



THE BUZZ

for members of CKenergy Electric Cooperative

September 2023

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Investing in our Future

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 2022, CKenergy paid \$1,700,355.96 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.

Holiday Closing:

CKEC will close Monday, September 4 to observe Labor Day.

2022 Tax Disbursement for Schools

Anadarko	\$	61,477.95
Apache/Boone	\$	49,795.82
Arapaho	\$	80,950.32
Banner	\$	6,415.24
Binger/Oney	\$	99,982.34
Burns Flat/ Dill City	\$	44,911.00
Cache	\$	3,464.49
Calumet	\$	192.11
Canute	\$	17,939.79
Carnegie	\$	79,739.36
Cement	\$	27,603.66
Clinton	\$	43,864.10
Cordell	\$	110,105.98
Cyril	\$	32,581.30
El Reno	\$	14,978.25
Elgin	\$	10,339.50
Fletcher	\$	21,665.47
Ft. Cobb/Broxton	\$	59,800.75
Geary	\$	3,645.81
Gracemont	\$	46,899.03
Hammon	\$	19,506.91
Hinton	\$	99,587.32
Hobart	\$	31,953.16
Hydro/Eakly	\$	83,881.64
Indiahoma	\$	379.91
Lawton	\$	58.28
Leedey	\$	32,648.22
Lone Wolf	\$	35,055.01
Lookeba/Sickles	\$	52,420.63
Maple	\$	18,479.43
Minco	\$	23,016.72
Mt. View/Gotebo	\$	83,598.87
Mustang	\$	65,982.86
Riverside	\$	12.95
Sentinel	\$	46,676.70
Snyder	\$	37,511.45
Sterling	\$	5,143.85
Taloga/Oakwood	\$	30,314.82
Thomas/Fay/Custer	\$	104,884.43
Union City	\$	35,741.44
Verden	\$	19,366.60
Weatherford	\$	57,409.06
Yukon	\$	373.43

Total: \$1,700,355.96

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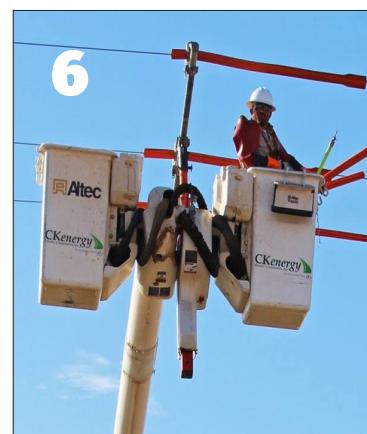
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Socialize with us!

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.

Honoring Oklahoma *Linemen*

In the spirit of cooperation, friendship and concern for community, Oklahoma's electric cooperatives have sponsored five international electrification projects in the countries of Bolivia and Guatemala, bringing first-time access to electricity to seven remote villages.

A few weeks ago, nearly 40 Oklahoma cooperative volunteer linemen who have spent at least three weeks in these missions were honored by the Oklahoma Legislature with citations signed by Governor Kevin Stitt and lawmakers.

The international electrification projects have been possible through the coordination of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's philanthropic arm, NRECA International.

As a result of five completed projects, approximately 700 first-time connections to electricity have been made to homes, businesses, elementary schools, health centers and churches. Volunteer linemen built powerlines on each of the villages, installed transformers and conducted internal wiring preparing each structure to safely receive electric power for the first time. These projects enable residents in far-away villages to enjoy better access to education, economic development, health care, security, proper refrigeration and appliances, overall enhancing quality of life.

"The most impactful part of a project like this is seeing the

resiliency of the people in the villages. They are from the dawn of time and have maintained themselves for all these years," Justin Marsh, a lineman volunteer with Southwest Rural Electric Association based in Tipton, Okla. said. "I'd like to think we have helped to improve their existence; I know they have improved mine."

Electric cooperatives have a long-standing tradition of bringing lights where there are none.

In 2016, Oklahoma's electric cooperatives established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support the cause of international electrification.

"We believe in paying it forward. More than 80 years ago, rural Oklahoma and rural America were in the dark while urban areas enjoyed the

benefits of electricity. Farmers and ranchers banded together to form rural electric cooperatives and bring themselves the gift of electricity," Chris Meyers, General Manager of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, said. "Investing in missions like this takes us back to our roots. Cooperatives stand on a legacy of service and of empowering communities with opportunity."





Students return from **Youth Tour 2023**

Three area high-schoolers recently returned from a unique and life-changing experience. Kaitlyn Babek of Cordell High School, Morgandee Sawatzky of Arapaho-Butler High School, and Benjamin Switzer of Arapaho-Butler High School were the winners of the 2023 CKenergy Electric Cooperative Youth Tour contest, made possible by CKenergy Electric Cooperative.

Months after writing their letters and sending in videos of their speeches, the trio flew to Washington D.C. in June for the 2023 Youth Tour. The students left Oklahoma City bright and early on June 17th and returned on June 22nd. The 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 Arlington National 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.

Kaitlyn's favorite part of the trip was touring Mount Vernon. "It was really neat to be in the exact same spot as George Washington himself," said Kaitlyn. The Library of Congress was Morgandee's favorite stop on the fun filled agenda. Morgandee stated, "All of the knowledge there helps everyone to know to stay open and use all five senses as it shows on some of the murals up on the ceiling." Benjamin's favorite spot was the FDR Memorial. "All of the quotes there were amazing." One of the quotes was, "This generation of American's has a rendezvous with destiny." "Thanks to CKenergy and this journey, I am one step closer to finding my why," stated Benjamin.

The trio thanked CKenergy, employees and directors for the trip of a lifetime.

The Youth Tour contest is open to any high school Junior who attends a school in CKEC's service territory.



Pictured are Kaitlyn Babek, Benjamin Switzer, and Morgandee Sawatzky



Morgandee, Benjamin, and Kaitlyn pictured in front of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool



The Power is in Your Hands

What makes electric co-ops different than other types of utilities? This month, we thought we would share a few things that make us unique.

Because we are a co-op, we operate a little differently than other utilities. CKenergy Electric Cooperative's decisions are made locally, by directors who also live right here in our community. Everyone who pays to receive electricity from the co-op is a member. When you pay your electric bill each month, your money stays here – to pay for the electricity used, or to make improvements to our local system to strengthen service reliability. The money you pay the co-op does not line the pockets of shareholders five states away. We are a co-op, and we exist to provide a service to you, our local members.

You may notice that throughout the year, we schedule opportunities for you to attend co-op events, like our annual meeting, so we can hear from you. We also offer Facebook live feed for those who cannot join us in person.

Our success lies in your satisfaction, which is why we offer these opportunities to engage and listen to what you have to say.

Because you are part of an electric cooperative, you can count on our team to maintain local jobs, at-cost electricity and first-class service, no matter what the economy—and supply chain issues—throw at us.

Ckenergy is striving to keep our costs as low as possible so we can keep more money in your pocket. We want to help you maximize the value you can get from our services and offerings. For example, we can help you save on energy bills through our geothermal rebates, as well as the CKEC energy efficiency loan program.

Stay in the know with the CKenergy app and be sure to always check out our monthly newsletter.

Please know that you—the members of CKEC—are at the heart of everything we do. Co-ops adhere to seven guiding cooperative principles that reflect core

values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness, and service.

We exist to serve you and provide the quality, reliable, friendly service you expect and deserve. While we have grown over the years, we are still driven by the same guiding principles to serve our community. We hope to see or hear from you soon. This co-op was created for you, the members. The power is in your hands.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Did you know fall is the perfect time to schedule a tune-up for your heating system? Home heating accounts for a large portion of winter energy bills, and no matter what kind of system you have, you can save energy and money by regularly maintaining your equipment.

Combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with recommended insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings can save about 30% on your energy bills.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Automotive

1932 Plymouth 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.

2017 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 night edition sport. Excellent condition. 93,000 miles. Loaded with extras. 34,500, 580-302-3757

Like new 1992 Chevrolet Corvette. LT1 Coupe. 52,000 original miles. Black rose metallic, black interior, autotransmission \$14,500.

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.

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.

Swap'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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

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

MS Farmall Tractor. Propane-tricycle front, with a front end loader. \$1,500 405-542-7545

643 6 row JD corn head 36 in. row spacing. Good condition. 405-457-6637.

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 accident. 580-347-2645.

Business

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

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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/App/ Hay/Wood Livestock/Pets Misc
Real Estate Wanted-Notices Business

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

CKEC Acct #: _____

Info@countrychickdesign.com

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

Loud Mountain Trading Co. Cement, OK. Over 100 local artisans and craftsmen. Premium ice cream. Wednesday-Fridays 10-6 p.m. Saturdays 10-2 p.m. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

www.CowgirlBeef.com. Quality beef you can afford. Grass fed, corn finished 120 days and processed in OK. Buy 1 cut or whole beef. CowgirlBeef@gmail.com Call/text 405-638-0609.

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 & replacement 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.

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.

160 acres. 40 acres cultivated. Irrigation well, three stock water wells. New fences. Two ponds. Shop 42x60x16x900 sq living. Metal lots. Caddo County. 405-639-8760.

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

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

Vintage toys. 1970's - 1980's star wars, slot cars, GI Joe, Transformers, etc. Text only. 405-361-2227.

Showdogs

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef
8 oz. tomato sauce
1 tbsp. and 1 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. onion, garlic, and cumin
½ tsp. paprika, pepper and salt
¼ tsp. cayenne
2 tsp. mustard



Directions:

Brown hamburger meat
Combine spices into meat and add 2 tsp. of mustard
Let simmer until hotdogs are ready
Cook or grill your hotdogs
To a warm hot dog bun, add cheese, hot dog, and chili
Wrap it tightly in parchment paper or foil for a few minutes until cheese melts