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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE

We Value Our Communities, Our Members

“To move forward, you have to give back.”

Oprah Winfrey’s quote reflects the special bond and obligation that ties CVEC to the communities we serve. With Valentine’s Day approaching, we can’t think of a better time to express how much we love our communities and serving our members.

We know when we helped bring electricity to rural Oklahoma many years ago, the quality of life improved for all. Through the years, other issues needed to be tackled, and we have been at the forefront of helping to address some of those issues. We want to help meet the long-term needs of our communities to ensure they continue to thrive – because just like you, we live here too.

While our top priority is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, equally important is our mission to enrich your lives. This focus to benefit the larger community is central to

the way we operate as a co-operative. CVEC

knows that electricity is a critical need for modern-day life, but it takes more than poles and power lines to make a community.

Over time, our co-op has evolved to meet the changing needs of our communities, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone. And that can mean many different things. It can mean programs for our area youth,

such as education scholarships or the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, where we take our area’s brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience

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democracy in action. It means contributing to Operation Round-up, a program that helps

local families and organizations.

Over the last eight decades, our community-focused programs and other giving projects have fed hungry families, enabled those in need to keep the lights on and so much more – and we couldn’t do any of this without you, our members.

We all benefit from

these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower CVEC through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

As a local business, we are proud to power your life and bring good things to our communities. We hope you will continue to guide our efforts by sharing your perspective as we plan for the future. The energy landscape is undergoing dramatic change fueled by evolving technology and consumer desires for more options. While the larger environment in which we operate is constantly changing, one thing remains the same. By working together, we can continue to do good things for our communities and for our members.

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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.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
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 November

	2018	2019
Operating Revenues	\$5,020,898	\$4,895,850
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,610,165	\$3,371,390
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	71.90	68.86
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.77	4.80
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$957.46	\$931.84
KW Peak Demand - This month	160,951	158,199
Billing kW demand	103,927	104,290
KW Peak Demand - YTD	182,438	171,445
KWh Purchased - This month	67,952,336	63,783,823
Taxes Paid	\$91,280	\$95,803
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$178,358	\$173,206
System Load Factor	58.6	56.0

New Services Staked in December

During the month of December, 33 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2019 is 480. This compares to 382 for the same period in 2018.

Don't Ignore Your Water Heater



Your water heater works hard all year round to make sure your family can take hot showers, rinse caked-on food off of pots and pans in the dishwasher and wash your clothes at any temperature you choose.

During the winter, however, the water heater works even harder. Cold weather means it has to spend extra energy to heat water. Extra showers, laundry and dirty dishes during the holiday season means it has to heat more tanks of water to keep up.

So don't ignore it. Like any appliance, your water heater needs attention and maintenance to stay in good working condition.

1. Take a look. Most homeowners don't look at their water heaters until there's a problem, but a glance every now and then could keep those problems at bay. If the outside of the tank is rusting; if water is leaking from it or if you see rusty water stains on the floor surrounding it, call a plumber right away.

2. Reset the temperature. It's easier than you think to accidentally raise or lower the temperature setting on a water heater, just by knocking it with a mop while you're cleaning the floor, for example.

Verify that the appliance is set to 120 degrees. You'll notice a difference in the water temperature in the shower if it's too low or too high.

3. Insulate the water heater. Insulating the pipes and tanks will keep heat inside the tank and prevent it from escaping into the air. Consider investing in an inexpensive water heater blanket, usually made from foil or fiberglass. It will help the tank maintain a consistent temperature. A tip: Leave it on year-round.

4. Call for service. An annual "flush" will remove sediment and minerals that can build up in the tank and reduce the heater's efficiency and lifespan.

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 11/30/19	\$183,020.14
DEPOSITS	8,527.82
INTEREST INCOME	850.22
CHECKS ISSUED	-8,541.53
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-15,226.44
BALANCE 12/31/19	\$168,630.21

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

Four Tips of Winter Safety



It's no surprise winter months bring increased potential for fire risks and electrical safety hazards. This makes sense because during the coldest months, consumers are using additional electrical devices and appliances, like space heaters, electric blankets and portable generators.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 47,700 home fires occur each year in the U.S. due to electrical failure or malfunction. These fires result in 418 deaths, 1,570 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage annually. This winter, safeguard your loved ones and your home with these electrical safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

1. Don't overload outlets. Overloaded outlets are a major cause of residential fires. Avoid using extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliance connections—they should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. If you're relying heavily on extension cords in general, you may need additional outlets to address your needs. Contact a qualified

electrician to inspect your home and add new outlets.

2. Never leave space heaters unattended. If you're using a space heater, turn it off before leaving the room. Make sure heaters are placed at least three feet away from flammable items. It should also be noted that space heaters take a toll on your energy bills. If you're using them throughout your home, it may be time to upgrade your home heating system.

3. Inspect heating pads and electric blankets. These items cause nearly 500 fires every year. Electric blankets that are more than 10 years old create additional risks for a fire hazard. Inspect your electric blankets and heating pads – look for dark, charred or

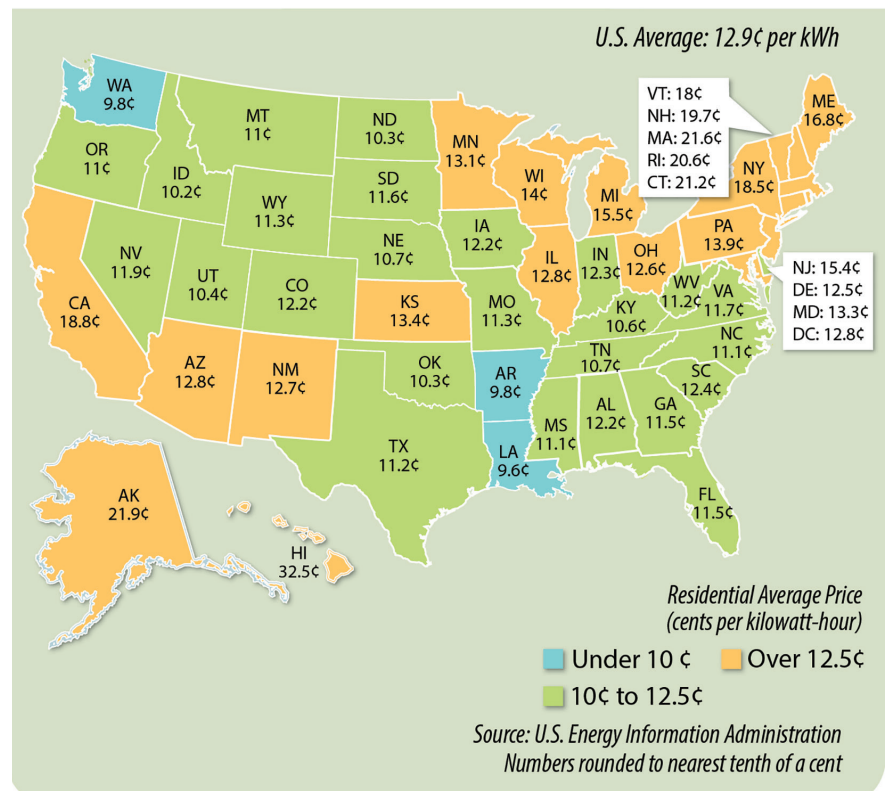
frayed spots, and make sure the electrical cord is not damaged. Do not place any items on top of a heating pad or electric blanket, and never fold them when in use.

4. Use portable generators safely. Unfortunately, winter storms can cause prolonged power outages, which means many consumers will use portable generators to power their homes. Never

connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. For portable generators, plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator. Start the generator first, before you plug in appliances. Run it in a well-ventilated area outside your home. The carbon monoxide it generates is deadly, so keep it away from your garage, doors, windows and vents.

Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2018 figures, in cents per kWh



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

1961 Chevy Apache truck, does not run, make offer, 405-964-4217.

02012 Black Chevy Suburban, 4WD, 918-623-6144.

Honda XR80cc, \$700; mini-bike, new motor, \$325, 405-258-6713.

FARM & RANCH

Round bales grass hay, delivery available, \$35, 405-313-9099.

Purebred Black Angus bulls, good bloodlines, (Bismarck, In Focus), yearling plus to 3-years-old, prices start at \$1,800, 918-617-2974.

Dirt scoop for tractor 3-pt. hitch, \$50; trailer made from truck frame with gin poles and cable winch, great for high-lift construction projects, \$100, 405-380-5022.

John Deere 20.8x38 tires and wheels, IHC 1050 grinder mixer, John Deere 345 lawn mower w/54" deck, Dew Eze bale bus., 94 Fruehauf 48' semi flatbed w/5' ext., 405-380-8618.

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

HOME & LAND

Three BDR, 2 BA home on 59 acres, CH&A, secluded, walking trail with creek and pond, less than two miles from Lake Eufaula, fence and cross-fenced, storm cellar, metal building with electric, \$299,000, 405-624-2020, 405-612-8366.

Free house (you move) full of things-make offer on stuff, built-in oven, stove top, table w/chairs, gas dryer, sofa-bed, other items, will sell all or individually, 279-2401, 627-0133.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neutral-colored sofa, excellent condition, \$140, 405-258-6713.

Cedar tree clearing, \$85/hour; brush mowing, \$40/hour; hay hauling, \$5/bale; dirt work/drive-ways, \$75/hour; other services available, 405-642-9356.

Adjustable-height laminated 30"x60" work table, sturdy, w/ metal base adjusts via hand-

crank from approximately 24" to 36" in height, \$100, 405-589-0951.

Acme circular saw/sharpener, \$50; Poulan 220 Pro, \$50; Homelite Ranger, \$75; 4" Parker Vice, \$75; Gellar's E. Z. cutter, \$25, 659-5047.

Pond boat, 14' long x 3.5' wide, \$100; telephone poles cut to 12.5' long, \$15 ea.; metal dog cage, 9' long, 3' deep, 3'3" high, has three compartments, each is 3'x3', nice, \$100; Kerr-McGee gas pump, \$70, Harrah, 405-454-0510.

Electric hospital bed, \$195; two-wheel walker, \$25; 1-year-old Anatolian/Pyrenees, \$35; washer and dryer pair, \$150; 5'x8' tilt factory trailer, \$495; want to buy - Belarus tractors, 405-301-0945. Smith & Wesson model 686-357 Magnum, stainless, new in box, \$800; Taurus PT-25 in box, stainless, \$250, firm, cash, 405-566-7419.

Four new Goodyear Ultra Traction tires, size 195/65 R15, cost \$102 each, selling for \$50 each, 405-380-5022.

Washer and dryer, \$200; black refrigerator, \$100; double-wide refrigerator, \$125; electric cook-stove, \$100, 405-275-3419.

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Since we have members living in different area codes, please remember to include the area code on phone numbers in your classified ads.
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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.**

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All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____
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Using a Smartphone? Chill Out

Did you know your smart phone uses less energy when it's cold?

Researchers at Tufts University found a 20% difference in energy

consumption and performance of smartphones of the same model. When they looked into why, they found the colder the environment, the greater

the efficiency.

In fact, putting a smartphone in a refrigerator can improve efficiency by up to 60 percent, the researchers said.

Smartphones have built-in thermal devices but do a poor job of regulating their own temperatures, the researchers said, so some of them 703061801 reach their heat limit within 10 seconds—and then their performance slows.

Other research, however, shows the batteries in smart phones exposed to extreme cold will lose their capacity. Charging a phone in below-freezing temperatures can permanently damage its battery, according to Battery University, which specializes in battery research.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Source: energy.gov

