

Energy Trails 2018

CKEC electrician, Scotty Branham, helps electrify Guatemalan villages.

On September 16, a team of electric cooperative employees from all across Oklahoma and Colorado embarked on a very important mission. They helped bring power for the very first time to two remote villages near the Mexican border in the region of Ixcán, Guatemala. The team built powerlines and wired homes so that nearly 100 families, two elementary schools, two health centers, and five churches could receive electricity— for the first time.

Electric cooperatives are known for bringing light to areas that are still “left in the dark.” The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) joined with Colorado’s electric cooperatives and NRECA International to electrify the poverty stricken village in rural Guatemala. The project consisted of building 4.34 miles of primary line and 3.86 miles of secondary line. This was all done with climbing gear and hand tools— no bucket trucks.

During this year’s trip, CKEC’s very own Scotty Branham had a very important job. Scotty helped make sure that every house that was set to receive electricity, was wired properly. Students from the local vo-tech school did the internal wiring while the Energy Trail’s electricians finished the wiring of each breaker box. Each of the homes received four lightbulbs (front porch, living room/bedroom, kitchen, & back porch), four outlets, four light switches, one breaker box



2018 Oklahoma Energy Trail’s team

and one breaker. Scotty wasn’t alone for the wiring process. He was joined by members of the Colorado team: Chet Stickler, Holy Cross Energy, and Ben Ludington, Poudre Valley Rural Electric.

When asked about his experience, Scotty said that it was fulfilling to work with such an amazing group of helpers. He is especially fond of the students. “They have my heart because they’re trying to do what I do,” he says. Scotty enjoyed working on the villagers’ homes and interacting with them on a daily basis.

We are blessed to have Scotty as a member of our team and we are so proud of what he was able to help accomplish in Guatemala.

“Every home owner was excited to let us in. They were always very happy and kind.” – Scotty Branham





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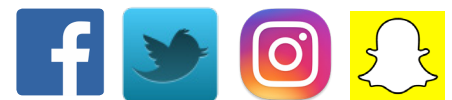


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Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

CKenergy Remembers Long Time Board Member and Friend



Jack C. McLemore
Dedicated CKenergy Board Member
1973- 2018

Jack C. McLemore, CKEC board of director for nearly 45 years, passed away on Sunday, September 9, at the age of 88. Jack was dedicated and faithful to CKenergy and its members.

Jack C. McLemore was born June 22, 1930, at his family home in Colony, Oklahoma to James Henry and Mary Gertrude Adams (Cross) McLemore.

Jack was raised in rural Washita County, southeast of Colony, along with his four sisters and three brothers. He attended school in Colony through the eighth grade when his farming career began in earnest.

He met his sweetheart, Freeda Harris, in school at Colony and on August 4, 1952, they were married in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Together they tackled the task of rearing Bob, Beverly, Tom, and Clay. He

loved seeing people at school activities of his children and grandchildren.

Jack was very community oriented as he was always giving back to his community whenever he was able. He served on several boards and committees all across Caddo county and the state of Oklahoma. He was also very active in fundraising for local FFA and 4-H clubs in Colony, Corn, Eakly, and Oney.

The Board of Directors, employees, and cooperative members will miss the dedication and leadership that Jack has provided all these years. He always had a smile on his face and was genuine. Jack was a man of integrity and dignity and he valued the cooperative members and employees. CKEC was fortunate to have him serve as a board of director.

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CKEC board member, Robert Travis was a part of the Oklahoma delegation team that traveled to Guatemala to help distribute water filters, two wheelchairs for children in need, school supplies, and computers to the Guatemalan villagers.

We are proud to have employees and board members that work hard and that are so dedicated to bringing a day to day 'luxury', that many in America take for granted, to families for the first time.



Farm Bill

Learn more about the Top Three co-op priorities for the final version of the Farm Bill.



Here are the top priorities for co-ops:

Remove Senate changes to Rural Electrification Act loan program

The House Farm Bill retains existing escrow accounts for co-op loan repayments and treatment of deposits into those accounts. The Senate-passed version eliminates the escrow or “cushion of credit” program that allows greater financial flexibility to co-ops and benefits the government by having funds pre-deposited toward loan payments.

“Cooperatives depend on the USDA’s electric loan program and its escrow treatment to serve the most rural, hardest-to-serve areas of the country,” said Matheson.

Promote true high-speed broadband for rural areas

The House version provides for significant financial investment in broadband development by electric co-ops and other providers in rural areas that have

either no internet service or substandard service.

The Senate Farm Bill increases funds for rural broadband but provides only limited support for projects in areas with existing but inadequate service.

“Deployment of rural broadband is essential to keeping rural communities competitive,” said Matheson. “NRECA is working to ensure co-op member-consumers get high-speed internet service on par with the rest of the country.”

Include funds for rural economic development and innovation

Co-ops use the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) to finance economic development projects, such as refurbishing a library or buying emergency response vehicles. Both bills reauthorize and improve the program through 2021. NRECA supports the Senate provision, which also provides \$5 million for the program each year.

The House and Senate each passed versions of the Farm Bill earlier this summer and are seeking to reach a compromise on the legislation in the fall.

NRECA is urging lawmakers on the Farm Bill conference committee, tasked with coming up with the final version of the bill, to consider electric co-ops’ priorities.

“We are encouraging Congress to pass a final Farm Bill that supports several key policy issues for electric co-ops and their member-consumers in rural America,” said NRECA CEO Jim Matheson.

Offset Increased Seasonal Usage



Ckenergy Electric Cooperative members who want to avoid spikes that come from increased seasonal usage may want to consider having their monthly bills averaged.

Averaged bills are the perfect way to avoid being surprised by the peak usage that comes when more home heating is required.

The Average Monthly Payment Plan offered by the cooperative keeps a rolling average of a member’s last 12 months of usage. That way, they’ll pay a more predictable amount each month.

Members who participate in the program can still look at their bills and tell what they would have had to pay for that billing period. Meters are still read monthly for members who pay averaged bills.

Averaged billing simply keeps monthly bills within a similar range. That predictability is something from which the home owner on a budget can benefit.

Members can apply for the Average Monthly Payment Plan by calling the cooperative during normal business hours at 405-656-2322.

The Road to Self Discovery



2018 Youth Tour participants listen to a speaker outside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

For many teens, the Rural Electric Youth Tour is full of “firsts.” It may be the first time they left the state, flew on a plane, visited the nation’s capital or have been away from their family for an extended period of time. Even more are seeing and experiencing the larger world through their own eyes, rather than through their parents’ perspective. That’s the most important first, as it’s truly a “leap” to their next phase and where their journey to adulthood begins.

In preparation for Youth Tour, teens learn about cooperatives, our history and grassroots advocacy. Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion of then Senator Lyndon Johnson to a national gathering of co-ops. Johnson felt youth from rural areas would benefit by visiting Washington to see first-hand how government works and gain a wider perspective through the experience. From this idea, Youth Tour evolved. High school juniors selected by their electric co-ops participate in a weeklong trip

to the nation’s capital. The program has grown exponentially since its inception and this year, we saw more than 1,800 high school juniors participate from co-ops in 44 states. Our state typically sends a delegation of 70 students.

Clean slate

The week is interspersed with visits to many D.C. monuments and sites, including Capitol Hill. Activities with Youth Tour delegations from across the country enable teens to meet a broad spectrum of co-op kids. Our program creates a safe space for teens to discover the adults they are striving to be. Teens leave behind their hometown identity and venture forward with a fresh slate. Students are encouraged to stretch themselves by talking to those they wouldn’t ordinarily interact with.

A highlight of Youth Tour includes a meeting with our congressional delegation. Teens learn first-hand that

For more information about the Youth Tour program, contact Lisa Willard or Devin Whittington at 405-656-2322.

their elected officials work for their hometown community. Students often have the opportunity to discuss issues with legislators and our chaperones are always impressed with the interactions and questions asked by our students. Youth Tour culminates in a farewell evening featuring national co-op partner organizations from the financial and insurance sectors and NRECA International, an organization bringing electricity to rural areas in developing countries. The evening centers on challenging and inspiring teens to make an impact in their communities. As conversations evolve, so too do the teens’ world view – their definition of community often changes from their hometown to a broader meaning.

I can say that nearly all teens who have participated in our Youth Tour program look back with fond memories of an educational, interesting and eventful week. Many make lifelong friends. For a few, Youth Tour is a transformational experience. Parents remark how their child returned noticeably different – more mature, more confident with bigger goals and aspirations; they have a sense of purpose.

Take the leap

Youth Tour is one of the most important programs that CKenergy undertakes. I am constantly impressed by the caliber of students that our co-op sponsors. Our teens are our future, and it’s looking brighter every day. I hope you will consider urging your teen to “take the leap” and join our next Youth Tour delegation.



**OPERATION
ROUND UP**
THE POWER OF CHANGE

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update

Approved grants:

Binger Volunteers for VA.....	\$850.00
Cloud Chief VFD.....	\$4,208.00
Mt. View Emergency Mgt.....	\$1,800.00
Carnegie Senior Center.....	\$6,600.00
Caddo Kiowa Tech.....	\$1,500.00
Lookeba-Sickles Elem. Lib.....	\$2,250.00
Andarko Middle School.....	\$2,500.00
Hinton Comm. Healthfund.....	\$2,500.00
S.C.A.R.S.....	\$5,000.00
Individual Grants.....	\$6,500.00

Total Grants.....\$31,208.00

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

On Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of **\$31,208.00** 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 **December 5th, 2018**. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Automotive

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

1927 Studebaker Winch Truck. Runs and drives good. Tag & title. \$9,950. Call after 6:00 p.m. 405-422-3545.

Farm/ Equipment

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

Wire Roller, \$40. 405-262-0966.

PJ Trailer black goosneck flatbed. 102" wide x 26' long dovetail. 2- 7,000# axles, like new, excellent condition. Asking \$5,300, OBO. 580-819-1734.

16' W&W Covered Stock Trailer. 6' Gannon box blade ripper teeth. Montana brush hog 6'. Gatlin gopher machine. Politron calf feeder. 405-352-4326.

For Sale: 2 John Deere Tractors- John Deere 4010 yr 1965, John Deere 4430w yr 1973. Call to see 405-933-1104.

Livestock/Pets

Superior Bulls, bigger weaning wts & more Profit! Low birth wts, like angus but more muscle, growth, & better disposition. John Kusel Limousins. 580-759-6038. Rebates & delivery. Black & Red, all polled.

Beefmaster Bulls for sale. 18 mo. to 24 mo. Some polled. 405-352-4451 or 405-313-2307.

Large adult male dog; free to good home.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Great with kids & keeping rodents or other intruders away. All white w/ patch over 1 eye. 580-613-0226.

2 yr ol SIm Angus Bull. 405-966-3535 or 405-788-2614.

For Sale: Beefmaster bulls- yealings plus. Solid red colors. 580-445-6152.

Business

Hooked on Antiques, 209 W Main, Binger. Wed. 9:30 a.m- 5 p.m. Thurs. 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Call 405-202-6563 for more info and additional open days.

Tree trimming, hedges, concrete, brick work, lawn care, handyman. 580-660-0402.

BackWoods Welding & Construction- Farm & ranch welding - general welding- specialize in pipe fencing- steel buildings- metal roofs- pole barns. State certified & insured. References available. 405-320-8379 or find us on Facebook.

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JNKparalegal@aol.com

Jeans & pants hemming & minor alterations. Tuxes & accessories sales & rentals. Settle Studio. Call for appointment. 405-247-5142.

If you don't want it, call Bennie. I might haul it off. I buy junk cars, unwated items. 405-284-6804.

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

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans and Peanut Brittle. Spanish, Honey Roased, 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

Welding & fabrication. Foleys Welding Service. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

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.

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 # _____

Miscellaneous

Franciscan Ware, made in California, USA. Swirl pattern, 3 colors, 69 pieces. 405-542-7468.

172 Airplane (Cessna) Call for appointment. 405-631-1505.

Real Estate

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Time to get out of the city? This beautiful 2600 sq. ft. home with basement on 40 acres will be a great investment. This estate comes with pipe fencing; pnd and private drive perfect for cattle or horses. Located south of Anadarko. Email williamska72@yahoo.com for more info.

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.

230 Acres For Sale. 2 domestic water wells, 10+ acre lake, fenced/cross fenced, some cultivation, sod runway, wi-fi tomwer producing income. For more information contact: donna@rsok.net.

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.

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.

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 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Baked Chicken Bacon Ranch Taquitos

Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) pkg. cream cheese
12 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled
4 cups cooked, shredded chicken
1 (1 ounce) pkt. dry Ranch Dressing mix
2 cups shredded Monterrey Jack cheese
3-4 Tablespoons green onion, chopped
20 (6-inch) flour tortillas
Salt, to taste
Nonstick cooking spray



Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Cover a large baking sheet with aluminum foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Mix together cream cheese, bacon, chicken, cheese, and green onions. Add in about 1/2 of the dry ranch dressing mix, or more if desired. Mix well. Spoon 2-3 Tablespoons of the chicken mixture onto each flour tortilla and roll it up. Place taquitos seam-side down on the baking sheet. Repeat about 20 times or until all the filling is used. Once finished, spray the tops of the taquitos with nonstick cooking spray and sprinkle with salt. Place pan in oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until edges and tops are golden. Let cool slightly and serve with ranch dressing or salsa.