the 5th of the month.

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, 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
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Miscellaneous

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors, dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20 yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

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

Free street rod magazines and hot rodders digest. 2003, 2016, 2018, and 2019. Old top value stamps and western auto catalog. 405-256-0270.

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' BrushHog, like new. Lumber: 3x12x16xLVIs. Kenmore sewing machine. 1993 Lincoln Cont. Mark VII. 580-695-4589

T-shirt quilts and memory bears. Alterations. 405-933-0224.

\$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

Four 18 in. mag wheel and tires off 2019 Camaro. Like new. \$300 405-439-7571.

Offering a new service. When you can not, I can assist by checking on your loved one in the hospital, nursing home or their home. Janice Smith, Companion Care. 405-542-7498.

Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor. 5 hp/1.7 hp/15 gallong 120 volt. 135 max PSI and 7 gallong air tank. \$250 405-687-0160.

Beautiful/rare 1880's Eastlake Cherry/ Mahogany panel bed with luscious carving. Matching chest. Large mirror in excellent condition. Offering together or separate. 405-924-6344.

300 quart jars for canning. No lids. 50 cents each. 405-376-5177

Pioneer era dinette set, hutch, buffet, table, four chairs. Tiger oak. Hand carved. Fruit motif. \$2,000 580-772-4297.

Real Estate

Beautiful vacation cabin rental. Hunting fishing, and boating. Nice restroom, refrigerator, microwave, coffee pot, deck and propane grill. Sleeps six easily. Call or text. 580-243-8697.

5 acre tracts of land for sale. Caddo County line 2750, 9 miles west of Minco.

405-574-2980.

RV Hook-up - Ft. Cobb Lake (Crow Roost Area). Nightly Rentals. Provide full hook-ups. Large pavilion and storm shelter. Nice and quiet get away. 405-694-0625.

Wanted-Notices

Wanted AFX, Aurora, slot cars, redline hotwheels, comic books, model car kits. 405-361-2227.

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

Best Ever 7 Layer Dip

Ingredients:

1 can refried beans
2 ½ c. guacamole
1 jar chunky tomato salsa
2 ½ c sour cream
2 tbsp. taco seasoning
Juice of ½ lime
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack
½ cup shredded cheddar
2 cups shredded lettuce
½ cup quartered grape tomatoes
¼ cup sliced black olives
Corn chips, for serving



Directions:

Step 1

Spread refried beans in an even layer in the bottom of your serving dish. If making from scratch, prepare guacamole and spread in an even layer on top of the bean layer. Top with a layer of salsa. In a medium bowl, stir together sour cream, taco seasoning, and lime juice. Spread in an even layer on top of the salsa.

Step 2

Sprinkle Monterey jack and cheddar in an even layer over the sour cream. Top with shredded lettuce, tomatoes, and black olives.

Step 3

Serve with corn chips.