

A Mission of Light

Cooperative Employees Bring First-time Electricity to Guatemalan Village.



For the first time, the lights are on in Sillab, Guatemala. Oklahoma's electric cooperatives – in partnership with Colorado's electric cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's philanthropic arm, NRECA International – brought first-time electricity to the isolated village near the Belize border in the region of Alta Verapaz, Guatemala.

Twenty volunteer linemen, including Heath Gossen & Dusty McNatt with CKenergy Electric Cooperative, spent two weeks at the project site building powerlines and wiring 42 structures, including one elementary school and four churches. The project consisted of some 40-plus poles in approximately 6.5 miles of line and four transformers installed by the linemen. Each home received four lightbulbs, two light switches and two electrical outlets.

Now completed, the power lines will

belong to a local utility, ADECORK (Asociación Para Desarrollo Comunitario Rax Kiche; translation: Association for Community Development Rax Kiche). ADECORK will carry the responsibility of generating and distributing electric power to Sillab. The utility operates a small hydro plant with a capacity of 75 kilowatts (kW).

The locals live in extreme poverty conditions without running water, plumbing and food refrigeration. The villagers depend on farming operations for economic sustainment; they produce corn, beans, cardamom seeds, and some vegetables.

Both men say they were positively impacted by this mission and came home with a changed outlook on life.

The staff and board of directors at CKenergy supported Gossen and McNatt's participation in the project.

“We are proud of Heath and Dusty for selflessly giving their time for an extended period of time to help our neighbors in Central America,” says Clint Pack, CKenergy CEO. “This is a powerful way to display one of the cooperatives’ core principles, ‘Concern for Community,’ at home and across the borders.”

Electric cooperatives have a long-standing tradition of bringing lights where there are none. More than eighty years ago, cooperatives brought power to rural America and its countryside; given its origins, electric co-ops are willing and well positioned to help other areas that do not have access to electric power.

“Bringing electricity to remote areas in developing countries takes electric cooperatives back to their roots,” says Chris Meyers, general manager of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. “It reinforces our commitment to improve the quality of life for local communities at home and abroad. Access to electricity will bring economic empowerment, better access to health care and education and enhanced safety for these villagers. It’s a life-changing gift.”

Oklahoma's electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support this cause; four projects have been sponsored since 2016. All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Collectively, Oklahoma's electric cooperatives have made possible 578 first-time electric connections in six villages in Central America and South America.

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Winning CKEC Members

Rob Wynn
Blake Featherstone
Bobby R Guinn

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.



A Threat to Co-ops' Tax-Exempt Status



Due to an unintended consequence of current federal tax law, many electric co-ops are finding themselves in a precarious position.

Imagine working hard to secure funding for an important local project only to turn around and give a large chunk of that money back in taxes.

That's the situation many cooperatives, including CKenergy, may face because of recent tax law changes. And it could jeopardize the not-for-profit tax status of cooperatives that receive federal or state government funding of any kind, including disaster relief aid, energy efficiency grants, economic development support and rural broadband development grants.

In order to maintain tax-exempt status, an electric cooperative must receive at least 85 percent of all revenue from its members. However, an unintended consequence of a 2017 change to federal tax law modified the calculation for some contributions by a government entity or civic group.

Now, grants and other contributions may be considered non-member revenue and could threaten a co-op's tax-exempt

status. This would have a profound impact on co-ops and their members. Here are two examples:

- Otsego Electric Cooperative received a \$10 million broadband grant from the state of New York, which will put the co-op well over the 15% limit for non-member revenue in 2019. Otsego will lose its tax-exempt status if the RURAL Act is not passed this year, CEO Tim Johnson said in April. Twenty-one percent of the grant money will have to be used to pay taxes.
- West Florida Electric Cooperative Association has received \$24 million in expedited reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) this year for storm recovery work in the wake of Hurricane Michael in 2018. That's about 40% of the co-op's projected annual revenue. Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative to the south is in the same tax position, and three other Florida co-ops could surpass the 15% threshold by year's end. It's unfair to classify the FEMA reimbursement as revenue—it was for expenses that West Florida incurred to

restore service to a large swath of its members after the category 5 hurricane pounded the Florida panhandle.

Encouraging Congress to fix the tax code to exempt government grants from being defined as member revenue is one of the highest priorities of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the service organization representing America's electric co-ops. Legislation called the Rural Act has been introduced in both the House and the Senate, attracting large groups of bipartisan cosponsors. However, getting it enacted into law will be a heavy lift, given the political sensitivity of tax issues on Capitol Hill.

Congress must act now to correct this unintended consequence and protect the tax status of electric co-ops. In doing so, Congress would preserve the full value of government grants that deliver societal benefits to our communities.

You can play an important role in encouraging Congress to act. Voice your support for the Rural Act by visiting www.action.coop/ruralact.

CKEC is looking for the next generation of leaders

Youth Tour inspires teens to become leaders.



What do 1,500 high school students, our nation's capital and electric cooperatives have in common? The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, of course!

Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind – to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperative. And CKenergy is excited to continue on this practice for years to come.

It all takes place in June, when hundreds of electric co-ops across the country send participants to Washington, D.C. for a chance to learn about the cooperative business model and a full week of sightseeing.

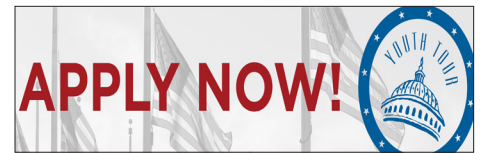
While in D.C., participants have a chance to meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important back home. Without a doubt, Youth Tour has grown into an invaluable program that gives young Americans an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

In February, CKEC will begin the process to select local students to attend Youth Tour 2020 and receive a \$500 scholarship. If you are a high school junior interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience the trip of a lifetime, please contact us for more information.

Perhaps you know of an exceptional student who would be a great candidate for the program. If you do, please share this article with them.

Youth Tour is so much more than a sightseeing trip. Students have repeatedly shared that this experience has helped them grow into successful professionals. It has also benefited our local communities. Youth Tour participants return home with a deeper understanding and skillset of what it takes to be leader, and as a result, they put these skills to use right here in our community.

Help us find the next generation of leaders by sharing the Youth Tour experience with a promising student. For more information about CKenergy's Youth Tour program, call 405-656-2322 or visit www.ckenergy.coop.



- Fill out the contest application.
- Write a letter to a person of importance over a topic that you care about.
- Submit your application and letter to CKenergy by **February 3rd, 2020.**

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“ I learned what I want to do after high school, and that is to go into politics. Youth Tour exceeded my ” expectations 100%!



Baylee Doney

Fletcher HS
2019 Winner

Don't Wait, Be Prepared Before the Storm



It's your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything—food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can't predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan ahead so when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

Preparedness Actions and Items

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies

including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.

- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location.

With Advance Warning

If a severe storm such as a hurricane is expected with high winds and sustained rain, you may need to take extra steps to safeguard your home. Shutter windows and securely close exterior doors. Fully charge all cell phones, laptops and devices so you have maximum power in the event of a power outage. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

During a Prolonged Outage

In the event of an outage, turn off appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If utilizing a small household generator, consider using LED holiday lights to illuminate a living area. A strand of 100 white lights draws little energy yet produces considerable light. Solar lights also work, if they can receive some sunlight during the day for charging.

During thunderstorms, the American Red Cross recommends avoiding electrical equipment and land-based telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead. Keep away from windows. Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates, or check CKenergy's app or social media pages restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs – including on your property.

Power in Planning

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings and like or follow CKenergy's social media pages to stay abreast of restoration efforts and other important co-op news and information. Act today, because there is power in planning.

Automotive

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

3 Ford Bronco 2's, '86-'87. Not running, good titles. \$600 each or \$1500 all. Cash only. 405-818-9011.

'52 GMC deuce & 1/2 army truck. Not running, no title. \$900 cash only. 405-818-9011.

'51 Ford pickup, 1/2 ton flatbed, V8, needs restored, good title. \$2,700 cash only. 405-818-9011.

Run about side x side. Great condition, 2 bucket seats, radio, winch, 25 mph, Honda motor. \$3,000. 580-550-1238.

1930 Ford Coupe Street Rod Show Car. 350 motor, 350 turbo trainee, 378 gears, heat & air, am/fm cd player. New paint, new tires. 5,000 miles. Call for info. 580-583-9925

1984 Ford Pickup with camper. 6cyl, standard. \$1,200 OBO. 405-641-3344.

Farm/ Equipment

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

Horse Trailer, older. Power boss generator 7350, easy pull start, hay hauler with gas motor. Sell or Trade 405-284-6804.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Like new 72" county line finish mower.
\$1,400. 580-473-9184.

20 ft. Stock Trailer, goose neck, full top.
\$1,800. 16 ft. trailer, bumper hitch, \$500.
580-515-3989.

Miscellaneous farm equipment for sale.
Call 405-929-7243.

Livestock/Pets

Genetic Superior Bulls. Low birth weights, faster growth, more muscle. More profit with Kusel Limousin bulls. 580-759-6038.

Registered black angus, spring bred heifers and cow for sale. Call or text 405-929-9205.

Rehome due to owner's declining health.
8yr old female cat. Spayed, vet records, well trained and good natured. Care kit provided. Pics/info call 405-397-6723.

Business

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

Welding & fabrication, call Tony at 405-834-1128.

6:11 Welding & Construction. Pipe fencing, metal buildings, farm equipment, & all your welding needs. No job too big or small. Bill Smith, 405-320-8379.

Miscellaneous

Parkinson's Walker. Used for stability and balance. In good condition. 405-816-7667. Leave voicemail message.

2 Old Makeup Dressers, oak washstand, glass top, lighted display case. 2 chest of drawers on rollers. 405-656-9019.

Sunquest 16 bulb tanning bed. Great condition. \$300. Call 405-834-4326.

2008 G3 Yamaha Pontoon. 23' length, bimini top, 3 captains chairs, 2 couches, 90hp outboard motor. Owned 7 yrs. Retail \$17,150, asking \$9,000. 405-222-0636.

Wanted

16 inch mud wheels, also need 16 inch tires. Also have scissor lift for sale. 405-284-6804.

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

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.goldbuckle Realty.com

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.

3 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. Call 405-777-3156.

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 ground cellar. 20 KW 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.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath. North side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3 bedroom South of Binger. 580-302-3051. No Pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit.

FOR RENT: Foss Lake, house weekends or weekly. Homey 5 bdr, 2 1/2 baths or party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. www.bigtretrat.com

43 acres mol, Minco. Gorgeous 4,025 sq. ft. home, Geothermal HVAC, inground pool, shelter, 50x50 barn, gated entrance. Call Diane Denison, 405-919-7457, 1st United Realtors.

For Rent: Vacation Cabins at Foss Lake. Quiet neighborhood, no smoking, no pets. 580-515-6452.

Vacation Rental Cabin. Fort Cobb Lake, right on the edge of the water. Room to park boat and trailer. Rent by week or day. 580-243-8697, call or text.

House for Sale: 904 N Broadway Avenue, Hydro, Oklahoma. 1650 sq. ft. 3 bed, 2 bath, all electric. Wood burning fireplace, 10 ft. ceiling in living room, large walk-in closets, bay windows in dining room look out onto a beautiful shaded, fenced in back yard. Cellar on patio, large storage building. Corner lot with mature trees and a garden spot. Asking \$180,000. 580-816-0293.

Farm for Sale: 640 acres (section). Approx. 50/50 cropland/pasture, 4 ponds, water well, corral with chute. 2 miles west of Roosevelt. Referred to as the "Braun Place." Cell 214-802-2584 or home 972-235-3682.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success. Be your own boss. Call RE/MAX Gold Buckle Realty, 580-330-9090.

For Rent: 2 lg bedroom, lg kitchen, living room, den, 1/2 bath, washroom, alarm & internet, carport. No Pets. \$600/mo. 580-302-3051.

For Rent: small 2 bed, 1 bath, \$400/mo, \$300 dep. 580-302-3051. South Side Ft. Cobb Lake.

LAND SALE- 111 acres NE OKC, 5 min to I-44, 25 min downtown OKC or Edmond on paved rd. 405-376-4460.

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.

Apple Pie Bites

The Blond Cook

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice, and additional apple pie spice (about 1/4 teaspoon) for sprinkling on top of crescent rolls
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced into 8 (1/2-inch) slices
- 1 (8-ounce) can Pillsbury Original crescent rolls



Directions:

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and apple pie spice. Set aside. Melt butter and toss apple slices in butter, set aside. Arrange crescent roll triangles on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Evenly distribute brown sugar mixture onto each triangle. Sprinkle each triangle evenly with the chopped pecans. Place an apple slice on the wide end of each triangle. Wrap crescent roll dough around each apple. Brush each crescent roll with remaining butter. Sprinkle lightly with additional apple pie spice. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes before serving.