



## 2020 Annual Meeting Highlights

**D**ue to COVID-19 pandemic precautions, CKenergy Electric Cooperative held a non-traditional, modified Annual Meeting of Members on Friday, July 31 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford.

Drive-thru registration began at 10:00 a.m. at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. Registered members received a \$20 bill credit on their electric account.

CKEC appreciates our members' understanding in our choosing to uphold one of our seven guiding Cooperative Principles—Concern for Community. CKEC's board and staff want to thank our members for their patronage and their understanding of the method of this year's Annual Meeting.

The economic impact of the pandemic is evolving as well. CKenergy is a member-owned cooperative that was built by and

belongs to the consumers we serve. The economic health of CKenergy is directly tied to the wellbeing of our communities. We are seeing an increase in unpaid electric bills as local businesses struggle and unemployment surges. We expect the decline of the oil and gas industry to have a significant and long-term effect on many businesses we serve and the people they employ.

Maintaining minimal margins helps us keep our energy costs as low as possible, but this leaves a very limited reserve for us to sustain high rates of nonpayment and reduction in revenue from closed commercial accounts. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, CKEC regularly returns excess margins to our members. We do not have shareholders and any excess margins we have will always be returned to our members.

The CKenergy Board of Directors and staff share in the responsibility of providing certainty during this uncertain time. CKEC will continue to be proactive as we work to keep the lights on and provide quality service to local families and businesses. The reliable, affordable electricity that we provide will help power economic recovery. By being proactive, CKEC can continue vital work without undue financial burden to our members or rate increases on those we serve.

According to research by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the nation's electric cooperatives could suffer up to \$10 billion in lost revenue through 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The coming months will more fully reveal the economic impact this will have on CKenergy and our members.



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- **Pay through our CKenergy App available for iPhones or Androids.**



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## AUGUST

### Winning CKEC Members

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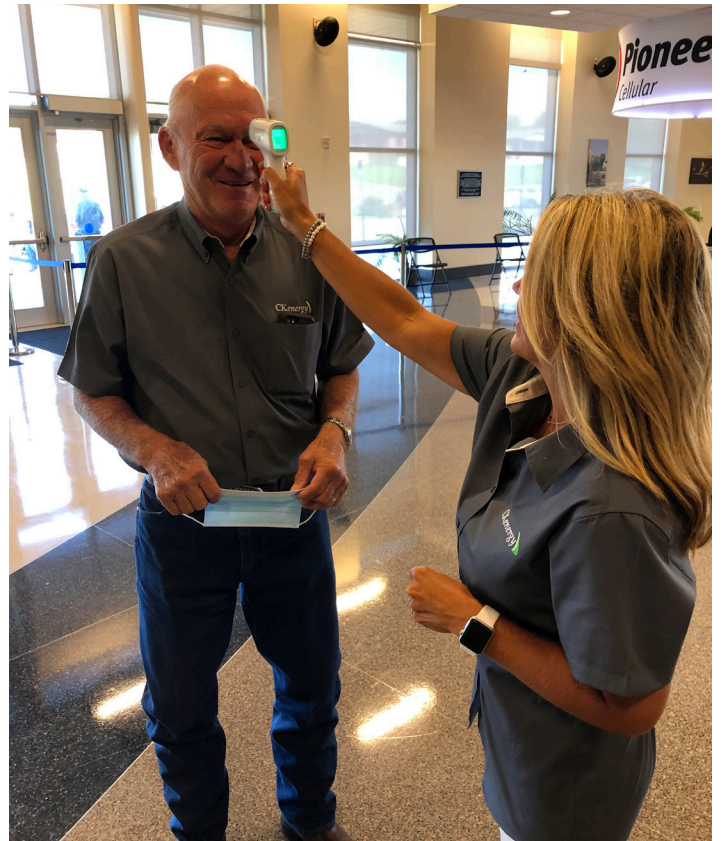
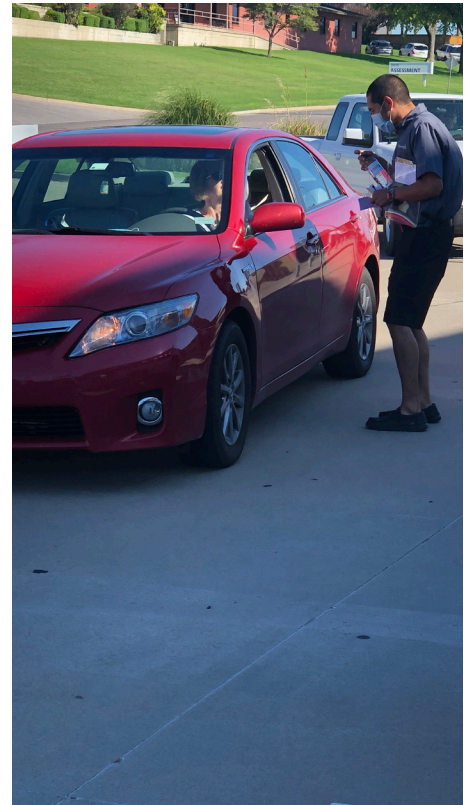
If your name is listed above, please call us at **405-656-2322** to claim a \$25 credit on your electric bill.



### 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 Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: [editor@ckenergy.coop](mailto:editor@ckenergy.coop).



# Your Spare Change Can Make a **Big Difference** through Operation RoundUp

Even during tough economic times, it's important that we continue to support our local communities. That's the philosophy behind Operation RoundUp, a charitable program governed, funded and supported by CKenergy Electric Cooperative members like you.

Here's how the program works: As a member of Operation RoundUp, the Cooperative will "round up" the amount due on your electric bill to the nearest dollar. These donations are placed in an account from which an independent panel of CKenergy Electric members makes grants to support various community projects across the Cooperative's service territory. This program has assisted a wide variety of organizations, including local food pantries, senior centers, fire departments and schools. We are happy to continue this program as CKenergy.

For more information call Boyd Lee at 405-656-2322.



## AT A GLANCE

### Operation RoundUp

- Round up your monthly electric bill to the nearest whole dollar.
- Contributions will range from \$0.01 to \$0.99 per month.
- Your contributions, pooled with those made by fellow Cooperative members, will help fund charitable projects in the community.
- You can cancel or resume participation at any time.



**OPERATION  
ROUND UP**  
THE POWER OF CHANGE

Small change  
**Big Difference**

# You have the Power with Prepaid

You can control what you pay and know what uses watts



**P**repaid 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.

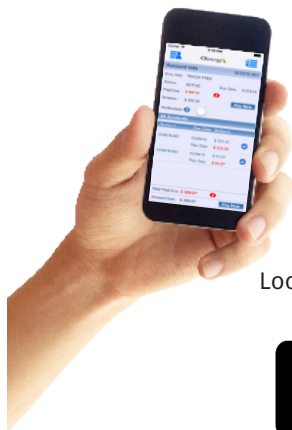
Now you decide how often you want to buy electricity. Monthly? Weekly? Then you budget for a certain amount of power

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.



## There's an app for that.

Look for the CKenergy EC app on Google Play or the App Store.



Energy Efficiency



Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.



## Kids on their own?

### Prepare them with electrical safety lessons

If back to school means your children will be walking without you or coming home to an empty house for a few hours in the afternoons, remind them that electricity can be dangerous.

Here are six lessons that can save a little one's life:

1. Assume all utility lines are energized and can injure or kill someone who touches them. Even if the line

appears to belong to the cable or phone company, a child is unlikely to be sure. Advise your kids not to touch any kind of fallen line.

2. Climbing trees is an activity best enjoyed when an adult is nearby to supervise. Still, caution your child not to climb a tree that is near an electrical power line—even if the line isn't touching the tree.

3. Likewise remind your kids to fly kites and toy airplanes far away from power lines and substations, and to leave them where they land if they come into contact with a wire. Admonish them to abandon any toys that could wind up inside a protected area around a transformer or substation.
4. Insist that children stay away from transformer boxes, substations, transmission towers and all electrical equipment. Forbid them from climbing utility poles or entering a substation—no matter who dares them to ignore the “do not enter” sign and climb over the fence.
5. Teach children of all ages how to read signs that say “danger,” “high voltage,” and “keep out.”
6. Write down the CKenergy Electric Cooperative telephone number for each of your children to keep with his or her school books, and encourage them to all for help if they spot a downed wire or see another child dangerously close to a line or other potentially “live” equipment. If for some reason they can't locate the CKenergy number, tell them to call 911 immediately. The CKenergy number is **1-800-868-8243**.

For additional electrical safety tips, please visit our website at [www.CKenergy.coop](http://www.CKenergy.coop).

## Remember to update your info



At various times, CKEC may need to contact our members. The information that you provide is our source of contact. If that information is incorrect, we may

not be able to contact you. If you call in your information, please be prepared to confirm your identity. A correct phone number could be the means of avoiding service disconnection.

A correct address will help to ensure that you receive your bill. A forwarding address if you move off CKEC lines will help to ensure that you receive your final bill, your deposit and/or membership

refund check, as well as your capital credit checks.

## Did not receive your bill?

Remember that failure to receive your bill in no way relieves you, the member, from paying it. If you do not receive your bill, contact the office billing department at 405-656-2322 so that another bill can be issued.

### Automotive

1952 Chevy pickup. Needs restored. Two complete engines and drive trains. Good title. \$3,700 cash. 405-818-9011.

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

### Farm/ Equipment

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

Need cans, a case or a 20 lb. tank of R-12 freon. 580-450-4708.

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.

### Livestock/Pets

Gentle, genetic superior bulls. Easy calving, more growth and muscle. Make

# Swap 'N Shop

## For Sale or Trade

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

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

Welding & fabrication, call Tony at 405-834-1128.

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.

Harrison Auction & Realtor, David Harrison. Equipment- Real Estate- Minerals. 405-779-5792.

Mooters water well services, 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.

### Miscellaneous

Chest of drawers 58x37x19. Dresser 69x30½x19 with mirror. Solid Oak \$300 each piece. Call 580-309-4621.

2016 Pontoon boat. Bass 18 buggy, DXL, cover trailer depth finder. Spare mercury 60 horsepower 4 stroke. Less tan 50 hours. 405-570-4324.

2013 Rockwood Windjammer bumper pull RV. Original owner, clean and stored in barn. \$15,000. 580-716-5010

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.

**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.**

#### Circle category:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

CKEC Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

JNK Paralegal Service. \$100 agreed divorces. 405-376-2206.

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

### Real Estate

3bd, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. 405-777-3156.

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2bd/1 ba, that could be converted to 4bd/2ba near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors. Fully furnished. New metal roof. Built in 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

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 ½ mile S of Burns Flat golf course. 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

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/2½ba for party barn, great for reunions, both cool, fully equipped. 580-214-0178. [www.bigretreat.com](http://www.bigretreat.com).

43 acres mol, Minco. Gorgeous 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. Rent by week or day. Call or text 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.

Call RE/MAX Gold Buckle Realty, 580-330-9090.

For Rent: 2 lg bd, lg kitchen, living room, den, ½ba, 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.

### 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 ext 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

## Barbeque Beef Cups

### Ingredients:

¾ pound lean ground beef  
½ cup barbeque sauce  
1 tablespoon dried minced onion  
1 (12 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough  
⅓ cup shredded cheddar cheese



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease the cups of a muffin pan. In a large heavy skillet over medium heat, cook beef until evenly brown. Drain excess fat. Stir in barbeque sauce and dried onion. Simmer for a few minute over low heat. Flatten each biscuit, and press into cups of the prepared muffin pan. Make sure dough comes to the top of the pan. Spoon a portion of the meat mixture into each dough cup. Bake in preheated oven for 12 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese, and bake for three more minutes.