



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

October 12 - Columbus Day

October 27 - Fire Department Luncheon

October 31 - Halloween

October 2020

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



Power On October is National Co-op Month

As an electric cooperative, our top priority is always to provide reliable, affordable energy to you, the consumer-members we serve. Because we are a co-op, our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and serve the long-term interests of our local community--and this mission has never been more critical than in recent months. One of the seven principles that guides all co-ops is "concern for community." This principle is the essential DNA of CKenergy Electric Cooperative, and it sets us apart from other electric utilities.

October is National Co-op Month, and electric cooperatives across the country are highlighting the many ways we "Power On."

Who would have fathomed in March, that the COVID-19 virus would amount to a

test of our community and our nation? The changing circumstances due to the pandemic have created both challenges and opportunities. Over the past several months, we've all been challenged to operate differently, and CKenergy has stepped up to help our members and strengthen the safety net for our more vulnerable neighbors.

As an essential service, and to ensure reliability of your power supply, we modified our operations to safeguard business continuity. In the office, we limited and modified meetings and gatherings to allow for safe separation. We also adjusted our walk-in office availability and in-person service calls to ensure the health and safety of our employees and our valued members. In addition, we held a simplified non-traditional annual meeting with a drive-

thru registration option. For the health and safety of everyone, we think these measures were the prudent course of action for the times.

For our members impacted by COVID-19 who needed help with their electric bills, we waived late fees and worked with those hardest hit to make special payment arrangements.

We've seen other local businesses rising to meet similar challenges during this time, because that's what communities do. While the challenges caused by COVID-19 have been daunting, we are heartened to see how everyone is pulling together.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative was built by the community to serve the community, and that's what we'll continue to do - Power On.



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OCTOBER

Winning CKEC Members

Adrian Anaya
Jeff Neal
Charlie Swanson

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 Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.



Electrical Safety Tips for Hunters

As various hunting seasons continue, please remember that electrical insulators, conductors and electrical equipment are NOT on the hunting season list. In order to stay safe and prevent unnecessary damages, it's important you take certain measures and precautions while hunting.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative encourages hunters to be aware of electrical equipment while enjoying the great outdoors.

When deer hunting, it's important to be aware of what's behind that big buck, or it might cost big bucks. Repairs can be costly in both equipment and outages to our members. As non-profit cooperatives, owned by the members, we all share in this expense.

Hunters and other gun owners should not shoot near or toward overhead power lines, power poles or substations. A stray bullet can cause damage to equipment,

could be deadly to the shooter and potentially interrupt electric service to large areas.

Sometimes the damage isn't noticed for several weeks or months, and is only discovered when an unexplained outage occurs.

Landowners are encouraged to remind those hunting on their property to be aware of power lines.

We recognize the majority of hunters practice safe hunting and understand the potential hazards when discharging a firearm. We encourage experienced hunters who are familiar with the area to identify the locations of utility properties and electrical equipment to young or new hunters in their group to ensure they take the proper precautions. Enjoy the great outdoors. Just be sure to hunt only what's in season.

Hunting Safety Tips

- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot.
- Keep a safe distance from power lines and electrical equipment when hunting. Accidents can be easily avoided if you do so.
- Damage to the conductor can happen, possibly dropping a phase on the ground. If it's dry and the electricity goes to ground, there is the possibility of electrocution and fire.
- Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Do not use power line wood poles or towers to support equipment used in your shooting activity.
- Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.
- Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment.

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



**OPERATION
ROUND UP**
THE POWER OF CHANGE

Approved Grants:

Apache EMS	\$2,030.00
Newborns in Need	\$4,000.00
Cogar Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$8,300.00
Mtn.View/Gotebo 2nd Grade	\$3,100.00
Gotebo Round Up Club	\$3,500.00
Individual Grants	\$4,000.00
Total Grants	\$24,930.00

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Small Change, Big Difference!

On Monday, August 10, 2020, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$24,930.00 for grants this quarter. Those funds will be used to improve the livelihood of individuals, fund school programs, 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 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 and organizations.

Operation Round Up funds are used to address important local needs. Local charities, youth groups, schools, fire departments, senior citizens' 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-op coordinator is Boyd Lee. 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 November 3, 2020. Any applications received after the due date will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Visit www.CKenergy.coop for a foundation application.



CKEC to Honor Fire Departments

Ckenergy is thankful for the fire departments located within our service territory. We appreciate all you do to strengthen our communities and protect those in need. Grass fires, barn fires, home fires, vehicle accidents and medical emergencies – firefighters respond to hundreds of calls a year within our communities. They get called out on weekends and holidays. We appreciate their commitment to

serve our communities and save lives, homes, and businesses.

CKEC will honor our fire departments on October 27 at the Binger office. CKEC is inviting one representative from each fire department located within our service territory to join us for lunch and a donation presentation beginning at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to honoring those that protect our communities.

Happy Birthday, Willie Wirehand!

Willie Wirehand (©NRECA) is the longtime friendly face and spokesperson 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 '69th birthday' is October 30.



A PROGRAM OF AMERICA'S
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES
WWW.VOTE.COOP

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 co-ops 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.

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.

Our cooperative serves 26,091 active meters across 10 counties– Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Comanche, Custer, Dewey, Grady, Kiowa, Roger Mills, and Washita. We have approximately 7,300 sq. miles in our territory that is covered by 7,808 miles of line.

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 2020

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.

Automotive

1965 Chevy two door post 350. Four speed transmission. New paint, wheels, and tires. \$28,000 cash. 405-818-9011.

2009 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer. 89,900 miles. Moonroof, leather seats, rear air. \$8,500. 405-659-9737.

55 Chevy. Complete. Not running. 4-door. \$5400 cash. 405-818-9011.

2005 Hyundai. Transmission rebuilt in 2016. Threw out bearing and quit in 20148. Just sitting since. \$98,000 miles. Best offer. 405-966-2041

Four new tires with hubs and caps with spare. Size 14. \$150. 405-394-8867.

Farm/ Equipment

16 ft. flatbed bumper pull trailer. Nice condition. 405-227-3817.

24' Allis field cultivator, good cond. \$1000. 495 NS swather, 12' pull type, good cond. \$1500. 8350 JD wheat drill, hyd. lift, 8-16 \$1100. 580-574-0254.

1954 Ferguson, new rear tires. Needs Carburator parts installed. New carburator parts. \$1100 580-530-0593.

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

Gentle, genetic superior bulls. Easy calving, more growth and muscle. Make money with Kusel Limousin bulls. Call John, 580-759-6038.

Red angus bulls, service age, gentle, several A.I. sired. Call or text 580-450-1735.

Four year old red angus bull. Leave message. 580-919-5490.

Business

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.

Mooters water well serivces, water well drilling, pump installs, agriculture, residential and irrigation. 405-668-0213 or 405-668-2336.

Mooters trucking, hay and cattle hauling. 405-668-0213.

Dirt work, land clearing, stumps, ponds. Fletchers backhoe. 405-519-2718.

Parking lot maintenance, crack ,asphalt sealing overlay, potholes, striping and signage. Discounts for churches. 405-245-6759.

Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insecptions. 580-550-0545.

Mainstreet 420 Shop. Medical cannabis. 405-687-5004.

Miscellaneous

1959 Skyhawk air plane. Low time frame and new engine. \$29,000. 405-631-1505.

6x5 wheat hay bales. Baled without being rained on in the wind row. \$50/bale. 405-797-3203 or 405-545-2121.

Polaris 570 Sportsman Accessoioies. Gun boot/bracket \$75. Towable cover \$80. Cargo box \$125. New tires. \$200. 405-501-1670.

5x6 bermuda grass hay bales. \$40/bale. 405-317-7483.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 580-832-5174. 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 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.

Circle category:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

New unopened albums. Boston, pop, country, and rock. \$7.50 580-450-2014.

Reclining living room set from Bob Mills. One year old. Excellent condition. No animals or kids on them. Blue gray color. Will sell couch and loveseat separate.

Inogen one porable oxygen conentratrator with two double batteries, carry bag, all manual and plugs. less than one year old. \$1595. 405-659-9737.

Jeans and pants hemming and minor alterations. Taxes, accessory sales and rentals. Settle Studio. 405-247-5142.

Real Estate

Country living, close to town-3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sq' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3bd/2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with 30x60 metal barn w/ lean to, insulated with living quarters, in ground cellar. 20 KW generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land,, timber wild life. Water available. Minco school district. Located on 2750 County Street in Caddo county line west of Minco. Show by appt. only. Financing available. 405-574-2980.

For Rent: 2bd/2ba north side of lake. \$500/month, \$00 deposit. No pets. 580-302-3051.

Country Living: 3bd south of Binger. 580-302-3051. No pets. \$600/month, \$500 deposit.

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

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

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. 580-243-8697.

House for Sale: 904 N Broadway Avenue,

Hydro, Oklahoma. 1650 sq. ft. 3bd/2ba, 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.

Want to run your own business? Roger Mills County's only newspaper is for sale! Thriving business with proven success. Be your own boss.

For Rent: 2 lg bd, lg kitchen, living room, den, 1/2ba, washroom, alarm & internet, carport. No Pets. \$600/mo. 580-302-3051. For Rent: small 2bd/1ba, \$400/mo, \$300 dep. South Side Ft. Cobb Lake. 580-302-3051

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

Vacation cabin rental. Great for hunting, fishing at Ft. Cobb lake. Room for trailer and boat. Next to water. 580-243-8697.

128x128 lake lots in Crows Roost. Privacy on a dead end road. Three covered bays and one bay with overhead door. Large concrete slab and four fruit trees. 405-694-0625.

Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. 1st Saturday every month. Admission \$10.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Halloween Popcorn Bars

Ingredients:

- 2 tbs. butter
- 20 large marshmallows
- 4 cups popcorn
- 1/3 cup pretzel pieces
- 1/3 cup candy corn
- 1/4 cup reese's pieces candy
- 1 tbs. sprinkles



Directions:

Prepare an 8x8 baking pan with cooking spray and set aside. In a large microwave safe bowl melt the butter for one minute. Add the marshmallows and toss to coat. Microwave for one minute, stir until smooth. Ad the popcorn and pretzel pices and stir to coat. Fold in the candy corn and reese's pieces. Press te mixture firmly into your prepared pan and add the sprinkles. Let cool for 5-10 minutes. Slice into 9 squares and service. Store any leftover bars in an airtight container for up to three days.