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CKEC offices will close Monday, September 6 to observe Labor Day.

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White Dog Hill

Come for the View, Stay for the Food

By Lisa Willard

Sunsets, steaks, and creative salads are just a few of the spectacular items you can enjoy at White Dog Hill. Located on a rising plain between Clinton and Weatherford on Old Route 66, Owner Nelson King rejuvenated a piece of Oklahoma history and opened the exquisite establishment in August of 2007.



Savory steaks, grilled lamb chops, creative salads and unique cheese boards made

only from fresh ingredients await you at the White Dog. Be sure to save room for dessert specials like Key Lime Cheesecake, Vanilla Bundt Cake with Bourbon Cherry Ice Cream, and 7 Layers of Heaven Bars with Ice Cream.

White Dog Hill Restaurant maintained the western architect style by restoring the old Clinton Country Club of the roaring 20's into a unique restaurant. During the restoration process, new modern

conveniences and necessities were added with a great deal of care while minimizing the overall effect on the western historical architectural style.

The history of this building is unique. It was originally constructed as the main clubhouse for those who could afford the luxury of playing golf in the 1920's; an exclusive private club so to speak. It fell into disrepair after the club membership disbanded.

Because of abandonment and vandalism, The White Dog almost didn't happen. Vandals invaded the old structure perched on a hill just east of Clinton along the north side of the I-40 access road. They had torn the building apart. Vandals tried to burn it down several times. This graceful structure of the past was completely dilapidated. Nelson spent six years renovating the building and returning the red stone clubhouse to an exquisite piece of Oklahoma history.

White Dog is now an elegant, country style restaurant with a magnificent view of the valley that surrounds the restaurant. The slogan, Come for the view and stay for the food is unique. You won't want to miss its unwavering beauty, the scenic views, and the rare sunsets.



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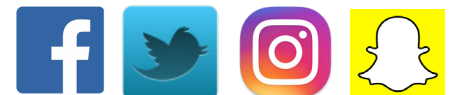


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Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Lisa Willard, Director of Communications, CKenergy, PO Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.



CKEC board of director Greg Little, CEO Clint Pack, Dr. Fred Reuter, Robert Travis, Walter Hrbacek, John Schaufele, Steve Sweeney, Back Row-Jack Sawatzky, Rep. Dick Lowe, Rep. Anthony Moore, Mark Slemph, Tony Setzer, Gary Brewseter and Don Payne,

CKEC Meets with Legislators

Anthony Moore and Dick Lowe attend CKEC Luncheon

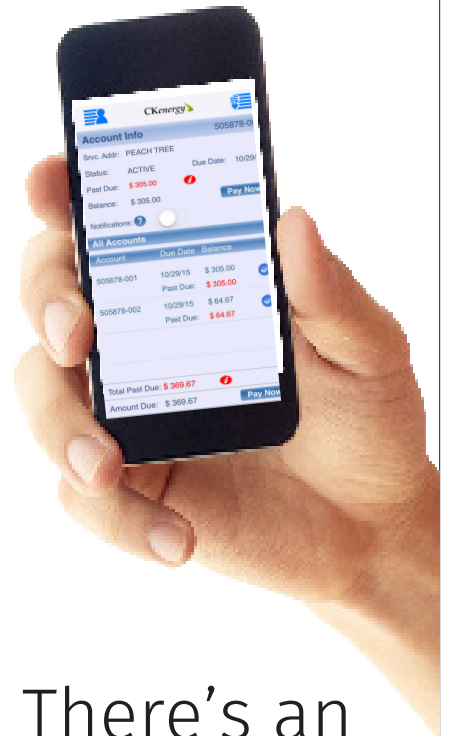
Representatives Anthony Moore and Dick Lowe met with CKEC Board of Directors and staff on June 22 prior to CKEC's board meeting. The representatives discussed the increasing number of grow houses, the Oklahoma Narcotics Division and the difficulty of making changes to the law since it's written in the Oklahoma Constitution.

The legislators also discussed Oklahoma tax reductions, education and teacher compensation and the Oklahoma state budget. The luncheon ended with questions from CKEC's board and staff.

CKEnergy Electric Cooperative continually works with legislators to provide legislation that is fair and does not hinder CKEnergy's service territory and communities.



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Skeleton Creek

Renewable Energy Sources

Are solar panels the only way to get renewable energy to my home? NO

By Brian Coker, Rates and Marketing Manager

Electricity from renewable resources has become a hot topic. There are a large number of solar companies trying to sell products directly to our members. They will try to tell you the only way to get renewable energy at your home is to have it onsite. **What they don't tell you is your existing electric company, CKenergy, is already providing renewable zero-carbon electricity.** If your only goal is to directly purchase solar electricity that is great! However, purchasing solar panels for your home doesn't fix anything; it just changes who you pay for the electricity and often at a higher price. CKenergy would like to assist you in making an informed evaluation and provide programs that improve the efficiency of your home. Please contact us before making a decision and let us help determine if it's right for you.

CKenergy purchases all the electricity it sells from Western Farmers Electric

Cooperative (WFEC). WFEC owns and contracts for electricity that it sells into the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Then WFEC purchases electricity back out of the SPP market. This balancing market is what provides reliable electricity to



CKenergy and in turn to our members. Below Sondra and Gary go into detail about the amount of renewable energy already being purchased on your behalf.

Article below courtesy of Western Farmers Electric Cooperative written by Sondra Boykin-

Renewable energy sources, such as wind* and solar*, have grown significantly in the past decade, with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), in addition to numerous other electric cooperatives across the country, actively expanding and diversifying their fuel portfolios. For almost 20 years, WFEC has played a key role in the overall advancement of renewable energy. "WFEC has always worked at having a diverse blend of cost-effective energy in its wholesale power mix," explained WFEC Chief Executive Officer Gary Roulet. "In upholding this goal, WFEC has further strengthened its focus throughout the past several years to include more advancements towards renewable energy or zero-carbon energy," he noted.

The advancement of renewable energy technology, within the industry, has played an essential role in helping WFEC to provide a diversified portfolio.

---WFEC CEO Gary Roulet

In 2020, WFEC's hydro, wind* and solar* generation resources totaled 1,277 megawatts (MW). Of this total, 956 MW was wind energy, which includes the recently completed Skeleton Creek Wind Project. Solar energy totaled 53 MW, while hydroelectric power provided some 268 MW. These renewable energy or zero-carbon



Pine Ridge

energy sources have helped WFEC gain a well-balanced and diversified portfolio of generation resources, allowing for reduced exposure to changing market conditions, which helps to keep rates competitive. This blend reflects a mix of technologies and fuel types, including owned facilities and capacity, in addition to energy provided through contracts and power purchase agreements (PPAs).

Looking ahead:

WFEC's zero-emission generation portfolio of assets planned to be operational in 2023 will consist of 956 MW of wind* generating capacity; 403 MW of solar* generating capacity; and 268 MW of hydroelectric generating capacity. In addition, the 800 megawatt-hours (MWh) of battery storage, which is a part of the overall Skeleton Creek Project, will provide the ability to shift solar energy output to a time when demand requires the energy and to store solar energy that otherwise would be lost.

WFEC's renewable story:

Hydro power was the first zero-carbon energy source to be included in WFEC's portfolio. This hydro power generation generally came from the Southwest Power

Administration (SWPA) and Corps of Engineer resources in eastern Oklahoma, northeast Arkansas and southwest Missouri. In 2000, outside of these hydro resources, the remainder of the energy provided to WFEC members was from fossil fuel generation, which was a mix of coal and natural gas. WFEC's Board of Trustees began to consider the possibilities of wind* energy as a new power source just after the beginning of the new millennium, with expectations that adding these resources would lower the wholesale power cost to its members over time. In 2003, WFEC became the first utility in the state of Oklahoma to sign a long-term PPA with a wind farm developer for the development of Phase 1 of the Blue Canyon Wind Farm, to be located north of Lawton. Through this venture, WFEC added the energy produced by the 74 megawatt (MW) facility to its generation mix. Since that time, WFEC has signed PPAs with 14 wind farm developers to add 882 MW of wind energy, to reach its 2020 total of 956 MW. Solar* energy was added to WFEC's generation portfolio, beginning in 2016. WFEC has a total of 53 MW of solar generation operational at the end of 2020. This includes six utility-scale solar sites, plus 13 community solar sites. By 2023,

WFEC could have a total of 403 MW of solar generation, with the completion of two large proposed projects.

Bright future:

Once these new resources have achieved commercial operation, by the end of 2023, roughly half of the energy sales to WFEC members will be offset by zero carbon generating resource energy sales to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) market. However, the development of carbon-free resources is not a quick process, and it probably does not lend itself to a total use of renewable sources. Fossil fuel sources remain necessary for periods of changing wind, water and solar conditions. The sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow. But, rest assured, WFEC will continue to be among the leading cooperatives that are a part of the promising new opportunities that lie ahead for its electric cooperative members of tomorrow.

**WFEC purchases or produces energy from various wind & solar resources. However, WFEC has not historically, nor may not in the future, retain or retire all of the renewable energy certificates*



Rocky Ridge



Back to School Electrical Safety Tips

As parents and children prepare for this school year, CKEC wants to share some electrical safety tips that are useful for students of all ages.

Elementary School Students

Electricity can be exciting and interesting to learn about, but it is important that kids learn about electrical safety.

Remind your children of the following tips:

- Never throw shoes onto power lines, and definitely don't try to get them off of the lines.
- Writing utensils and other supplies like paperclips should never be placed in or near electrical outlets, even if you think the outlet isn't working.
- Make sure your hands and the area around you are dry before plugging

something in. This is especially important in science labs where there are usually several sets of sinks and chemicals.

- When unplugging things from an electrical outlet, always hold the plastic base to pull the plug out. Never yank it out by the cord.

Middle/High School Students

- If you've just received the privilege of driving to school, pay attention on those morning and afternoon drives for utility crews at work.
- Always steer clear of pad-mount transformers –the big green metal boxes. All electrical equipment on school property should be avoided due to the possible dangers of electrical shock.
- Always be cautious in science classes, specifically the ones with labs. Sinks, eye washes, chemicals – it's likely

your hands or the area near you will be wet. Keep everything dry and use caution when plugging in equipment.

College Students

- Get in the habit of unplugging what's not in use.
- Replace frayed or damaged extension cords with new ones.
- Keep extension cords out from under carpet, rugs or furniture as this could damage the cord and also present a fire hazard.
- Keep flammable materials such as books, paper and clothing away from heaters, stoves and other heating sources.
- Never leave cooking appliances unattended.
- Plug portable heaters and air conditioners directly into the outlet. If an extension cord is needed, to prevent overheating and risk of fire, use only one that is rated for this purpose to ensure that the cord can handle the electrical current.
- Never remove the third prong from an electrical product. The third prong is the grounding device and is a critical safety feature.
- Keep gadgets and cords away from bedding and curtains. The heat from a laptop charger or mini-fridge can start an electrical fire if left in contact with flammable material for too long.
- Avoid overloading outlets or circuits as this can cause overheating that may lead to fire.

Automotive

1992 Cadillac Allante 69,900 miles. Pearl white with black convertible top. Tan seats. Excellent condition. One owner. Call for details and photos. 405-250-5396.

83 Chev. van. New tires. 580-637-2520.

1973 Mustang 2 dr. 351 mtr. auto-power and air. Paint and interior excellent. Good rubber. \$15,000. 580-331-7304.

86 Chevy 1 ton dully flatbed. 4 speed, V8 engine. \$1,000 405-352-4540

1954 T020 Ferguson. Rear tires new. Carb rebuild kit included. 2 new gauges. 3 pt. mower. \$1150. 580-530-0593.

1963 Ford F100 V8 4 speed. Needs work. Yukon, OK \$2,000. 580-302-0772.

Farm/ Equipment

1941 John Deere, 1939 John Deere. Both restored. Spoke wheels and new tires. Original. \$7500 both. 405-834-0825.

2020 Trip Hopper. 3,000 capacity. Model #T-856. Like new. \$5500. 580-445-6152 or 937-286-9897.

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

Better bulls. Add more porfit 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.

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

German wirehair pointers. 3 males. 2 females. Quail pheasant ducks. \$500. Ready May 21, 2021. 405-687-0125.

Business

Parking lot maintenance, crack and asphalt sealing, overlay, potholes, striping and signage. Discounts for churches. Free estimates. Call Bruce Hall at Liberty Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759.

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

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

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

Award winning decks, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, firepits, outdoor fireplaces, cedar fence. Design. 405-834-3411

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

Custom apparel printing and embroidery for your personal or business needs. No orders too small. We can print one or more. Special rates for fundraisers and not for profit groups. www.countrychickdesign.com

Miscellaneous

Bales of grass hay. \$45/bale. 405-613-5731.

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

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		

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2018 Bighorn Traveler 39MB Fifth wheel. Four slides, fireplace, washer, drer, outside grill, central vacuum, excellent condition. Colony. 903-701-7888.

1986 Lincoln gas welder. S.A. 200. \$3,500. 405-929-9410.

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. \$1500. 405-256-0270

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

Silver parade, saddle, bridle, and chest strap. Black-cement. 817-229-5663.

Heavy duty fire pits. 24-48". Free standing. 580-819-0695.

2017 Nash 25C travel trailer. Boondocking ready with solar and batteries. Four season capable, enclosed underbilly. New queen mattress, TV, radio with DVD player. 580-574-2741

Heavy Haul: tractor, dozers, backhoes, loaders, trackhoes. 20 years experience. 405-395-7758.

55/55 chevy used parts bumper. Brake drums, chrome pieces, seats, misc. 405-828-9011.

Eastlake bedroom suit, circa 1800's. Paneled double bed, four drawer chest with jewelry/gloves boxes on top. Framed mirror. Call or text for pics. 405-256-0121.

2008 36' HH 5th wheel, four slides. Two western jackets 46 R, three western hats 7 1/8. 405-919-0980.

Recreational Trailer, 19 ft, 2004. Travel Cruiser. Good Condition. \$5,000. Call or text 580-773-8513.

Old gumball machine \$80. Student desk \$65. Old fan \$80. Old tricycle \$90. 48" round oak table and six chars \$600, matching hutch \$150. 405-256-0270.

Knitting nmachines and all accessories. Approximately 10 of them. \$1500 for all or best offer. 405-659-1171.

49 JFK Jr. "Geroge magazines" plus "Last will and testament of Jacqueline Kennedy. 405-797-2915.

Fire pits built out of propane tank ends. Built to last. 580-819-0695.

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.

6' BushHog, like new. Lumber: 3x12x16xLVls. Kenmmore sewing mahcine. 1993 Lincoln Cont. Mark VII. 580-695-4589.

Real Estate

OK Croton Guest Rach is for sale. Thriving business with proven success. Event center with multiple uses, 20 room hotel, serveral nice homes, barns on 80 acres in Roger Mill County. 580-497-6831.

2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, fieplace, 2 car attached carport. Central H/A. Across from Bingery-Oney school. 405-656-2310.

1999 Crestridge Mobile Home 28x76. Central Heat and Air. 5 bedrooms, 2 bath. Remodeled kitchen - solid oak cabinets, countertops, and flooring. Pictures on Craigslist. \$445,000. 405-574-6260.

1700 Lakeview 3 bed, 2 bath. central heat air, wood stove. 580-747-3672.

Wanted-Notices

I-H grain drill #10, 20x8 spacing. 580-595-1560.

Old toys wanted 1950-1989. Hot wheels, GI Joe, star wars, super heroes, mode car kits, old comics, and trading cards.

Eggplant Fries

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 medium egg plant (about 1 1/4 lbs.)
- Cooking spray
- 1 cup meatless pasta sauce, warmed



Directions:

1. Preheat broiler. In a shallow bowl, whisk eggs. In another shallow bowl, mix cheese, wheat germ, and seasonings.
2. Trim ends of eggplant; cut eggplant lengthwise into 1/2 in. thick slices. Cut slices lengthwise into 1/2 in. strips. Dip eggplant in eggs, then coat with cheese mixture. Place on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray.
3. Spritz eggplant with additional cooking spray. Broil 4 in. from heat 3 minutes. Turn eggplant; spritz with additional cooking spray. Broil until golden grown, 1-2 minutes. Serve immediately with pasta.