



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Holiday Closing:

CKEC will close
November 23 and 24 to
observe Thanksgiving.

October 2023

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING



If you've driven east of Cordell on Highway 152 in the past few weeks, you may have noticed a large new concrete entrance, tons of earth moving, a new fence being built, and the beginnings of a new corporate sign in the front yard. All the work will eventually culminate in the opening of CKenergy's new Cordell area campus. The cooperative will be moving out of town, but only a couple of miles and remains committed to supporting the town of Cordell and the surrounding communities as always.

"The new facility will enable us to move all activities and services to one site and under one roof," says CEO Clint Pack. "There are many reasons for the move to the new location. The equipment needed to service all our lines continues to get bigger. We're beginning to have difficulty maneuvering in and out of the current truck building and warehouse that are on separate blocks across from the existing office building. The existing pole yard is inadequate as we need to store more poles for quicker local pole replacement during storm outages plus, we need a place to bring old poles before eventual disposal and in case local folks want to come get a used pole."

Pack continues, "As everyone knows from recent storms, a lot of outages and repairs happen during the night. Without

intention, we make a lot of noise coming and going in the middle of night, loading, and unloading poles and materials. This disturbs everyone in a multiple block area of town that is trying to sleep before work the next day. And the pungent smell of the treated poles sitting in the yard 24/7, might get a bit nauseating for some. Lastly, the current office building is nice, but it is an old layout and does not have room or access for a drive through. The new building will have a drive through with plenty of space to enter, pull through, and exit."

"All existing employees at Cordell will have a place in the new facility." Local CKenergy board president, Jack Sawatzky stated, "We are very excited about the future of the Co-op and that we can accomplish this new facility out of cash on hand and will incur no debt for the construction of the west campus. Our plan is to assist the town of Cordell in filling our old campus buildings with new occupants in an effort to help the community grow once again." Plans are to make the move in mid-2024 and be operating completely from the new location by the end of the 2024 calendar year. Clint Pack said, "We look forward to seeing our members and Cordell community friends at the open house next year, after we get settled of course!"



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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.
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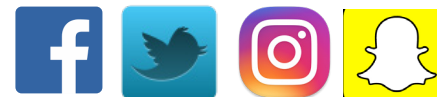


OCTOBER

Winning CKEC Members

- Jason Jones
- Laci Lessig
- Jerry Tackett

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 Electric Cooperative, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

CKenergy Electric Foundation Update



OPERATION ROUND UP
THE POWER OF CHANGE

Approved Grants:

Cyril Sr. Citizens Ctr.	\$4,756.17
Apache Senior Nutrition Ctr.	\$9,820.00
Rocky Senior Center	\$5,000.00
Corn Bible Academy	\$1,345.00
Ft. Cobb Nutrition Ctr.	\$4,000.00
Hinton Fire Dept.	\$1,568.95
Individual Grants	\$5,500.00
Total Grants	\$31,990.12

CKEC Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

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*Small Change, **Big** Difference!*

On Tuesday, August 8, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$31,990.12 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 citizen’s 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.

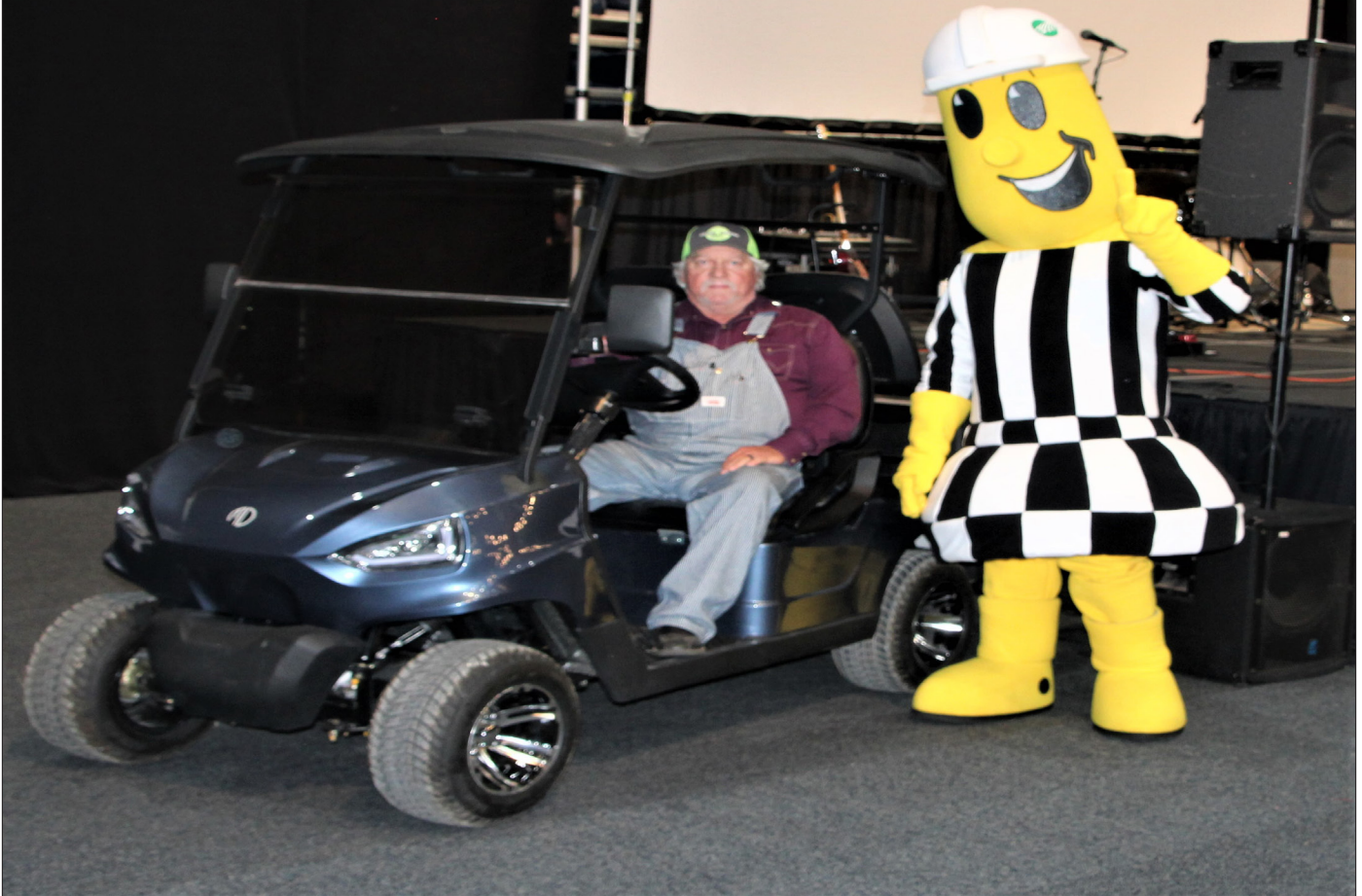
CKenergy Electric Cooperative is passionate about the communities we serve. Together, electric co-ops with Operation Round Up programs in place have raised more than \$100 million since 1989.

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.

Visit www.CKenergy.coop for a foundation application.

CKEC Annual Meeting was a Success!



Grand Prize Winner Tommy Duerr and Willie Wiredhand

CKenergy Electric Cooperative members came together at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford on Friday, August 11 at the CKEC annual meeting. The fun attracted a crowd of almost 700 people and 319 members registered for the annual meeting.

Doors opened at 4:30 p.m. with a free meal catered by The Roadhouse of Ft. Cobb. Entertainment was provided by The Dean Jackson Band, and a children's area with inflatables and an ice cream truck were set up for kids of

all ages. Members enjoyed registration gifts and a \$20 bill credit. Willie Wiredhand and Pistol Pete made special appearances this year and had a great time posing for pictures with members of all ages.

Board of Director President, Jack Sawatzky welcomed the members to CKEC's annual meeting and called the meeting to order. The number of members registered was reported and no quorum was present.

Next, CKEC CEO Clint Pack took the

stage and reviewed the highlights from the past year.

The winner of this year's grand prize, an Electric Golf Cart was Tommy Duerr of Foss. For a complete list of winners please see the following page.

The annual meeting is held every year, not only to conduct business, if necessary, but to show the Co-op's appreciation for its members. We appreciate the members that attended the annual meeting on Friday evening.

Rachel Colvin	Wet Dry Vacuum
Tom Boren	Camp Zero Cooler Bag
David Hines	Lawn Chair
Javan Shaw	Gift Card
Jay Walker	Gift Card
Ina Callahan	Zero G Water Hose
Doris Cook	Battery Pack
Mike and Donna Weaver	Weedeater
Gossen Family Farm	Gift Card
Janie Smith	Gift Card
Scott Froneberger	Extension Cord
Jim Crawford	Lawn Chair
Jerry Schmidt	Drill and Driver Set
Nelda Daugherty	Gift Card
Petrovia Elrod	Gift Card
Paul Schilberg	Case Knife
Ronnie Matlock	\$500 Cert. Atwoods
Rita Hileman	Gift Card
Rick England	Gift Card
Lost Cowboy Church	Black Flag Zapper
Monte Schimmer	Tractor Sprinkler
Dick Snow	Lawn Chair
Eliyd Marie Lynn	Gift Card

Shalyn and Terry Carpenter	Gift Card
Carey Owens	24 inch Metal Fan
Rebecca Snow	Garden Hose
Yuel Farris	Battery Pack
Tom McLemore	Gift Card
Chris Bartlett	Gift Card
Roger Crawford	Craftsman Tool Set
Ralph Hopp	Yard Blower
Lindel Thomason	Weather Station
Barton George	Gift Card
Lavan Lack	Gift Card

Gary Gossen	\$100
Brian Baca	\$100

CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS

Debbie Kern	\$100
Mike Weaver	\$100
Benjamin Dobbs	\$100

Grand Prize Winner

Tommy Duerr	Electric Golf Cart
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Children's Prize Drawings

Lillie Keith	Gift Card
Oliver Leedy	Gift Card
Sawyer Byrd	Gift Card
Sophie Hodge	Gift Card
Hailey Payne	Gift Card
Krista Payne	Gift Card
Savannah Hodge	Gift Card
Havila Slagell	Gift Card

District Cash Prize Drawings

Ralph Peters	\$100
Ken Ship	\$100
Barbara Cotton	\$100
Keith Devaughan	\$100
Shaman Pettit	\$100
Doris Cook	\$100
Jim Mason	\$100
Bartan George	\$100
Petrovia Elrod	\$100
David Hines	\$100

Annual Meeting Highlights





Spooky Energy Savings

This spooky season, we're sharing a few energy-saving tricks so you can treat yourself to lower energy bills. Here are four simple ways to summon the spirit of energy efficiency.

Conjure instant savings with a smart thermostat. One of the easiest ways to save energy is through thermostat control, since home heating and cooling account for a large portion of monthly energy use. Smart thermostats can help you manage heating and cooling costs by learning your daily routine and adjusting the temperature settings accordingly. You can control a smart thermostat from anywhere (through your smart phone), which allows you to prevent unnecessary energy consumption while you're away. Sorcery!

Get rid of goosebumps by eliminating ghostly drafts. The winter chill is just around the corner, so now is the time to seal air leaks around your home. Apply caulk and weatherstripping around drafty windows and doors to make your home more

comfortable and lower energy use.

Illuminate your lair with energy efficient lighting. LED bulbs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent light bulbs. Make the switch to reduce energy used for lighting. Remember to use LEDs when it's time to decorate for the upcoming holiday season. LED light strings offer an average of 88% energy savings compared to traditional incandescent light strings.



Stir up savings with countertop cauldrons. Cooler weather summons our favorite soup recipes. Small countertop appliances like slow cookers use less energy than cooking meals on the stovetop. Grab your book of spells (or recipes) and start stirring up savings in the kitchen.

When we look around our homes, there are many opportunities to save energy. So this spooky season, investigate your space and unlock a different kind of magic – the kind that brings real energy savings.

Automotive

1932 Plymouty PB 4SVCIDE doops. Steel body - no rust. Chevy eng. and trans. Mustang front end Ford rear end. New glass. \$14,000. 405-262-5008.

73 Ford mustang. 351 cleveland motor. Paint - interior-rubber 2dr. \$15,000. 580-331-7304.

2005 50th Ann. T-bird. Blue show car. Immaculate \$21,500. mileage 58,948 405-265-7234

Farm/ Equipment

16' trailer-6 ton limit. Heavy duty. Can haul equipment or vehicle. Pendulum type hitch. \$4500. 405-570-8288.

Norshell work trailer with chrome wheels, vice, six large tool storage boxes, three craftsman and tool boxes. \$3995/obo. 405-376-5846.

24 ft. gooseneck stock trailer. Needs floor. 580-530-0674.

MS Farmall Tractor. Propane-tricycle

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

front, with a front end loader. \$1,500 405-542-7545

Livestock/Pets

Better bulls. Add more profit with big, stout bulls with low birth weights that will sire calves with faster growth and more muscle. Kusel Limousin and Lim-flex. Call John. 580-759-6038.

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

Wanted Walker Coon Hound. Tricolor for replacing big boy 10 year old family. Pet lost in accidnt. 580-347-2645.

Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

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

C and K Trucking. 20 years exp. Hauling heavy equipment, dozers, excavators, loaders and tractors. 405-395-7758.

Liner replacement for semi end dump trailers. 405-638-1158.

Thinking of buying or selling a home or land? Call/text Doug Eckert, Wise Oak Realty: 405-400-8281. yourokcreator.com

Shook's Triple S Construction. Metal carports, awnings, and more. Built on site to meet your needs. Free estimates. 405-413-7590.

Custom Laser Engraving, Apparel Printing, and Embroidery. No orders too small. Special rates for groups and Not for Profits. Promote your next event or business. Arapaho. 580-331-7986. Info@countrychickdesign.com

Mobile welding. Welding and fabrication. Call Tony at 405-834-1128.

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 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.

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.

Circle category:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

Loud Mountain Trading Co. Cement, OK. Over 90 local artisans and craftsmen. Premium ice cream. Monday-Saturday 10-6 p.m. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

www.CowgirlBeef.com. Quality beef you can afford. Ranch-raised calves finished for 120+ days and processed in OK. Buy 1 cut or the whole beef. 619-884-0970. cf2cattle@gmail.com

Door and window installation and repair. Free estimates. JD DE Shazo Construction 405-245-4042.

Buster paint striping. Roll-off dumpsters, parking lot maintenance, dumpster rental, junk and debris removal. Free estimates. 405-648-2194.

Miscellaneous

C and K trucking heavy haul tractors., dozers, backhoes, trackhoes, loaders. 20 yrs. experience. 405-395-7758.

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

Heavy built fire pits. Can be built with or without removable grill. Made out of propane tank ends. Prices range from \$200 to \$450. 580-819-0695.

T-shirt quilts and memory bears. Alterations. 405-933-0224.

\$100 Agreed Divorces. JNK Paralegal Service. www.jnkparalegal.com JNKparalegal@aol.com 405-376-2206.

Goober House. Fresh peanuts of many varieties, pecans, and peanut brittle. 580-515-5821. www.Gooberhouse.com

Offering a new service. When you can not, I can assist by checking on your loved one in the hospital, nursing home or their home. Janice Smith, Companion Care. 405-542-7498.

Campbell Hausfeld portable air compressor. 5 hp/1.7 hp/15 gallon 120 volt. 135 max PSI and 7 gallon air tank. \$250 405-687-0160.

Prairie Construction & Excavation, Pads, Ponds, Access roads, Grading & Draining, Mulching, Excavation,

Aggregate, Dirt, & Heavy Hauling. 405-802-1725. pceok.com

For removal & replacment of floor liners in semi end up trailers, call/text 405-638-1158. Doughty's Repair Service.

New t-shirts. Quacker Factory, Denim & Co. from QVC. 2x-3x All colors, solids patterns. 918-798-3360.

Wood lathe full size with extras Tools, scrollsaws, misc. Woodworking tools. 405-808-6010.

Vacation fishing, hunting cabin rental. Next to the water. Ft. Cobb Lake. Text 580-243-8697.

Double wide mobile home. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath. 40x30 barn on 1 acre. South of Weatherford. 580-302-3558.

Ft Cobb Lake - Crow Roost RV Sites. Nightly and weekly rates with full hookups, free laundry, sticker-free grass, quiet street. 580-772-4792.

Wanted-Notices

Wanted AFX, Aurora, slot cars, redline hotwheels, comic books, model car kits. 405-361-2227.

Need lawn mowing and care for small lot at Foss Lake Estates. 580-515-8277.

Real Estate

RV Hook-up - Ft. Cobb Lake (Crow Roost Area). Nightly Rentals. Provide full hook-ups. Large pavilion and storm shelter. Nice and quiet get away. 405-694-0625.

Beef in Onion Gravy



Ingredients:

1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
2 tbsp. onion soup mix
2 tbsp. beef broth
1 tbsp. quick-cooking tapioca
1 lb. beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
Hot cooked noodles or mashed potatoes

Directions:

In a 1 ½ qt. slow cooker, combine the soup, soup mix, broth and tapioca; let stand for 15 minutes. Stir in the beef. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until meat is tender. Serve over noodles or mashed potatoes