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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

Co-op Continues Powering Rural Areas through CVEC Fiber

Dependable internet is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity for many individuals. CVEC Fiber is proud to play a part in improving the quality of life in the communities we serve by providing robust, reliable internet access in our service area. This essential service and reliability allow employees to work remotely, students to learn virtually, and families to complete these tasks simultaneously.

"Hearing how the fiber network has improved the lives of our members is very rewarding," Sheila Allgood, general manager of broadband, said. "Bringing true high-speed internet to our rural areas is a game-changer, it is transforming rural living for the better and quickly removing the rural-urban



Satisfied CVEC Fiber customer Brenda Wilcox of Tecumseh.

broadband divide in our communities."

Brenda Wilcox, a resident of Tecumseh, has been using her hotspot for internet for years.

Though the hotspots gave her some internet access, Wilcox found herself prioritizing her internet usage. Wilcox's life has

significantly improved since the delivery of fiber internet to her home and she no longer has to plan her online tasks based on when she has good internet access; instead, she can work on her tasks in her own time-frame knowing reliable internet is constant. "I no longer have to think about my internet connection, that is the best thing. It's here, it's dependable, it's fast, and I can do whatever I want, when I want, with as many devices as I want," Wilcox said. Much like the need for access to reliable, affordable power in the 1930s, Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and CVEC Fiber are answering the call again.

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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 November

	2020	2021
Operating Revenues	\$4,559,112	\$5,952,780
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,298,398	\$4,353,587
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	72.34	73.14
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.86	4.95
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$865.44	\$1,122.74
KW Peak Demand - This month	133,161	134,989
Billing kW demand	105,474	105,316
KW Peak Demand - YTD	159,902	206,307
KWh Purchased - This month	57,081,073	62,940,819
Taxes Paid	\$92,829	\$116,516
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$167,030	\$191,919
System Load Factor	59.5	52.1

New Services Staked in January

During the month of January, 47 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2022 is 47. This compares to 64 for the same period in 2021.

Technology can Help Lower Energy Bills



Can't remember to turn the thermostat down at bedtime? Always forgetting to unplug your home's electronics before leaving on vacation?

Technology to your rescue! Automatic thermostats and smartphone apps can "remember" for you—and lower your energy bills.

Consider:

- Installing a programmable thermostat that you can set just once so it will turn the heat down a few degrees (or the a/c up) at bedtime and after everyone leaves the house in the morning. Those hours of slightly lower temps can save you a bundle on your heating and cooling bills.

- Investing in a new "learning" thermostat. These nifty devices collect data about your preferences every time you raise or lower your home's temperature. Then, it will start adjusting the thermostat accordingly—without being told to.

- Switching to a wireless thermostat that allows you to change the temperature via your computer or smartphone.

- Trying out an energy-management smartphone app. The free apps monitor your home's electricity use and share the info with easy-to-read graphics. The more you know about the way your family uses energy, the easier it is to change habits that waste it.

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 12/31/21	\$257,403.89
DEPOSITS	9,245.60
INTEREST INCOME	5.62
CHECKS ISSUED	-865.95
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-8,614.85
BALANCE 1/31/22	\$257,174.31

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



The Return of an Old Friend

Does this face look familiar? This face belongs to none other than Willie Wirehand, mascot for electric cooperatives across the country! Willie was created in 1950 and soon adopted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in 1951. Since then Willie has found his way into the hearts of all those who have become associated with the electric cooperative world. Willie's body includes a light socket for his head, push button for his nose, electrical wire as his torso and electrical plug for his lower half.

On January 20, in honor of the new Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative headquarters, CVEC had the privilege of lighting it's Willie Wirehand sign for the first time in about 60 years! It was a chilly night, but a beautiful sight to see, as Willie lit up the night with his warm, cheerful glow. If you happen to go by Canadian Valley, whether day or night, you will see Willie giving out a wave and a smile to all those who pass by.

CLIMB SAFELY, AVOID POWER LINES WHEN USING LADDERS

Add your ladder to the list of outdoor equipment that can cause a serious electrical injury.

Sixty-five people die every year from electrocutions involving a metal ladder that touched an electrical wire in or around the house. In most of the cases, someone moves a metal ladder without lowering it to the ground and accidentally makes contact with an overhead electrical wire. Accidents also happen when people use metal ladders while handling an improperly grounded power tool.

Underwriters Laboratories and other rating agencies warn consumers not to bring their ladders within 10 feet of an overhead power line. And it recommends using fiberglass or wood ladders 1302453902 when working anywhere near electric wires or equipment. But any material can allow electricity to pass through it if it's wet.

The experts at UL also recommend:

Buy ladders with a seal from UL or another accredited rating agency.

Choose a ladder that is long enough for your job. Using a ladder that's too short is the culprit in many accidents.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using your ladder. They set limits on weight and height.

Inspect your ladder each time you use it for cracks in the wood or crimps in the metal.

Secure the ladder on a firm, level surface - not rocks or boards.

Don't carry equipment while you're climbing a ladder. Buy a tool belt or ask someone to hand you what you need.

Distribute your weight evenly, and don't overextend your reach.

Never stand on the top rung of a stepladder or on the bucket shelf.



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

1977 Malibu Classic, 2 door, needs front seat cover, 67K actual miles, \$6,500, 405-932-4002.

Beautiful red 2003 Ford Thunderbird, T-top, \$9,500 OBO, 405-878-6697.

FARM & RANCH

2007 John Deere X300 mulching mower, 17 hp, 607 hrs., 42" deck, \$1,750; 2010 John Deere X340 mower, 25 hp, 392 hrs., 54" deck, \$2,150, 405-273-8198.

1951 Ford 8N tractor, runs good, with brush hog, disc, plow, box blade, scraper blade, dirt scoop, \$3,000 cash only, in Harrah, 405-609-0442.

Pull-type 6'x16' cattle trailer, sandblasted and painted, five new tires, life-time floor, new wiring and LED lights and brakes, \$5,000, 405-593-3527.

Small, square bales of good clean prairie grass hay, horse quality, stored in barn, \$6/bale, 405-598-5860.

Young, dark brown llama, \$100, 405-380-5281.

HOME & LAND

In Okfuskee County - 40 acres and cabin, call 405-567-3740 for more information. Leave message and phone number, and call will be returned.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wood - you cut it, you can have all of it, free Evergreen Pine trees, you dig them up, you can have them, 405-878-6697.

WANTED - Someone to cut and bale hay, take all for hay, made 95 bales last year, 405-382-3335.

Appliance repair - washers, dryers, ovens, cook top, refrigerator, dishwasher, serving Chandler, Wellston, Stroud, Luther, Harrah Mcloud, Shawnee, and all towns in between, call Ryan at 405-328-0129.

Camco Freezeaban 25' RV electric water hose, in the box, \$75; Kirby vacuum system, shampoo system, allergy bags complete, \$400; glass cookware and dishes, \$25, 405-432-8064.

New 18,000 BTU heat pump and air, still in box, complete with all lines and installation kit, split air,

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 1st 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

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Account #

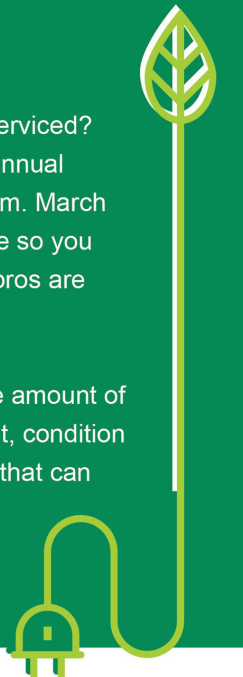
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can greatly impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy



self-install, \$930, 405-625-3363.

to good homes, 918-866-2468.

Farm dogs - Border Collies, gentle, watch dogs, two Pits, all shots, born 9-18-20, nine baby Pits, born 11-22-21, ready to go

Kubota BX370, loader, 60" deck, for parts or repair, gear box is cracked, \$1,000 firm, 405-249-0909.



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