



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Stop by our offices on October 31 in your costume for a sweet treat! Have a safe and happy Halloween!

OCTOBER 2017

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

CKEC Celebrates National Co-op Month



October is National Cooperative Month, and CKenergy – and all co-ops across the U.S. – are celebrating the benefits and values that cooperatives bring to their members and communities.

While co-ops operate in many industries and sectors of the economy, seven cooperative principles set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

“Today, people prefer options and alternatives to ‘big box’ businesses,” says Clint Pack, CEO. “The co-op business model is unique and rooted in our local

communities. Co-ops help us build a more participatory, sustainable, and resilient economy.”

CKenergy is proud to be part of America's cooperative network, which includes more than 30,000 cooperative businesses.

Electric co-ops provide power for many Oklahomans, with 27 electric co-ops serving approximately 627,980 active meters.

CKenergy is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states.

To learn more about CKenergy, visit www.ckenergy.coop.

CO-OP MONTH

October is National Co-op Month

Every October since 1930, not-for-profit cooperatives of all stripes have celebrated Cooperative Month. During this time, it makes sense to highlight the qualities that make electric cooperatives from other types of utilities and businesses.

Without members, there would be no cooperatives.

Electric co-ops are:

- Private, independent, non-profit utility businesses.
- Owned by the members they serve.
- Incorporated under the laws of the states in which they operate.
- Established to provide at-cost electric service.
- Governed by a board of directors elected from the membership, which sets policies & procedures that are implemented by the co-op's management.



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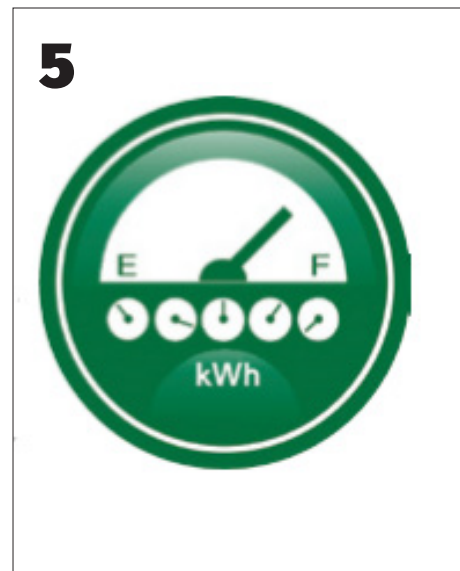
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- Pay online at **www.ckenergy.coop**.
- Pay by phone by calling **405-656-2322**, available 24 hours a day. Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express.
- Pay in person at any of our offices: Binger, Cordell, Mustang, and Anadarko.
- Pay via automatic draft of your checking or savings account. To sign up, please visit **www.ckenergy.coop** or call **405-656-2322** or **580-832-3361**.
- **Pay through our CKenergy App available for iPhones or Androids.**



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OCTOBER

Winning CKEC Members

First Caddo Baptist Church
Wayne Orrell
Max Kenney

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, and Instagram. 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.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

CKEC linemen lend helping hand after Hurricane Irma.

On Saturday, September 9, eight CKEnergy linemen, along with linemen from several other Oklahoma cooperatives, arrived in Metter, Georgia as a part of cooperative mutual aid for our sister cooperative, Excelsior EMC.

Our linemen were able to assist in the power restoration effort after Hurricane

Irma blew through and left approximately 11,000 of Excelsior EMC's members without electricity.

We are glad we were able to lend a hand to a co-op in need and are proud to have these hard working gentlemen on our team!



CKEC Lineman Dusty McNatt.

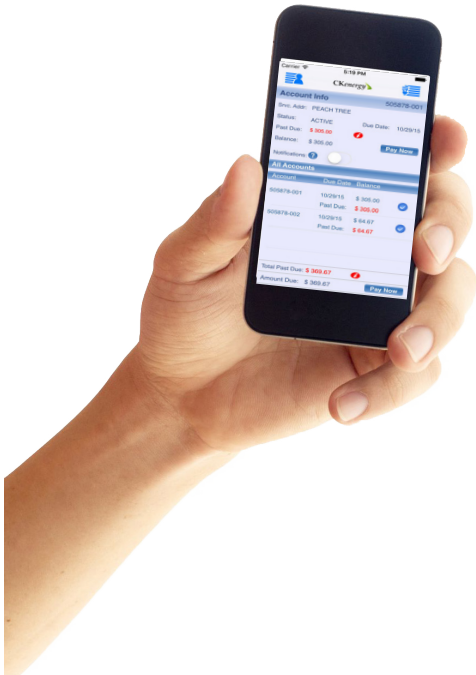


CKEC Linemen L-R: Mark Lawson, Cole Nation, Todd Wright, Thomas Baker, Chase Blackburn, Kyle Eldridge, & BJ Carter.



There's an APP for that

Fast, easy, & secure account access in the palm of your hand.



Our Mobile App is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and your account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts and reminders, receive push notifications, view and report outages and also stay connected with us via facebook.

Nearly everything you can do from our "Customer Services Portal" can now be handled instantly whether you're at home, at work, or on the go.

The CKEnergy EC app is available for iPhone and Android. It can be found in either app store.

For more information on the app or for help setting up your account contact us at 405-656-2322.

Fall into Energy Savings

As scarves and light jackets leave closets this fall, be ready to cut the chill and your energy bill with these seasonal tips:

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees and be sure to lower the temperature when you go to bed or are not at home. This saves money and keeps you warm.
- During the day, open shades and curtains to allow solar heating. Close them at night to retain the day's heat.
- Check your home's weather stripping for air leaks around doors, windows, baseboards, and wherever pipes, wires, and vents enter the house. Make sure the warm air you paid for won't escape.
- Have your heating system serviced by contractor who has a certification through the North American



Technician Excellence (NATE) program, and replace furnace filters at least once every three months. Clean filters once a month during the heating season to keep the system at peak performance.

Want more home energy efficiency tips? See how little changes can add up to big savings at www.energysavers.gov

Are you wasting your money on

DIRT?

Dirty air filters cause a heating and cooling system to work harder and break

down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime works into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.



How does a dirty air filter cost you?

- Reduces air flow in the home, leading to up to 15 percent higher operating costs
- Leads to costly duct cleaning or replacement
- Lowers system efficiency

To avoid these expenses, change filters monthly when your heating and cooling system's in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

Learn more ways to save at www.energysavers.gov.

Source: High Performance HVAC, U.S. Department of Energy

You have the Power with Prepaid

You can control what you pay and know what uses watts.

Prepaid metering is as simple as it sounds: consumers pay for electricity before it is used, then use the electricity until the credit expires. A terrific analogy for prepaid metering is putting gas in your car. Say you only have \$30 for the week to pay for gasoline. You drive down to the station, pump in \$30 and drive off. As you drive during the week, what happens? You monitor the gauge and make sure each trip is necessary. If you drive too much, you burn up your \$30 before the week is out. Literally. By checking the gauge throughout the week, you became more prudent with your gas use and made informed decisions on when and how much to use.

Now let's transfer that analogy to your account with CKenergy. With normal metering, you get a bill after you have used the electricity. Sometimes it comes as a shock. "How could I possibly have used so much electricity?" Prepaid metering is designed to ease – and hopefully eliminate – that shock. Let's take a look at how it works.

The components of a prepaid metering system aren't too different from regular metering. Two extra pieces are required; a way to turn off the power when all your money is used and a way for CKenergy to tell you how much you have left in your account; think of this as your "electricity tank gauge." On the cooperative's side, we handle the extra software and processes.

Now let's see it in action. You have the prepaid metering equipment installed. Prepaid users often receive electricity use notifications through a smartphone app, emails and text messages.

Now you decide how often you want to buy electricity. Monthly? Weekly? Then you budget for a certain amount of power and pay the co-op. You can pay online, at any of our district offices, and through the CKenergy EC app. Bingo, your electricity tank is full.

During the time period you have paid for (let's say a week for this example), you



receive regular feedback on how much you have left in your tank.

As you approach "empty," you add more money to your account and are then set for the next period. If you run out, the power goes off just like your car stops when it runs out of gas. To complete the analogy, let's look at what you have been doing during the week. You become quite aware of how you are using electricity. You turn things off more often. You may change the setting on your thermostat so you don't cool or heat as much. You might cook outside to avoid using the oven or make sure your dishwasher is really full before running it. Industry studies show that consumers who participate in prepaid metering plans use as much as 10 percent less electricity than their counterparts.

Prepaid metering teaches the value of electricity, what uses watts in your home, provides absolute control over how much you pay and helps you reduce your energy use. It is a tremendous way to power your life. Contact us at 405-656-2322, to learn more about prepaid metering.

Happy Birthday, Willie Wiredhand!

Willie Wiredhand (©NRECA)

is the longtime friendly face and spokesplug of rural electric cooperatives nationwide. Adopted in 1951 by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Willie's last name is one of the original nicknames for rural electric cooperatives: "wiredhand" (because electricity brought to rural America by co-ops in the 1930s and 40s was the never-tiring, always available hired hand to help the nation's farmers.) Willie — with his light-socket head, wire body and electrical plug for his bottom and legs — is now considered an icon among many in the pantheon of corporate advertising characters.



Willie's '67th birthday' is October 30, the day before Halloween and the next to the last day of National Co-op Month.

Crow Roost Fire Dept.'s 23rd Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, October 21, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Be sure to enter for a chance to win a Benelli Nova Pump 12 gauge Shotgun!
Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5!

For tickets, contact:

CRFD Board Members- Raymond Lewis, Harold Miller, Anthony Perando, Steve York, or David Clemons.

Good food, fellowship, & door prizes!

Decorate safely this Halloween



More and more people decorate their yards for Halloween with elaborate lighting displays with as much enthusiasm and as many materials as they do for the Christmas holidays. Strings of decorative lights, fog machines, strobe and black lights, animatronics, and electrically powered decorations all add to the ambience of Halloween, but improperly used, can create added dangers of fire, shock, and other potentially disastrous accidents.

Safe Electricity urges everyone to use caution and look for potential hazards while decorating and operating these displays.

“These decorations have been packed away since last year in basements, garages and sheds,” says Molly Hall, executive director of the Safe Electricity program. “Weather, time and even mice can damage cords and insulation on electric decorations, making them unsafe. Make sure you discard any damaged sets and buy new.”

Safe Electricity offers these tips:

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracking, fraying, or bare wires may cause a serious shock or start a fire. Replace any damaged products.
- Follow the use and care instructions that accompany your electrical decorations.
- Don't overload extension cords or allow them to run through water on the ground. Typically, one extension cord should only have three strands of lights connected to it at most, but you should also check that the extension cord is rated for its intended use.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into outlets protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). If your outdoor outlets don't have them, either contact a qualified electrician to install them or use portable GFCIs instead.
- When decorating outside, always be sure to look up and double check that you and any equipment, such as a ladder or a light strand, are a minimum 10 feet away from overhead power lines. When securing light strands, never staple or nail them into place. This could damage the product.
- Keep electrical cords out of walkway areas to avoid causing a tripping hazard.
- Lastly, turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to sleep. A timer can help you do this.

CKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP TO DATE

There are several ways that you are able to update your CKenergy account information. Check out the list below to find out how.



CALL US

Give us a call at any of our offices to update your account information.

Binger- 405-656-2322

Cordell- 580-832-3361

Anadarko-405-247-3041

Mustang- 405-376-3983



CKENERGY APP

You can access your account through our CKenergy app. It is available for Apple and Android devices.



WEBSITE PORTAL

You can log on through our website portal to update your account information. Go to www.ckenergy.coop and click on the Secure Online Bill Pay link to access your account.

ANNUAL MEETING: You can also update your account information when you attend Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting is held during the summer of every year.

Automotive

'02 1500 HD 3/4 ton Chevy Silverado. Crew Cab V8 4x4. 56k miles, one owner, garaged. New Michelin tires. \$11,900.

Two '55 Chevys. 1 Bel Air 2dr, hardtop 350 350 w/ power & air. '55 2dr 210 post 350, 4 speed trans. Both have a lot of new stuff & new tires/paint. \$29,000 each. Cash only or bank to bank. 405-818-9011.

'68 Corvair Convertible. White w/ blue top and interior. Rebuilt engine w/ 15k miles. Big bore kit added 140 HP cam. Elderbrock 4 barrel. Barn kept- 35yrs. 80,580 miles. Automatic. \$5,000 OBO. 405-265-7234.

Farm/ Equipment

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

'74 Quad Range 4430 John Deere. 2266 hours after over haul. \$16,700. 580-515-5993.

John Deere Lawn Tractor. \$800. Troy Built Rear Tine Tiller \$350. Troy Built Generator. \$1,200. OBO. 405-643-9211.

'62 D15 Allis Chalmers tractor. Front end loader, brush hog, plow, disk. \$5,500. 580-515-9480.

7ft. Brush Hog MX7. Almost new. Used very little. 2 tractors- 1- 1947 & 1- 1948, need TLC. 405-352-0827 or 405-613-5731.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

Ford Jubilee tractor on propane. 18 gal tank. Needs TLC. Will take best offer. 580-512-6450.

2600 Ford Tractor. 38 HP, 3 point power steering, loader & bucket. New rubber, no dents. Bad paint. Runs perfect. \$5,000. 580-331-7304.

'76 2440 John Deere Tractor. 5500 hrs, good condition. Call after 6 p.m. 405-247-2900.

Livestock/Pets

2 Club Lambs- Hampshire. March & April wethers. Broke to lead. 580-515-5993.

Registered Belted Galloway Cattle. Efficient on grass, gentle, great genetics. 580-919-3271.

18 mo registered Red Angus bull. \$2,700. 405-284-6984.

4 Longhorns, 1 bull 4yrs, 1 cow 4 1/2 yrs, 1 heifer 1 1/2 yr, 1 bull 6 mos. 405-641-3344.

Breeding age bulls- 1 Black Angus, 1 Red Angus, 2 Angus-Simmental cross. Express bloodline. 3 free donkeys. 405-651-0059.

Business

BackWoods Welding & Construction- Farm & ranch welding, pipe fencing, steel buildings, metal roofs, pole barns, state certified & insured. References available. 405-320-8379.

Welding & Fabrication work. Call Tony, 405-834-1128.

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

King Cement Services, Eakly, OK. 405-545-2141 or 580-450-7804.

Keith's Tree Trimming- seasonal firewood for sale. 580-660-1237.

Piano Tuning & Repair. Western OK. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans, & Peanut Brittle- Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunter's Mix, & Roasted and salted in the shell. 580-654-1175. www.gooberhouse.com

Hay

Last year's grass hay. Round bales. \$25 each. 580-588-2627.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

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 405-656-2327. 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 # _____

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.

Miscellaneous

16' 6 passenger 4 cylinder Chevy inboard boat with OMC outdrive. Good fishing & skiing boat. \$2,000. 405-623-5511 or 405-247-3151.

Stainless steel professional LP smoker. Used twice. 24x24x63 on wheels. 405-651-0059.

Furniture/Appliance

Sewing machine, "Signature" in cabinet with accessories. Good condition. Cash only. 580-347-2437.

Baby Grand Piano-Free to good home. Made by The Cable Company Chicago. 580-678-6415.

OES/MASONIC Jewelry. Bride's Bible free if all jewelry is purchased. 405-640-9068.

Real Estate

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.

1 Acre Commercial Zoned. 4 3/4 E of Tuttle on HWY 37. 405-794-4612.

Hunting Lodge- sleeps 6. Rent by week or month with all amenities, all appliances, & new beds. \$500/week or \$1,800/month. Close to Fort Cobb Lake. - Call Wanda. 580-302-3051.

Ft. Cobb Lake (Flying Inn #2) 3 bd, 2 ba, 1456sqft. 30x50 shop. Less than 500ft from water (boat dock), open floor plan, formal din, kit/din,lg covered ft & bk porches. Excellent condition. \$134k 580-772-4663.

60x60 shop w/ living app. 3600 sq. ft. 3000 working. Complete shop with anything you could need. Has heat with 2 lifts. 580-331-7180.

4.5 acres W edge of Cordell. 4 bd, 3 1/2 ba, brick home. 40x60 barn, basement, new kitchen, carpet, tile, windows, roof, & fence. Must see. 940-395-1370.

5 acre tract of land. Timber, wildlife. Financing available. Minco school district. Electric & water available. New home site, no trailer homes. 405-352-5190.

1102 SW 8th, Anadarko. 3 bd, 1 updated ba, cellar in garage, fenced in yard. Great neighborhood. ABC Realty 580-515-1752.

528 S. Spencer, Hinton. Completely remodeled. Must see. 3 bd, 2 ba, utility room. Detached garage. 1,450 sq. ft. MOL. 405-306-1538.

2,128 sq. ft. home. 3 bd, 2 1/2 ba. Lg. living room. 5 walk-in closets. Metal roof, all electric. Well kept-40x50 steel bldg. on 5 acres. Grace-mont. Serious lookers only. 580-515-4126.

3 bd, 2 ba brick home. XL lot west edge of Cordell. New Four Seasons sunroom/patio. basement, storage shed, fence, updated throughout. \$199,900. 940-395-1370.

Gracemont: Quiet, small, rural acreage w/ 3b, 1 1/2 ba brick home. Attached garage, storm shelter, shop building, 2 car carport, old barn, water well, close to town, paved road. Reduced to \$79,900. 405-402-0895.

Auto- transmission shop. All equipment w/ it. 60x60x14 building. 6 lots on corner. Built in 05. 580-331-7180.

1 acre commercial zoned. Between Tuttle & Tricity on highway 37. 4 3/4 mi east of Tuttle. 405-794-4612.

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.

Ft. Cobb Lake north of golf course, south of 77 ranch. Three/two home. Two lots, garage, well water, metal roof. Nice porch with shade. \$95,000. 405-664-0983.

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.

Events

SAVE THE DATE: The 2017 Women in Ag and Small Business Conference will be November 9, 2017, at the Caddo-Kiowa VoTech Center. Our keynote speaker is Farm Babe. She is a must see! Go and check her out at <http://www.thefarmbabe.com>

If you would like more information please contact the Caddo County FSA Office @405-247-3303 and ask for Ada Anderson or Kelly Kay Hunt.

Homestyle Potato Salad

Ingredients:

5 medium potatoes, Russet or red
8 eggs, hard boiled (save 2 eggs to use for garnish on salad)
Salt & pepper to taste
1/2 c. Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
1/2 c. sour cream
2 Tbsp. sugar
Mustard to taste
1/2 c. sweet pickle relish
Dill weed or paprika optional garnish



Directions:

Boil potatoes with peel on for about 40 minutes until potatoes are tender, but still firm. If you are using red potatoes, boil 25-30 minutes. Peel and dice potatoes and 6 eggs. Add salt and pepper and toss. Mix remaining ingredients separately and fold into potato mixture. Slice remaining 2 eggs and layer on top of salad. Sprinkle top of salad with dill weed or paprika. Refrigerate overnight (or at least 6-8 hours).