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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE



Gary Highley

The Board of Directors of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative has hired Gary Highley to become its new general manager. Highley was previously the chief operations officer at McKenzie Electric Cooperative (MEC) in Watford City, ND, where he managed through the rapid change and growth driven by the Bakken oil fields.

Highley has a diverse background in the utility business. Prior to joining MEC, he was a general manager for ABB, Inc., who performed system upgrades and compliance projects for large electrical, water and gas companies

Gary Highley Named New CVEC General Manager

nationwide. He also brings power generation experience from cooperative power generation education assignments at the 1,700-MW Independence Steam Electric Station in Newark, AR.

Highley is a retired army major and a military veteran having served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and serving as a company commander while deployed in Iraq.

He is a native of Oklahoma, born in Muskogee, and brings with him his wife Sara and three children, Alexander, Amanda, and Brandon.

Highley holds a Bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Arkansas and a Masters degree in business from Auburn University.

"I am thankful to the board for its confidence and support and am glad to be returning home and working together with the membership of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative to provide safe, reliable, affordable power," he says.

"We are excited to have hired Gary as the General Manager of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative," says Board President Joe Semtner. "He brings a broad array of experience to the cooperative that will benefit our members for many years. Please join us in welcoming Gary and his family back to Oklahoma and to Canadian Valley."

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IN CASE OF TROUBLE

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not, call the office or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

	Read	Billing date	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for January

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,966,818	\$5,524,800
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,464,591	\$4,113,200
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	74.82	74.45
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.77	4.77
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,137.40	\$1,051.94
KW Peak Demand - This month	162,670	154,241
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	162,670	154,241
KWh Purchased - This month	81,757,895	74,681,066
Taxes Paid	\$117,356	\$105,119
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$183,161	\$17,620
System Load Factor	59.3	65.1

New Services Staked in February

During the month of February, 29 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 68. This compares to 47 for the same period in 2019.

Find Electrical Hazards Before They Find You

You can't see all of the electrical hazards in your home unless you go looking for them. Here are five invisible hazards that your family should avoid:

1. Overload. Especially if your home is older, it might not have the capacity to handle all of today's energy-intensive gadgets. When your home was built, for example, it didn't have to handle phone chargers, electric treadmills or even automatic coffee pots. Invite an electrician over to evaluate your home and upgrade its electrical capacity.

2. Old circuit breaker boxes. A box that feels hot is probably faulty and needs replacing.

3. Constantly breaking breakers. It's annoying when your hairdryer stops working mid-blow dry or you trip a breaker whenever you plug in your curling iron and clothes iron at the same time. But those are warning signs that you're overloading your circuits. Call an electrician.

4. An outdated fire extinguisher. The life-saving devices don't come with an expiration date, but that doesn't mean it will work when you need it. Fire extinguishers last for between five and 15 years. Check the pressure gauge on yours every months. Only if the needle is in the green area is it good to go.

5. Hot outlets. Regularly touch them. Warm or hot outlets could signal an electrical overload or wiring that's melting. While you're at it, have an electrician switch out your old outlets for those with GFCIs, which will shut off in case of a hazard.

Regional Office Hours

Eufaula	Seminole	Seminole Warehouse
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/31/20.....	\$183,160.62
DEPOSITS.....	8,535.83
INTEREST INCOME.....	16.71
CHECKS ISSUED.....	-5,844.75
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID.....	-5,292.92
BALANCE 2/29/20.....	\$180,55.45

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.

3 Ways to Electrify Your Lawn Care

Spring is just around the corner, and you can practically smell the freshly-cut grass. If you're in the market to upgrade your lawn care equipment, you may want to consider electric (or battery-powered) options.

Gas-powered lawn mowers and trimmers may be your go-to, but times they are a changin'. Electric lawn care equipment options are becoming more popular than ever, offering consumers faster charging times, longer battery life and quieter, greener products compared to their gas-powered counterparts. Here are three ways you can electrify your lawn care this spring.

Electric Lawn Mowers

Electric lawn mowers have come a long way over the last few years. Early models required corded connections, which were tricky to manage—but the cord has been cut. Newer cordless electric mowers are certainly more expensive than gas-powered mowers, but much of the upfront cost can

be recovered since electricity is a less expensive fuel than gas, and electric engines generally require less maintenance than gas engines. Cordless electric mowers typically range from \$200 to \$500.

Electric mowers are suitable for most lawn care needs, with batteries that typically require about one to two hours to fully charge, and most batteries can run for a full hour. That said, if you have a large yard (half an acre or larger), a gas-powered option may be best to suit your needs.

Electric Trimmers

Cordless electric string trimmers are a great option for most lawns. Traditionally, like lawn mowers, string trimmers have typically been powered by gas. But new versions of electric trimmers are improving and are now considered worthy competitors of gas-powered models.

Cordless electric trimmers are much quieter and easier to use, but most batteries last about 30 to 45 minutes. So, if you have a lot of space to trim, you may want to consider a

back-up battery or plan to work in short bursts. If you're interested in purchasing an electric trimmer, the main factors to consider are the battery's life, charge time and power. Costs can vary depending on your needs, but you can find a quality version for about \$100.

Electric Leaf Blowers

After cutting and trimming your lawn, you'll need to clear off those walkways and patios for the finishing touch. If you don't want to deal with the maintenance of a gas-powered blower or the restraints of a corded blower, a cordless electric version is a great option.

Cordless electric leaf blowers are lightweight and easy to maneuver,

but they don't offer quite as much power as gas-powered and corded blowers. If your leaf blowing and clearing needs are minimal, a cordless electric leaf blower can get the job done. Costs for a cordless electric blower vary depending on power and battery quality, but you can purchase a dependable model for about \$150 and up.

If you're looking to electrify your lawn care equipment, be sure to do your homework. Search online for the latest reviews, and check trusted websites like ConsumerReports.org. With a little research, you'll be well on your way to Lawn of the Month – with less maintenance, hassle and noise (and your neighbors will thank you!)



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

2006 Chrysler Town & Country, well-maintained, \$2,500 or reasonable offer, 405-623-5531..

1962 Bonneville, 2-dr., to restore, 1938 Pontiac 2-dr., street rod, Yamaha scooter, 80cc, damaged but runs good, Grandma's 2007 Impala, \$1,150, 405-642-1740.

1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4WD, 134K miles, all OEM, 1 owner, minor hail damage, bad transmission, AC (intact but non-functional), headliner is down, an done door Lock Servo., everything else worked prior to transmission going out in 2015, best offer, 405-598-6274.

FARM & RANCH

4'x5' grass-mix round bales, barn kept, 347 J.D. square baler, \$4,000; JD round baler 466 net and twine, \$6,000, 405-802-1735, 405-694-9704.

2004 4-horse Bloomer all the bells and whistles, brand new generator, new tires, new mattress, new awning, lots of extras, 18' living qtr w/slide, must see to appreciate, custom-ordered, mint condition, \$62,000, 405-641-3664.

Registered Hereford bulls, muscular, polled, gentle, low birth weights, out of highly productive cows, 12- to 24-mos old, \$1,600-\$2,200; few replacement heifers, 405-598-1920 or 405-210-8794.

HOME & LAND

Two BDR, 2 BA log home on 35 secluded acres with beautiful view, pond, all electric with wood

insert fireplace, 30 miles from Lake Eufaula, \$145,000, new construction, 309-313-4069.

House and 20 acres in South Rock Creek, nice, 405-878-6697.

Large home sites for new homes, Northe Pointe Addition, located north of Shawnee in North Rock Creek Schools area, 1/2- and 3/4-acre, 405-590-6776.

MISCELLANEOUS

This year's papershell and native pecans, nice, 2 to 3 lbs. pecans per bag, \$8/bag, \$25 for four bags, 405-567-5130.

12 ga. Harrington Richardson, \$125, 405-452-3684.

42" Troy Bit riding mower, \$450; 12' trampoline, \$75, 405-443-5738, 405-464-4598.

Fork lift-type pallet forks, used on bucket of Bobcat, 50", \$30; eight railroad ties, \$5/ea.; metal dog cage, 9' long, 3' deep, 3'3" high, has three compartments, each is 3'x3', nice, \$100, Harrah, 405-454-0510.

Well-maintained Whirlpool electric double oven with 11 features, including self-cleaning, black on black, 24" wide by 51" high, meticulously cared for, \$475 OBO, 918-261-2787.

Pyrenees-Anatolian puppies, born Feb. 6, 4 tan, 5 white, \$100 ea.: hospital bed, \$100; electric cook stove, \$100; fridge, \$100; washer & dryer, \$150; pair of young laying hens, cinnamon queens, \$15 ea.; 405-301-0945.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

- Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month.
- Length of the ad cannot exceed space provided below. Ads run only one time and must be resubmitted to appear in the next edition. **Return the completed form to P. O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818. Forms may also be dropped off at either office location, or email your ad to editor@mycvec.coop.**
- **Ads must be received by the 5th of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____

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Teach Kids about Outdoor Electrical Hazards

It may seem like common sense to keep kites away from overhead power lines, but a child enjoying a breezy spring day

might not even notice when they're playing too close to electrical wires. 905340400

As warm weather arrives, teach your children how to play it safety around live wires. Some good lessons for them include:

- Stay away from electrical substations. If a kite or a ball winds up inside of one, leave it there. A parent can call the electric cooperative and request its return.

- Restrict kite-flying to open areas like parks and fields with no overhead electrical lines. No matter where your

child will launch a kite, it's important to look up and move far away if power

- Avoid climbing trees whose branches are anywhere near overhead power lines. A child could be shocked or even killed in a tree that is energized with electricity.

- Never throw anything onto or over a power line. If a kite or other toy gets caught in the wires, leave it there and call the electric cooperative.

- Call 911 if you spot a downed line, and don't go anywhere near it.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.

