

THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

Holiday Closing

CKEC offices will close Monday, Sept. 5 to observe Labor Day.

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Understanding Power Surges and Blinks

Common power disruptions explained

Have you ever noticed your lights blink during a thunderstorm? Or perhaps you have noticed a blinking microwave clock when you arrive home. When this happens, you've likely experienced a brief disruption to your electric service, which could result from a power surge or blink. While the symptoms of surges and blinks can appear similar, what's happening behind the scenes can be quite different.

What's a power surge?

Power surges are brief over voltage spikes or disturbances of a power waveform that can damage, degrade, or destroy electronic equipment within your home or business. Most electronics are designed to handle small variations in

voltage; however, power surges can reach amplitudes of tens of thousands of volts—this can be extremely damaging to your electronic equipment.

Surges can be caused by internal sources, like HVAC systems with variable frequency drives, or external sources, like lightning and damage to power lines and transformers.

CKenergy Electric Cooperative encourages all members to install surge protective devices (such as surge protector power strips) to safeguard your sensitive electronics. If you're experiencing frequent surges in your home or business and you believe the cause is internal, contact a qualified electrician to inspect your electrical system.

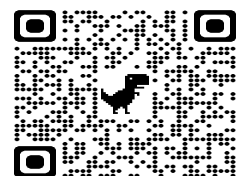
What is a power blink?

Power blinks are also brief service interruptions, but they are typically caused by a fault (short circuit) on a power line or a protective device that's working in reaction to the fault. Faults can occur through a variety of instances, like squirrels, birds or other small animals contacting an energized power line; tree branches touching a power line; or lightning and other similar events.

Any of the events noted above can cause your power to blink, but you may also experience a brief interruption when protective devices that act like circuit breakers are working to detect the fault. Believe it or not, these brief power blinks caused by protective devices are good because that means the equipment is working as it should to prevent a prolonged outage.

Regardless of the cause, CKEC crews will be on their way to inspect the damage and make necessary repairs after a power outage. And you can help too. Whenever you experience an outage, please let us know by using our mobile app to report it or by calling our outage hotline number at 1-800-8OUTAGE.

Listen to Power Plays
"Don't be Afraid of Your
Electricity Bill"





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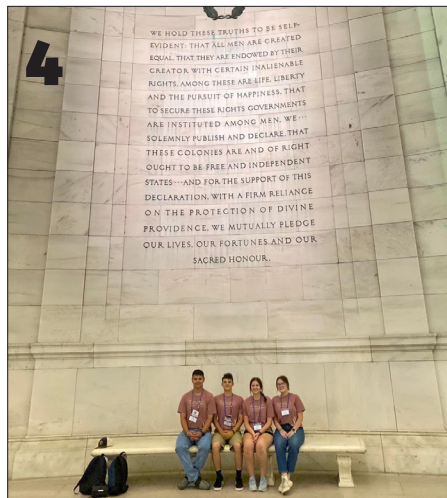
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SEPTEMBER

Winning CKEC Members

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

Investing in our future

Co-op tax dollars contribute more than \$1,600,000 to local education

It's back to school time! The importance of a good education is vital and CKEnergy Electric Cooperative has been a long-time supporter of school districts within our service territory.

CKEC provides financial support to school systems in our service territory through the payment of gross receipt taxes. The 2% gross receipts tax is collected from members' monthly electric bills at the instruction of the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Ninety-Five percent of the funds remitted are paid to the school districts in our service territory while 5% is placed in the state's general fund.

In 2021, CKEnergy paid \$1,603,604.92 in gross receipts tax. These funds benefited local schools in CKEC's service territory.

The chart to the right shows the allocation of school funds in CKEC's area. Tax distribution varies from school to school because some school districts have more miles of CKEnergy electric lines.

Electric cooperatives are not-for profit businesses. Cooperatives don't pay income tax, but we pay several taxes businesses are required to pay.

Contributing to the education of our youth is an important benefit of our tax dollars. It's an investment in our communities and our future.

On a percentage basis, electric cooperatives and their members contribute more tax dollars to local school districts than other utilities.



2021 Tax Disbursement for Schools based on miles of electric line.

School	CKEC Tax
Anadarko	\$ 58,211.23
Apache/Boone	\$ 46,847.46
Arapaho	\$ 76,673.79
Banner	\$ 6,076.49
Binger/Oney	\$ 94,310.34
Burns Flat/ Dill City	\$ 42,611.09
Cache	\$ 3,281.55
Calumet	\$ 181.97
Canute	\$ 16,994.55
Carnegie	\$ 75,232.36
Cement	\$ 25,982.52
Clinton	\$ 41,042.90
Cordell	\$ 104,204.06
Cyril	\$ 30,916.09
El Reno	\$ 13,892.92
Elgin	\$ 9,775.14
Fletcher	\$ 20,80.37
Ft. Cobb/Broxton	\$ 56,551.04
Geary	\$ 3,316.31
Gracemont	\$ 44,537.08
Hammon	\$ 18,476.87
Hinton	\$ 94,028.19
Hobart	\$ 30,394.73
Hydro/Eakly	\$ 79,119.11
Indiahoma	\$ 359.85
Lawton	\$ 55.20
Leedey	\$ 30,805.69
Lone Wolf	\$ 33,199.89
Lookeba/Sickles	\$ 49,568.80
Maple	\$ 17,493.43
Minco	\$ 20,660.28
Mt. View/Gotebo	\$ 79,063.91
Mustang	\$ 60,648.37
Riverside	\$ 12.27
Sentinel	\$ 43,813.30
Snyder	\$ 35,530.71
Sterling	\$ 4,872.23
Taloga/Oakwood	\$ 28,556.65
Thomas/Fay/Custer	\$ 98,700.05
Union City	\$ 33,545.42
Verden	\$ 18,429.84
Weatherford	\$ 53,903.30
Yukon	\$ 347.58
Total:	\$1,603,604.92



Adrián Leal, John Thomas Clinton, Mary Horton, and Alexa Schaufele pose for a photograph in Washington D.C.

Students Experience Washington D.C.

Youth Tour 2022

Four area high-schoolers recently returned from a unique and life-changing experience. John Thomas Clinton of Carnegie High School, Mary Horton of Lone Wolf High School, Adrián Leal of Binger-Oney High School, and Alexa Schaufele of Hobart High School were the winners of the 2022 CKenergy Electric Cooperative Youth Tour contest, made possible by CKenergy.

"Thank you for the amazing opportunity to explore Washington D.C. I have made so many amazing friends and saw many beautiful museums." - Adrián Leal

Months after writing their letters and sending in videos of their speeches, the fab four flew to Washington D.C. in June for the 2022 Youth Tour. The students left Oklahoma City bright and early on June 18th and returned on June 23rd. The four students along with the other Oklahoma Youth Tour winners walked over six miles each day touring national landmarks and meeting with congressional representatives. These included National Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Holocaust Museum, and Iwo Jima Memorial just to name a few.

Organized by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperative (OAEC) since 1964, the six-day Youth Tour trip is full of





sight-seeing, leadership building, and fun.

For Clinton, it was an awesome opportunity, and he was honored to have been chosen as a delegate. Clinton said, "My mother went when she was my age,

and it was an honor going to D.C."

Horton mentioned it was an incredible opportunity. She is thankful for the friends she made and sights she was able to see. Horton said, "This was quite literally the trip of a lifetime and will likely be a core memory for me. Thank you for believing in me and showing me that no matter where you come from, you can still do big things. I will cherish this trip forever."

Leal was thankful for the opportunity to explore Washington D.C. Leal stated, "I made so many friends and saw so many beautiful museums and the food was amazing."

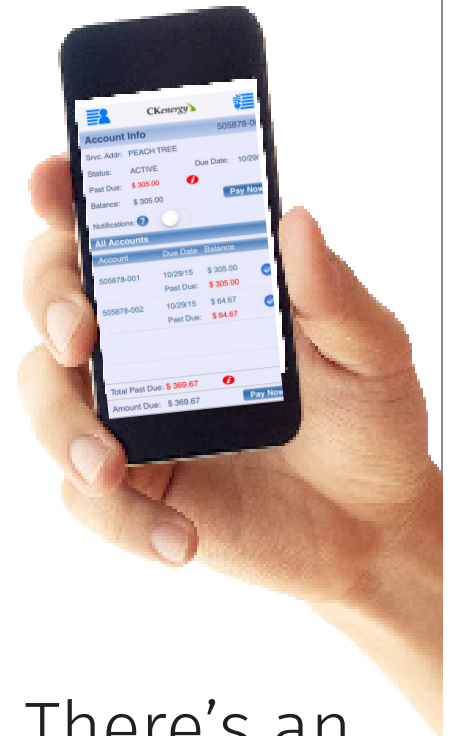
Schaufele was thankful for the trip and thanked CKEC for believing in her. She said, "This trip is one to remember. We got to tour all over D.C. and see many cool monuments. Thank you!"

"This was quite literally the trip of a lifetime and will likely be a core memory for me." -Mary Horton



Leal, Schaufele, Horton, and Clinton take a picture in front of the Capitol.

View, Pay, Create, Update, Alert, Report, Send & Receive?



There's an app for that.

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





Five Ways to Exercise Your Civic Duty

America's electric cooperatives, including CKenergy Electric Cooperative, understands the value of building relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. There are many important policy issues that directly impact electric utilities and ultimately, you, the consumer-members we proudly serve. Strengthening our relationships with elected leaders positions us to advocate for our local community.

While CKenergy is a locally-owned cooperative, we're part of a larger network of electric co-ops. Through our non-partisan grassroots program

known as "Co-ops Vote," we're working to enhance the political strength of electric

National Voter Registration Day
Tuesday, September 20

Visit www.vote.coop to ensure you're #voteready.

co-ops and boost voter turnout. There's power in numbers, and when we all show

up at the polls, we can voice the issues that matter most to our community.

National Voter Registration Day is September 20, and midterm elections are right around the corner. If you're looking to get involved or simply make sure you're ready to vote, here are five easy ways you can exercise your civic duty.

1. Don't assume your voter registration status is up to date. Visit www.vote.coop, then click "Election Resources" to verify your status.
2. Get informed. In addition to ensuring your registration is up to date, learning about local policy issues and candidates is one of the best ways you can prepare to vote.
3. Get active on social media. Follow @coopsvote on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and let others know you're a #coopvoter and #VoteReady; encourage your friends and family to do the same.
4. Help others prepare to vote. Work a National Voter Registration Day event (visit www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/events), volunteer to be a poll worker during midterm elections or offer to drive others to their polling places.
5. Vote! It's the easiest--and most important--way you can exercise your civic duty.

Voting is a form of personal empowerment that gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on the issues that matter most to you. Make a plan to vote and help others in our community get #VoteReady.

We encourage everyone, regardless of political beliefs, to vote, stand up for our local community and make a collective impact.

Automotive

1979 Dodge power wagon truck. 36,000 original miles. Runs good. 580-339-3037.

1946 Ford Coupe. Been in covered storage on blocks since 19985. V8 engine flat head. 405-779-1091.

302 Ford engine and C4 auto trans. Complete from oil pan to air cleaner. All new parts. \$1700. 405-256-0270

Farm/ Equipment

820 John Deere, will run. 80 JD - needs work. \$2500 for both. 580-331-7304

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

Allis Chambers tractor WD45, 2WD. Good rubber on tines, runs on propane, factory propane. \$2,000. 580-583-3231.

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.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

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

Peacocks, 3 year old Indian Blues. 580-347-2645.

Business

Paving Maintenance, 405-245-6759. Cooks Septic Service. Septic tank pumping and insections. 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.

Award winning decks, pergolas, outdoor kitchens, firepits, outdoor fireplaces, cedar fence. 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

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

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.

Miscellaneous

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

CKEC Acct # _____

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

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

Brand new 2021 Bobcat ZTR2000 riding mower. 25 hours, 42 in. deck. Mulching kit and standard mowing blades. Kawasaki FR691V, Gave \$5,500. Reasonable offer. 405-368-9613.

Free street rod magazines and hot rodders digest. 2003, 2016, 2018, and 2019. Old top value stamps and western auto catalog. 405-256-0270.

Knitting machines 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.

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. Kenmore sewing machine. 1993 Lincoln Cont. Mark VII. 580-695-4589

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.Goobehouse.com 4-Mag wheels and tires off 2019 camaro.

Like new. 18 in. \$475. 405-439-7571. The coaxman quality coaxial cables/wire for amateur and C.B radio. Cable assemblies any length. 405-376-9473 www.coaxman.com

Four 18 in. mag wheel and tires off 2019 Camaro. Like new. \$300 405-439-7571.

Health smart two person sauna. 580-347-2645

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.

Real Estate

Hunting, fishing and vacation cabin rental at Ft. Cobb lake. 580-243-8697.

40 acres prime real estate. Caddo county

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Home on 1.5 acres in Eakly. Lovingly maintained with 3 bed/3bath. Living room and den. 580-330-9090. www.goldbucklerealty.com

Wanted-Notices

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

Gas portable stick welder/generator unit around 185 to 225ac. 405-247-8843.

Two used tires for old crap metal trailer. 15 inch 95L 405-638-0466.

Grandma's Ground Beef Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. white sugar
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 (8 ounce) package egg noodles
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 1 large white onion, diced
- ½ cup shredded sharp cheddar



Directions:

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir ground beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes; drain and discard grease. Mix tomato sauce, sugar, garlic salt, and salt into the ground beef; simmer until flavors blend, about 20 minutes. Remove from the heat, cover the skillet, and cool to room temperature.

While the sauce is cooking, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook egg noodles in the boiling water, stirring occasionally until cooked through but firm to bite.

While the egg noodles are cooking, preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch casserole dish. Mix sour cream, cream cheese, and onion together in a bowl.

Layer ½ of the egg noodles into the prepared casserole dish. Top with ½ of the sour cream mixture, then ½ of the ground beef mixture. Repeat layers. Sprinkle cheese over top. Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is melted and golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes.