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# CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICALITE

## Make Sure Backup Generator has 'Double-Throw' Switch

Spring in Oklahoma frequently brings storms and severe weather. That severe weather can result in downed power lines, and interruptions in electric service. Back-up generators can help keep the lights on when those storms hit.

But if not installed correctly, generators can cause

injury, or death. So if you're thinking about getting a back-up generator, take this safety precaution seriously.

During a power outage, lineworkers from CVEC - or anyone who touches a downed power line - can be killed if your generator is not properly installed and is back-feeding electricity

on to that line. Auxiliary power sources such as home generators must be completely isolated from CVEC's lines attached to your meter in order to prevent a catastrophe.

Generators that are not isolated from co-op lines can feed electricity in reverse, back into those lines. That's dangerous because lineworkers working on those lines assume they're dead. In effect, your generator can re-energize a dead wire without any warning to the lineworker who is about to touch it.

To prevent this, buy a generator with a special switch - it's called a double-throw switch, which is used to prevent your generator from back-feeding

through the cooperative's lines and transformers.

It is always a good idea to have generators inspected and approved by a licensed electrician before they can be used. Why not play it safe and have an electrician install yours?

### Generator Safety Tips

Only use generators outside. Do not use them in garages or under eaves.

Use only in dry conditions, on a level surface.

Let generator cool before refilling.

Use a heavy-duty 12-gauge outdoor-rated extension cord, and not more than 100 feet from the generator to the appliance.



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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 December

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,092,752	\$5,890,342
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,928,639	\$4,064,823
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	77.14	69.01
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.81	4.87
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$969.49	\$1,117.71
KW Peak Demand - This month	155,267	146,839
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	72,369,274	73,082,209
Taxes Paid	\$101,845	\$102,067
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$180,583	\$172,869
System Load Factor	59.6	66.9

## New Services Staked in January

During the month of January, 64 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2021 is 64. This compares to 39 for the same period in 2020.

## Set Clocks Ahead Before Going to Bed on Sunday, March 14

It's time to set our clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time, which begins for most of the country at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. While you're at it, it's a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.

Why "spring forward?" Studies conducted in the 1970s by the U. S. Department of Transportation 802193701 show we trim the entire country's electricity use by about 1 percent each day with Daylight Saving Time.

That's because Daylight Saving Time "makes" the sun "set" one hour later and therefore, reduces the period between sunset and bedtime by one hour. This means less electricity is used for lighting and appliances late in the day.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours and do more outdoors on spring and summer days when it stays light later. When we're not at home, we don't turn on the lights and appliances.



Daylight Saving Time also saves some energy in the morning, especially in the summer when the sun rises earlier than most people wake up.

We set the clocks back to Standard Time at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 7.

### 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 12/31/20	\$216,048.34
DEPOSITS	8,834.35
INTEREST INCOME	3.89
CHECKS ISSUED	-1,808.00
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-18,252.39
BALANCE 12/31/20	\$204,826.19

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

# Three Electrifying Kitchen Appliances to Save Time and Energy

Whether your oven and stove top are powered by gas or electricity, it's no secret they consume more energy than smaller countertop appliances, such as slow cookers and toaster ovens. In addition to efficiency, smaller kitchen appliances can provide faster cooking times and less hassle with cleanup.

If you're looking for convenient cooking methods with the added bonus of energy efficiency, here are three electrifying appliances for your kitchen:

1. Air fryers are



*Air fryers circulate hot air (convection) to cook the food. This means little to no oil is required, resulting in healthier meals than those from traditional fryers. Photo Credit: Hamilton Beach*

becoming increasingly popular, and consumers have a lot of good things to say about these handy little appliances. Air fryers use convection to circulate hot air and cook the food—this means little to no oil is required, resulting in healthier meals than those from traditional fryers. Air fryers are fairly small, so they won't take up much of your counter space, and with everything cooked in the fryer, cleanup will be a breeze. Air fryers are available in a variety of sizes, and prices range from \$40 to \$200+.

2. Electric griddles have certainly been around for a while, and they offer several benefits for any home chef (beyond bacon and eggs!). Griddles are



*Electric griddles consume small amounts of energy and provide quick cooking times, so your energy bill will thank you. Photo Credit: Hamilton Beach*

convenient because you can cook everything at once—like a “one-pan” meal, and the possibilities are endless. From fajitas to sandwiches to French toast, griddles can help satisfy any taste buds. They consume small amounts of energy and provide quick cooking times, so your en-

*Pizza makers are compact and inexpensive, and they use less energy than your traditional oven. Photo Credit: Hamilton Beach*



ergy bill will thank you. Prices and sizes for griddles vary, but you can typically find one for about \$30 at your local retail stores.

3. Pizza brings people together, so why not consider a pizza maker for your kitchen? These compact, countertop machines are an inexpensive alternative to a costly brick oven, and they use less energy than your traditional oven. Choose your own fresh ingredients to whip up a faster, healthier pizza at home. Plus, most pizza makers are multifunctional and can be used to cook flatbreads, frittatas, quesadillas and more. You can purchase a pizza maker for about \$30 to \$150+ online or at your local retailer.

These are just a few electrifying appliance options for your kitchen. Remember, when you're cooking a smaller meal, countertop appliances can save time and energy.

**AUTOMOBILES & BIKES**

chairs, \$100, 580-925-2654.

**FARM & RANCH**

Pasture aerator, model PB-800, 9', pull-type, heavy duty, weights and hydraulic cylinder included, good condition, used very little, \$3,500, Shawnee, 405-640-2838.

WANTED - Grassworks Weed Wiper, tow behind unit, prefer 15', Shawnee, 405-640-1170.

Guard donkey, running with cows; 3-year-old gelding, \$200; 4-year-old Red Angus bull, gentle, \$2,000; 4-year-old Paint gelding, not broke, \$500, 580-925-2654.

790 John Deere tractor with front-end loader, box blade, brush hog, HWD, \$9,000 OBO, 405-899-4487.

**HOME & LAND**

Metal building home, 1,800 sq. ft., 3 BDR, 2 BA, on 7 acres, pecan trees, storm shelter, propane and HVAC, furniture and appliances can stay, shed, mower, and carport, \$92,000 firm, 405-432-8064.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

FREE - Creeping Flox and Cana bulbs, you dig and furnish containers, 405-443-5738.

Cow manure, \$25/scoop, off 3600 and south of 99A, 405-226-4671.

Will haul away unwanted major appliances, misc. scrap metal, or car batteries within a 10-mile radius of Shawnee, 405-765-9700 or 765-6805.

Heavy duty electric-power wheel chair, heavy duty handicap 4-wheel scooter, \$1,500 each OBO, 405-899-4487.

Ten heavy-duty 25-gallon plastic tubs, \$4 each; plastic barrel dog house, \$8, 405-454-0510, Harrah.

Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$200; 220 air conditioner, \$150; 1800/110-volt air conditioner, 8,000 BTU, electric glass top cook stove, \$150; ice box, \$100, 405-275-3419.

Puppies - 1/2 Great Pyrenees and 1/2 Anatolian, born 12-1-2020, \$75; yellow-flowered couch and 4' ottoman, \$200; round wooden dinette table and four

Australian Shepherd pups, working parents on property, good looking pups, 405-567-1975.

Drop light, new \$199, selling for \$50, 405-567-7857.

Tailgate for 2004 Dodge pick-up, bed cover for small pick-up (Colorado), make offer, 405-258-2950.

Troy-Bilt portable gasoline generator, 6250 watts, 8500 starting watts, easy pull start, garage kept, started periodically, \$550, 405-589-0951.

2020 Coleman Lantern 28' RV, \$25,000 OBO, 405-432-8064.

We are working on a conservation reclamation project at our house to help with water retention and crop planting and have roughly 35 acres of cedar for anyone with a mill or needing cedar for furniture, posts, etc. You can have for free, but must come cut and remove from property on your own. Please call or text 405-476-1668.

**Find Your Account Number and Win \$25**

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The Electralite*, you could win \$25. The account number must be your own.

Report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month. You need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.

**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.**
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**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

Don't keep your refrigerator too cold. The Department of Energy recommends a temperature setting of 35 to 38 degrees for the fresh food compartment and zero degrees for the freezer. Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed airtight to maximize efficiency.

Source: [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)