



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 2018

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



A Sea of Cotton

By Boyd Lee, CKEC V.P. of Strategic Planning

A person doesn't have to travel all the way to Dixie to find a sea of cotton. No, just take a trip out to the west side of Oklahoma and you'll find all the cotton you ever dreamed of seeing. New gins are popping up to handle the expansion of the cotton industry in Oklahoma.

One such expansion is the new joint venture between the Planters Co-op Gin at Lonewolf and Western Producers Co-op Gin of Dill City. It is currently under construction north of Hobart at the junction of State Hwys 9 and 183. The newly created venture is known as Western Planters LLC, and their new gin is a whopper. Over 7800 horsepower of electric motors as well as a huge propane drying system will be employed to gin tens of thousands of cotton bales each and every year.

As a "cooperative" electric utility, CKenergy is honored to be chosen to serve

the electricity to this "cooperative" venture. The Western Planters facility is the kind of load that consumes large amounts of power while ginning, but the ginning season lies entirely within CKenergy's off-peak season. Off-peak usage rewards the customer/member with very favorable rates as well as improving CKenergy's system load factor and leveling or even reducing average wholesale cost of power. This type of load has a positive impact on all CKenergy members.

CKenergy staff and board members worked closely with the decision makers at Western Planters to assure them of CKenergy's service capability for the new gin. You might say the perfect storm occurred making it possible for CKenergy to compete for the new service. Like Western Planters, CKenergy is also a joint venture of two cooperatives. When Caddo and Kiwash Electric Cooperatives consolidated 3 years ago, the staff and the

board approved a new work plan which included tying substations together from each of the old cooperatives to enhance service and provide back-feed capability. The new gin became the impetus to proceed with those efforts while preparing to serve electricity to the gin. As a result, three substations, formerly without substation back-feed, are now connected to serve the future.

Serving the needs of our agricultural community is a constant with CKenergy. Agriculture is the lifeblood of rural America and it was the basis for the formation of electric cooperatives in the early 20th century. Whenever we can serve our rural neighbors with electricity for their gins or other industry needs, we jump on the opportunity. The Staff and the Board of Trustees salute the farmers and patrons of the Western Planters LLC and we look forward to serving you well into the future!



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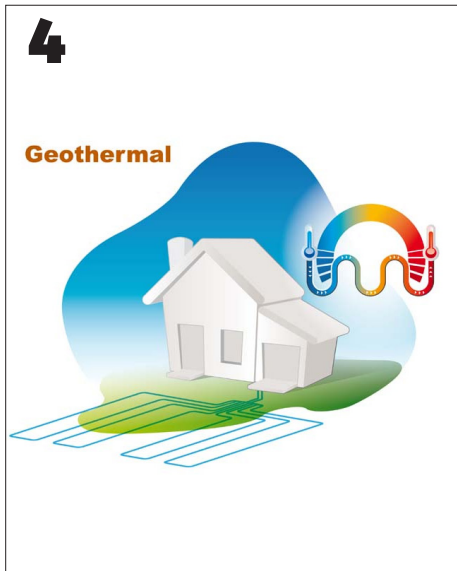
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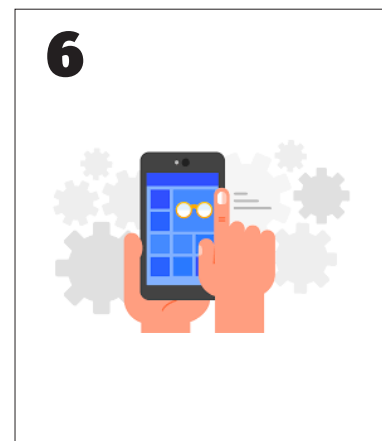
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Winning CKEC Members

Jennifer Kimzey
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If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.

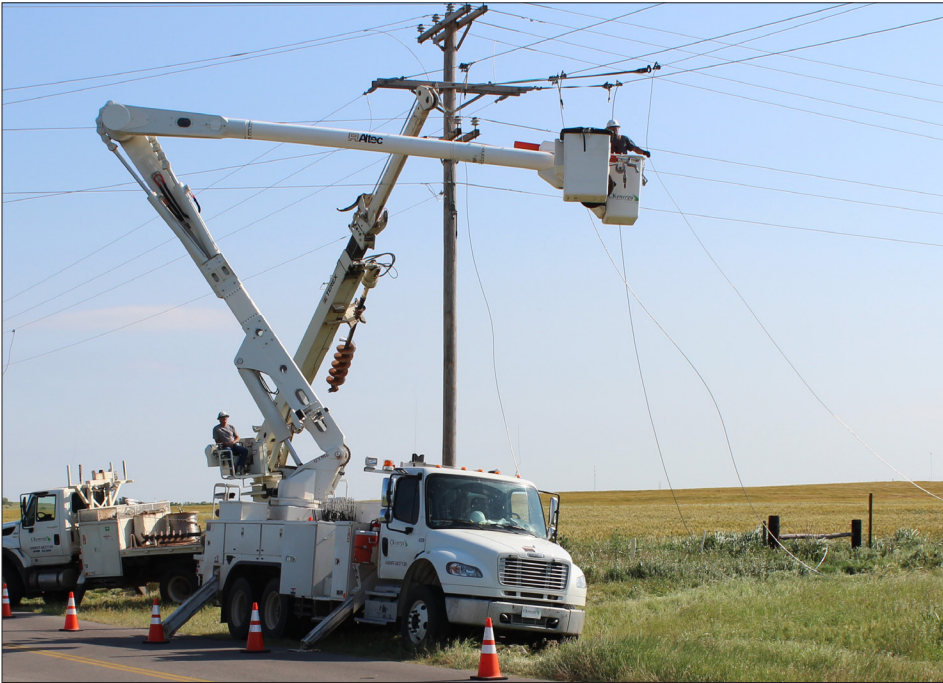


Socialize with us!

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.

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.”

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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.

Our cooperative serves 25,397 active meters across 10 counties– Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Custer, Dewey, Grady, Kiowa, Roger Mills, & Washita. We have approximately 7,300 sq. miles in our territory that is covered by 7,739 miles of line and approximately 150,559 poles.

To learn more about CKenergy and how we work for you, visit www.ckenergy.coop or give us a call at 405-656-2322.

October 2018

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.

You Can Afford to "Go Geo"



Everyone knows that geothermal heat pumps save you plenty of money, but the cost to "go geo" can be prohibitive for many homeowners. CKenergy's innovative geothermal program can help take care of that problem.

Geothermals utilize the natural heating and cooling power of the Earth to save you money year round. Like any type of heat pump, it simply moves heat energy from one place to another. A geothermal heat pump is like a refrigerator because they work using the same scientific principle. By using refrigeration, the geothermal heat pump removes heat energy stored in the earth and/or the earth's groundwater and transfers it to the home.

Members who participate in the program receive a cash rebate of \$1000 per ton on geothermal heat pumps. CKenergy's geothermal loop program provides members a free loop that is installed and maintained by the co-op. All participating

geothermal members also receive a professional home energy audit free of charge after completed geothermal installation.

These advantages add up to drastically reduced costs on geothermal heat pumps for co-op members as well as monthly savings they will enjoy on their electric bill. According to Energy.gov., geothermal heat pumps typically use 25 to 50 percent less electricity than conventional heating or cooling systems.

CKenergy has approximately 800 geothermal systems installed across our system. This includes three geo-exclusive housing additions as well as new homes and retrofit homes.

If you have questions about the CKenergy geothermal program, please contact Dwayne Hurliman at 405-656-9176 or Keith DeVaughan at 405-656-9115.

Geothermal FAQ's

What is a geothermal heat pump?

A geothermal or "ground-source" heat pump is an electrically powered device that uses the natural heat storage ability of the earth and/or the earth's groundwater to heat and cool your home or business at very high efficiencies.

How does it work?

Like any type of heat pump, it simply moves heat energy from one place to another. A geothermal heat pump is like a refrigerator because they work using the same scientific principle. By using refrigeration, the geothermal heat pump removes heat energy stored in the earth and/or the earth's groundwater and transfers it to the home.

Do I need separate geothermal ground loops for heating and cooling?

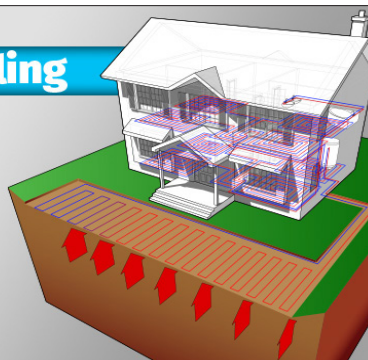
No, the same loop works for both. When changing from heating to cooling, or vice versa, the flow of heat is reversed by a mechanism inside the unit.

Where can this loop be located?

That depends on land availability and terrain. Closed-loops are trenched horizontally in yards adjacent to the home if the yard is large enough. Or, for smaller yards, the loops can be installed vertically using a drill rig, much like a water well installation

Geothermal Heating & Cooling

- Environmentally Friendly
- Improved In Home Air Quality
- No fumes or carbon monoxide poisoning
- Life expectancy of 50-100 years



2018 Energy Trails

Meet this year's 2018 Energy Trails delegate, Scotty Branham.



Scotty Branham, CKEC's Electrical Services Supervisor, along with seven fellow Oklahomans and six linemen from across the state of Colorado were tasked with bringing power to the villages of Pie del Cerro and Tierra Blanca Salinas.

Scotty hails from Alfalfa, OK, where he lives with his wife Christy and their children, Logan, Chantelle, Camden, and Casen. He has been in the electric industry for the last 13 years. Scotty enjoys riding his motorcycle, kayaking, camping, and being outdoors. One day, he would love to hike the Appalachian Trail.

Scotty's main task in Guatemala was to make sure that all of the residences were wired properly so that they would be able to receive power once all of the electric lines were built.

Crew members left for Guatemala on September 16, 2018. We will provide more information on this year's Energy Trails trip in the November issue. To learn more about the Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, visit energytrails.wordpress.com.

For the last few years, Oklahoma electric cooperatives have been proud to be a part of the Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, which works to bring electricity to rural, under-developed portions of countries such as Guatemala. This year, we are excited to have had one of our own helping with the electrification project.

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.



A PROGRAM OF AMERICA'S
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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Our co-op's number one priority is providing our consumer-members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. But doing this job requires a lot more than stringing and maintaining power lines throughout our service territory. It requires political engagement. That may seem far removed from our core mission, but it's absolutely essential to serving you, our consumer-members.

That's why we're participating in a national program of America's electric cooperatives called Co-ops Vote.

Co-ops Vote encourages all co-op members to participate in national, state and local elections while educating

political candidates and elected officials about the important role played by electric cooperatives in their communities.

Through this program, electric co-ops realized they had a unique advantage: As co-ops, the civic virtue of voting is in our DNA. We show concern for community—one of the seven cooperative principles—through participation in our democracy.

Our participation in Co-ops Vote helps to ensure that rural issues remain part of the national discussion—and are supported by our elected officials. But Co-ops Vote isn't just for co-ops. It's for co-op members just like you.

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

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

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

'91 Ford E-350 Retired Ambulance. 7.3l diesel, E400 trans., new brakes, drums, glow plugs. Runs well. Trans. rebuilt, 4:10 rear axle. \$5,000, John 405-410-1922.

'85 Black Corvette. Lots of new parts. \$6,500. 405-797-3323 or 405-542-7566.

'59 Chevy Pickup. Long bed, fleetside, 6cyl- 3 speed on column. 83,000 actual miles. Good paint, tires, & upholstery. \$6,500. 580-331-7304.

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 443ow yr 1973. Call to see 405-933-1104.

Swap'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

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. 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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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.

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

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.

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.

Circle category:

Autos Farm/Equip Furn/Appl Hay/Wood Livestock/Pets Misc
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Miscellaneous

Kenmore Ultra Wash Dishwasher \$50.
405-262-0966.

Motorized Chair, used 2mos. Free. 405-262-0966.

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

100's+ movies, DVDs, VHS, Blue Rays. Games PS1, 2, 3, 4, Xbox, 360, Wii, some systems. 100's+ baseball cards, old & new jewelry. Avon Red Cape Cod Collection. If you need it or want it, I probably have it. Call Tommie, 405-542-3301, after 1 p.m.

Real Estate

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.

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 tomwerr 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.

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.

Cheesy Meatball Cups

Ingredients:

2 (8 ounce) cans crescent dough
flour for dusting
5 ounces Cacique® Queso Quesadilla Jalapeño, shredded
16 frozen meatballs
1/2 cup garlic spaghetti sauce
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Prepare two muffin tins with (16 molds total) with non-stick cooking spray. Extend dough on a lightly floured surface. Pull apart dough triangles and press each inside a muffin mold. Covering the bottom of mold and pressing up the sides. Sprinkle each dough cup with 1 teaspoon shredded cheese. Place a meatball on top of cheese, lightly pressing into the dough. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and top with 1 teaspoon of sauce and 1 teaspoon shredded cheese. Place back in the oven and bake for 10 minutes more or until dough is golden brown and the cheese bubbles. Serve with a sprinkle of fresh parsley.

