

# THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

## Holiday Closing

CKEC offices will close  
November 24-25 to observe  
Thanksgiving.

November 2022

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## Youth Tour 2023 is Underway

*Deadline is December 1*

Perhaps CKEC's best-known and most anticipated youth program, Youth Tour is a week-long, all-expenses-paid educational trip to Washington, D.C. in June of each year. CKEC annually sponsors four students—all juniors—from high schools within its service territory on Youth Tour. Students travel with the Oklahoma delegation (70+ students) to our nation's capital where they tour historic sites and national landmarks, meet Oklahoma's congressional delegation, and more. Youth Tour has earned a reputation as "a trip of a lifetime" by former participants. Youth Tour will be June 16 through June 22, 2023.

Travel to Washington, D.C. to explore monuments and museums, meet with

members of Congress, and make lifelong friends with other students from across the country. You'll discover leadership lessons from our nation's history and be immersed in the cooperative spirit that built our nation, with all expenses paid by CKenergy Electric Cooperative.

The week-long Youth Tour is jam-packed with sightseeing. Students visit many of the major monuments and memorials, including the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Washington Monument.

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 a leader.

Students also visit Capitol Hill, where they meet with Oklahoma's congressional representatives and their staff. Some teens are so inspired by the experience that they later serve as interns on the hill; others have gone on to pursue careers in politics. Youth Tour inspires students to discover who they want to be.

Oklahoma co-ops have participated in Youth tour since 1963. Not only do they gain insight into the most important moments in U.S History, but they also meet with more than 1,500 student leaders from across the nation. It's a great opportunity to make lasting connections.

The 2023 Rural Electric Youth Tour will take place June 16-22, 2023, in Washington D.C. The 2023 Oklahoma Youth Tour Application has three components:

1. COMMUNITY PROJECT
2. LEGISLATIVE LETTER
3. COOPERATIVE DIFFERENCE VIDEO

Apply online at [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop). Deadline is **December 1, 2022**. The four winners will receive the all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and a \$500 scholarship. The runners up will receive a \$500 scholarship.

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



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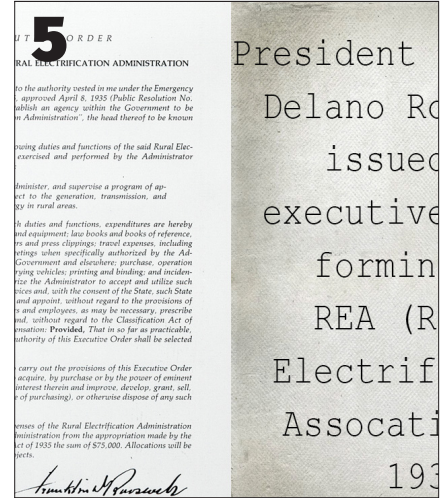
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Oklahoma and Colorado Electric Cooperative Lineman

plumbing and food refrigeration. The villagers depend on farming operations for economic sustainment; they produce corn, beans, rice, coffee, potatoes, pepper, tomatoes and onions.

Billy Patterson says he was positively impacted by this mission and came home with a changed outlook on life.

“This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it truly humbled me,” says Patterson. “It was a privilege to use the linework trade to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of La Montanita. Their simplicity, joy, and friendship were truly a gift.”

“We are proud of Billy for selflessly giving of his time for an extended period of time to help our neighbors in Central America,” says Clint Pack, CKEC 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. (cont'd. on page 6)

## Lighting a New Path

*CKEC Lineman Brings First-time Electricity to Guatemalan Village*

**F**or the first time, the lights are on in La Montanita de la Virgen, 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 in the region of Jalapa, east of Guatemala City.

Sixteen volunteer linemen, including Billy Patterson with CKenergy Electric Cooperative, spent three weeks at the project site building powerlines and wiring 84 structures, including one elementary school and two churches. The project consisted of 77 poles in approximately 5.5 miles of line and six transformers installed by the linemen. Each home received four lightbulbs, two light switches and two electrical outlets.

The local partner for this project is the Empresa Eléctrica Municipal de

San Pedro Pinula, a municipal utility, now responsible for the maintenance of the newly built infrastructure. The predominant fuel source in Guatemala is hydro generation.

The locals live in extreme poverty conditions without running water,



Patterson helps bring electricity to Guatemala



Bernice Carter pictured on her farm in Dewey County

## The Day the Lights Came On

by Lisa Willard

**E**ven though her life began before electricity was an expectation, Bernice Carter remembers the day electricity filled the rooms of their family farm home. Bernice was 29 years old when the lights came on in November of 1949. Nestled in western Oklahoma, The Carter farm sits just southeast of Leedey surrounded by grassland and grazing cattle.

Family roots run deep in the southwestern corner of Dewey County. Bernice's father, Chris Kauk traveled from Ukraine, Russia when he was just nine years old. Bernice and her eleven

siblings grew up on the farm with no electric lights, radios, air conditioners,

or washers and dryers. All their work was by hand, homework done by kerosene lamps, and radios were powered by batteries.

Bernice married her husband of 46 years, Howard Carter on September 20, 1941. Two months later Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States entered the war. Howard served as a corporal in the US Army and spent



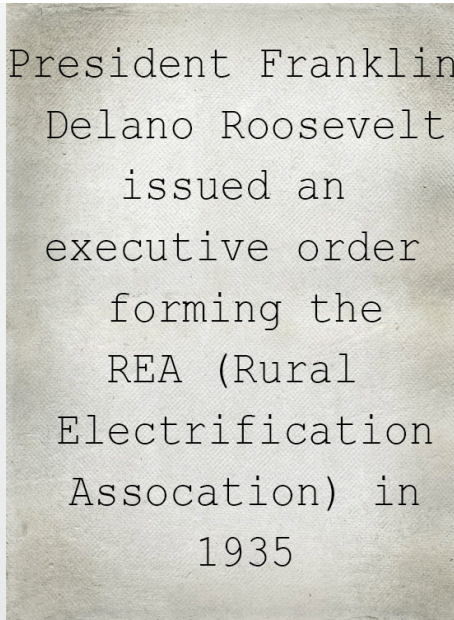
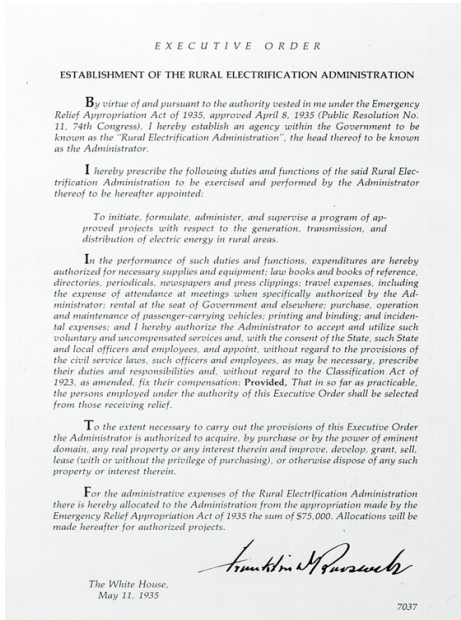
Sandra Carter, Christa Arney, Bernice Carter, and Melba Thomas

years overseas at Guam and Okinawa during World War II. In attacking Guam, U.S. forces were not only acquiring a fine harbor and a number of airfields to use in future operations, but were also

liberating U.S. territory—Guam had been captured by the Japanese in 1941. Most of the labor and supplies required for electrification were now fueling the war endeavor.

Howard and Bernice lived in Wichita, KS where she was employed at Boeing and after Howard enlisted they moved to Oklahoma City. With Howard overseas, Bernice worked at Tinker Air Force Base building instrument panels for C-47's. The C-47 was vital to the success of Allied campaigns, those at Guadalcanal and in the jungles of New Guinea and Burma, where the C-47 and its naval version, the R4D, made it possible for Allied troops to counter the mobility of the light-travelling Japanese Army.

After World War II, the Carters moved to the Dewey Country farm in 1946 and waited with excitement for electricity. If you did not have electricity by 1940, then you did not get it until after the war. Howard wired their house and barn in anticipation of electrification. Daughter Melba asked Bernice, "Were permits or licenses required?"



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Bernice just laughed and said "No, your dad bought a book to learn how to do that." The only requirement to be an electrician back then was the knowledge. No license, no exam, just a book with directions was the single requirement.

The house and barn were wired, and the Carters waited patiently. The poles were hung, and the wires strung by Kiwash (now CKenergy after it consolidated with Caddo electric). In November of 1949, just three days later, the lights came on at the Carter family farm. When Bernice was asked what changed the most with electricity, "Everything," she says with a smile. She said goodbye to her gasoline iron and kerosene lamp. Rural life was running on electricity with an increasing number of electric tools that made farm work faster and safer. It altered how the family stored their food, washed their clothes, and illumined their homes. A toaster, coffee pot, a wringer washer, and lamp were a few of the first appliances Bernice recalled buying. She recalls buying their first electric iron with green stamps. She also remembers having the family battery power radio converted to electric. "There was a gentleman

in Butler that did that," Bernice says. With a grin on her face, she remembers listening to the Grand Ole Opry, Amos and Andy and of course Hopalong Cassidy. "Larger appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, and ovens were not made during the war, so you had to sign up and wait for those," recalls Bernice.

Bernice also reminisces about buying her first electric sewing machine. "She was quite the seamstress and made all our clothes. I was voted best dressed in high school. That award was for my mom and all the clothes she made all those years for us girls," says daughter Christa.



Franklin D. Roosevelt (center) signs the Rural Electrification Act with Rep. John Rankin and Sen. George William Norris

Bernice, now 102, recalls her husband being a perfectionist. "He welded for everyone in the area," Bernice says. "Sometimes a neighbor would plow one of the farms in return for welding work," adds daughter Christa Arney. It was part of their livelihood."

Daughters Melba Thomas, Christa Arney, and Sandra Carter still enjoy spending time at their family farm. Their dad, Howard has been gone for 35 years, but Bernice keeps the homestead running. "When mom has us all over for dinner, it is the works," says Melba. "It is meats, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and desserts." "Lots of desserts adds," Christa. Bernice is blessed with six grandchildren and twenty great grands. "The house can get crowded when we are all here," Sandra mentions.

Bernice is thankful for CKenergy. She brags on the linemen and remembers even all those years ago, it did not take long for power to be restored during a storm. There have been many changes since power came to the Carter farm in 1949. "As the undisputed historian of Dewey County, no one will argue with her either," laughs daughter Christa. Bernice is visibly entranced with this community and its history. She knows firsthand how electricity makes life easier and will never forget the day the lights came on.



“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.”

Collectively, Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have made possible nearly 700 first-time electric connections in seven villages in Central America and South America.

Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support this cause; five projects have been sponsored since 2016.

All contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Learn more at: <https://oaec.coop/co-op-difference/energy-trails/>



CKEC CEO Clint Pack and CKEC Lineman Billy Patterson



- Above: Patterson and another OK lineman
- Upper far left: Local child does homework by candlelight
- Far left: Patterson exchanges fist bumps with a local child
- Left: Locals help Patterson string wire

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- 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.

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## Cajun Shrimp

### Ingredients:

2 tbsp. extra virgin oil  
½ onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 bell peppers, chopped  
⅔ c. corn  
1 ½ lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined  
2 tsp. Cajun seasoning  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 tbsp. lemon juice  
1 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley



### Directions:

In a large skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and bell peppers and saute until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and corn and cook for 1 minute more. Transfer vegetables to a bowl.

Add remaining 1 Tbsp. oil to pan. Add shrimp in a single layer and season with salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning. Cook until pink, about 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Add vegetables and lemon juice and toss until combined. Garnish with parsley before serving.