

THE BUZZ

for members of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative

Youth Contest Deadlines

Feb. 1 - Youth Tour

Mar. 4 - Senior Scholarship

January 2024

A SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Senior Scholarship 2024



CKEnergy Electric Cooperative will award 12 CKEC Senior Scholarship to applicants who satisfy the eligibility requirements. The CKEC Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000.00 and are awarded to individuals pursuing a four-year university or college academic degree program or a two-year associate degree or technical institute certificate program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Each applicant must satisfy the following conditions in order to be eligible for the scholarship:

- A. Student must attend a school in CKEC's service territory.
- B. Applicants must satisfy academic and any other admission requirements for entrance into the accredited school of their choice.

C. Applicants must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours per semester.

D. The applicant must complete and submit to the Cooperative an application for the scholarship.

APPLICATION:

The completed Application for Scholarship must reach CKEnergy Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 100, Cordell, OK 73632 no later than March 4, 2024.

The application shall contain ALL of the following (incomplete applications will not be reviewed).

- A. Application for the CKEC Senior Scholarship
- B. Submit an essay of 250-650 words on the following topic. Recount a time when you faced an obstacle, a challenge,

setback or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

C. A current photograph for use in the Cooperative's monthly publication, "The Buzz."

GENERAL:

- A. The CKEC Scholarship winners will be recognized in CKEC's monthly newsletter, "The Buzz," CKEC's website, as well as social media.
- B. Payment will be made when the scholarship winners have fulfilled eligibility requirements and enrollment has been verified. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the student.
- C. The CKEC Senior Scholarship may be terminated, suspended, or changed by directive of the CKEC Board.



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- Pay online at www.ckenergy.coop
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JANUARY

Winning CKEC Members

Chevie Brown
Gary Cagle
Dale Taff

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



Approved Grants:

Step Up Trans. Program	\$5,000.00
L-S Schools	\$2,177.00
Cordell Fire Dept.	\$3,500.00
Tri-Health Rescue Corp.	\$5,000.00
Caddo/Kiowa Tech. Center	\$3,000.00
Individual Grants	\$2,500.00
Total Grants	\$21,177.00

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

On Tuesday, November 14, the CKenergy Electric Foundation Board approved a total of \$21,177.00 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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

OF CKENERGY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION AND FILING PERIOD

Pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of the Bylaws of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative, notice is hereby given that an election in 2024 shall be held for the Board of Trustees for Districts 1, 6, 7, and 12 of CKEnergy Electric Cooperative. Any eligible member in the above districts may file for election for a trustee position using the form available at the office of the Cooperative at 14039 State Highway 152, Binger, Oklahoma. The filing period shall begin March 1, 2024, and end March 10, 2024, during business hours of the cooperative. You must file a notice of candidacy if you wish to be a candidate, with an election to be held at each district meeting on a date to be called by the Board of Trustees as provided in the bylaws.



Fred Reuter
District 1



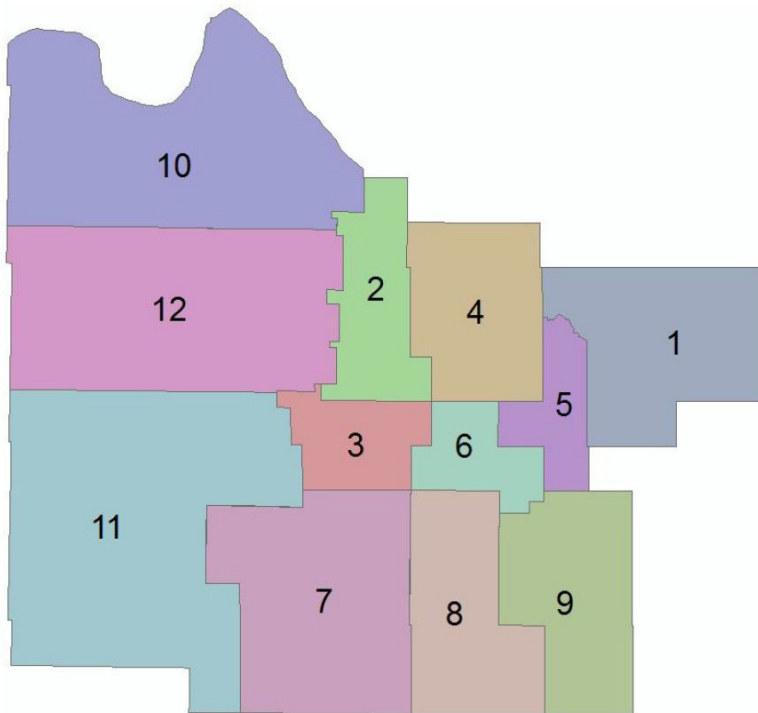
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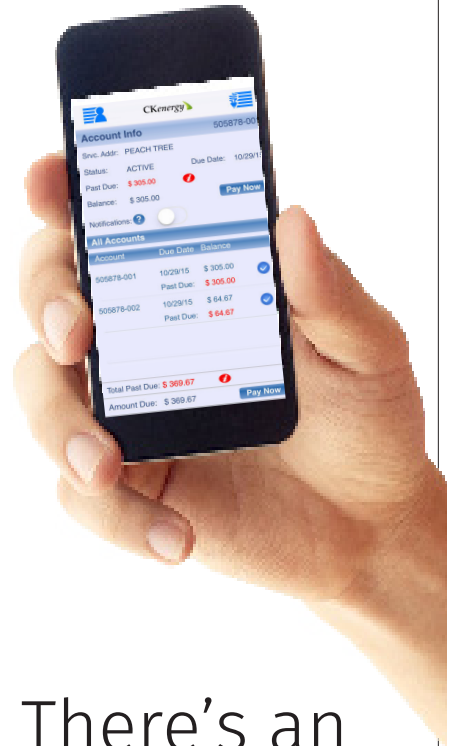
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District 7



Jack Sawatzky
District 12



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.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



BRYANT POTTS Staking Engineer

You might have seen this guy around if you needed new electric service, or maybe you've talked to him on the phone a time or two. Bryant Potts works in CKEnergy's staking and engineering department. Bryant assists new members in getting power to their homes or businesses as well as line extensions and service upgrades for existing members.

After serving in both active and reserve status, Bryant recently retired from the Army from a 28-year career. His primary occupation was field artillery, but Bryant has extensive knowledge and expertise in chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threat reduction, as well as space and missile defense. His most recent assignment was in the capacity of Command Sergeant Major for the 76th Operational Response Command, located in Fort Douglas, Utah, where they specialized in global threat reduction and homeland defense.

Bryant has served in various leadership assignments both stateside and overseas, including Drill and Platoon Sergeant; Course Manager and Chief Instructor at the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy, Brigade and Division Command Sergeant Major where he oversaw and led all Army Reserve Drill Sergeants and Instructors. Bryant recently relinquished his duties as a Senior Counsel Member for the Army. Bryant served in a number of overseas deployments, including those in the Republic of Georgia, Panama, Honduras, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. His awards and decorations include two Legion

of Merits, a Bronze Star, four Meritorious Service Medals, six Army Accommodation medals and seven Army Achievement Medals. He is also a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy, and The Nominative Leader Course from The War College. Bryant also holds a Master of Science Degree in leadership and management from Purdue University.

As Bryant's time with the Army has come to an end, he is thankful for the opportunity to serve with some amazing people and wonderful professionals. Thank you, Bryant, for your service!

Bryant began his career at CKEC in 2007 in the Key Account Department. He later transferred to engineering and staking. He enjoys meeting with members and taking care of their power needs. The staking and engineering department is responsible for a wide range of responsibilities related to upgrades, construction, and maintenance. When meeting with members, they discuss proposed upgrades and new construction projects. They also design new power lines and coordinate with the construction and maintenance crews to ensure that the projects run smoothly. Bryant's primary concerns are quality customer service and providing top notch service and communication to CKEC members.

Bryant resides in Fort Cobb with his wife Lindsay and their 17-year-old son, Corbin.

Normal power line **Lines weighed down by ice** **Top line melted after bottom line**

ICE ON POWER LINES IS A WEIGHTY SUBJECT

When it comes to getting electricity across power lines and into homes, ice can be a force to be reckoned with.

ICE ON DISTRIBUTION LINES

Ice can quickly lead to broken power poles and other pole equipment. Ice can also make falling tree branches 30x heavier and much more likely to break power lines.

ON A 300-FOOT SPAN OF 1-INCH-THICK POWER LINES

- 1/2 inch of ice adds 281 pounds of weight
- 1 inch of ice adds 749 pounds of weight
- 2 inches of ice adds 2,248 pounds of weight

WHEN ICE MELTS

Melting ice can cause power outages. If ice on the bottom (neutral) line melts before the lines above, it can cause the lines to touch.

OTHER ICE FACTS

- Damage can begin when ice exceeds 1/4 of an inch
- 1/2 inch of ice can cause a line to sag up to 12 inches
- Pressure can also be caused by a broken tree limb
- Both ice and melting ice can cause power outages

Safe Electricity.org

Source: Jerri Imgarten-Whitley and Victory Electric Cooperative

How can galloping lines impact power transmission and distribution?

Galloping power lines are typically caused when ice and high winds occur at the same time. Freezing rain creates icicles and odd-shaped ice formations on power lines and conductors. The ice buildup changes how wind and air impact the now misshapen, ice-covered line. This change in airflow can cause the power line to start to bounce.

Once the lines get going, they can bounce and buck enough to hit another line, damage themselves enough to cause a power outage or even fall to the ground.

There is not much a power company can do to alleviate galloping lines since the wild motion is caused by Mother Nature. To help prevent this, many power lines have special mechanisms, such as twisted wire or round or angular pieces of metal, attached to the line. While they can help, sometimes they are no match for severe ice and whipping wind.

Aside from ice storms, year-round storms can cause damaging winds, which can knock down power lines and blow trees and limbs onto power lines. Keep the following safety tips in mind:

- When you see power lines on the ground, stay away, warn others to stay away and contact the electric utility or 911. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live.
- Any utility wire, including telephone or cable lines that are sagging or down, could be in contact with an energized power line, also making it dangerous. Do not try to guess the types of lines —stay away from all lines.
- Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide electrical hazards. Downed power lines can energize objects around them, such as chain-link fences and metal culverts.
- Keep in mind that a dead line could become energized during power restoration efforts or improper use of generators.
- Never drive over a downed line. It could start a chain reaction and cause additional poles or other equipment to collapse.
- If you are in a car that has contacted or is near a downed power line, stay in your vehicle. Wait until the utility crew has arrived and deenergized the line. Warn others not to approach the car.
- Only exit a car or cab near or on downed lines if there is a fire. If this happens, cross your arms over your chest and make a solid jump out and away from the car with both feet together. Then hop away at least 50 feet or more while continuing to keep both feet together.

Automotive

1983 Ford 1 ton winch cab. Flat bed truck w/ bale spike. New controller. Will run. Bill of sale and title. Needs work. \$1,500. 405-831-2118.

1954 Oldsmobile Rocket 88. Good body-new chrome. Runs good, but interior needs work. \$6,000. 405-376-1947.

93 Chevy P.U. L.W.B. single cab. Good work truck. \$2,600 cash. 405-818-9011.

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.

German wire haired pointers. Female 10 yrs. old. Male 6 ears old. Female hunted all her life. Male hasn't hunted much.
405-687-0125.

6 Beefmaster 2 yr. old bulls from reputable herd. Low birth weights. Dark red. Tested and ready. 580-445-6152.

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.
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

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 # _____

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

7 Mile Processing and Cattle Co. 181 County Road 1180, Minco. Custom and State Inspected Processing Facility and Retail Meat Market. 405-426-2569.

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.

Majors Welding, LLC. Mobile welding service, fab shop and skidsteer work. Certified welding/fully insured. 405-638-2362.

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.

Looking to hire someone to help me sell things on market place or somewhere else. 405-256-0270.

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.

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.

Three Lake lots for sale. Water well. By wildlife public hunting arza ad lake. 405-694-0625.

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.

Taco Soup

Ingredients:

1.5 lb. ground beef
1 yellow onion
3 cloves garlic
1 jalapeno, chopped
2 cans fire roasted tomatoes
1 packet taco seasoning
1 can green chiles
1 qt. chicken broth
1 can pinto beans, drained
1 can black beans, drained
1 can of corn, drained
Kosher salt
Sour cream, for serving
Cilantro, for serving
Grated cheddar cheese, for serving
Avocado, for serving



Directions:

1. Heat a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the beef and onion and cook stirring to break the beef into small pieces.
2. Stir in the garlic and jalapeno, if using, and cook, stirring, for two minutes.
3. Stir in the tomatoes, taco seasoning, green chiles, chicken broth corn, pinto and black beans. bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to medium-low, partially cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the flavors blend, about 20 minutes. Season with salt to taste.
4. Serve, topped with sour cream, chopped cilantro leaves, cheddar cheese, and avocado.