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# CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

## Operation Round-Up is a 'Hand Up' to Those in Need

Helping neighbors in need and combining resources to benefit everyone are parts of the cornerstone of electric co-ops' philosophy. So, it's no surprise CVEC members have embraced and supported Operation Round-Up (ORU) for more than 20 years.

Established at CVEC in 1998, Operation Round Up is a voluntary program where members agree to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next whole dollar. By doing this, members put their nickels and dimes to work benefiting both individuals and organizations throughout the co-op's service territory. Operation Round Up provides financial support in the form of grants

awarded by the CVEC Foundation.

Eight directors, representing CVEC's eight board districts, serve on the Foundation board. They are appointed by the CVEC Board of Directors and serve three-year terms. The Foundation meets every six to eight weeks to review applications and award the grants.

Over 67-percent of CVEC's membership participates in Operation Round-Up. This means each member contributes about \$6 each year. The program operates on an 'opt-out' basis, meaning a member is enrolled in ORU until he or she advises the co-op they wish to discontinue their involvement.

The result is more than \$8,500 a month is contributed to the program.

Since the program was implemented, over \$2,058,223 has been collected, and more than \$1,875,609 has been disseminated throughout the co-op's service territory.

ORU grants have provided clothing, housing, covered medical and dental expenses, bought eyeglasses, and met other needs to help individuals overcome short-term hurdles. They have also assisted volunteer fire departments, community shelters, Senior Citizen centers, county 4-H programs, Emergency Management programs, and more.

"Through Operation

Round-Up, we have donated more than \$235,244 to more than 23 different volunteer fire departments and associations," says Sheri Wyant, who serves as liaison between CVEC and the Foundation, and oversees the program.

"Since CVEC was formed, we have been dedicated to improving the quality of life for people throughout our service area. We do this by not only providing affordable electric service to our members, but also by our active involvement in programs such as Operation Round-Up," says CVEC General Manager Gary Highley.

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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 August

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,841,737	\$5,576,148
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,950,072	\$3,992,617
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	67.62	71.60
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.79	4.84
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,112.08	\$1,059.10
KW Peak Demand - This month	162,770	153,081
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	75,061,190	68,753,241
Taxes Paid	\$124,908	\$121,629
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$180,576	\$174,068
System Load Factor	62.0	60.4

## New Services Staked in September

During the month of September, 73 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 460. This compares to 341 for the same period in 2019.

# Operation Round-Up

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"This program is not just a handout. It is the desire of the board and staff to give a hand up every opportunity we have."

Anyone interested in enrolling in Operation Round-Up or applying for a grant is encouraged to call Wyant at 405-230-1442 or E-mail her at swyant@mycvec.coop. Applications can be downloaded from the co-op's website - www.mycvec.coop/roundup.

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**CVEC offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in recognition of Veterans Day, and Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

*Service personnel will be on duty should you experience an interruption in your electric service.*

### 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 8/31/20.	\$213,027.29
DEPOSITS	8,618.16
INTEREST INCOME.	387.76
CHECKS ISSUED	.00
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID.	-22,131.80
BALANCE 8/31/20	\$199,901.41

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

# Celebrate Holidays with Health, Safety in Mind

It's tough to think about all the parties, family gatherings, church services and shopping mall trips you might have to skip this holiday season as you and your family keep yourselves safe and socially distant.

But health experts say you don't have to spend the happiest time of the year alone.

Here are some ideas for celebrating safely this holiday season:

- If your family is hosting Christmas dinner this year, consider cooking and eating outdoors if the weather is mild.

- For indoor gatherings, limit the guest list to family and friends you trust are taking every precaution to prevent themselves from being exposed to coronavirus. Also:

- Exclude anyone you don't already know from your holiday party or dinner.
  - Keep it small.
  - Insist that everyone wear a mask except while eating.
  - Spread out the seating so people who do

not live together sit six feet apart.

- Place hand sanitizer on the dining room table, in each bathroom, near the front door and in the kitchen.
- Increase ventilation by cracking windows and doors. It's not the most energy-efficient solution, but it's temporary while the party is going on.
- Skip the sing-

along this year. Singing has been proven to spread the virus quickly.

- Disinfect surfaces in the house that are likely to be touched by many people—like in kitchens and bathrooms. Leave some sanitizing wipes in bathrooms and ask each 1206231501 guest to wipe down surfaces after each use.
- Encourage hand-washing during the

event.

- Ask each guest to take extra precautions for two weeks before the event.
- Keep guests out of the kitchen to limit who handles food and touches surfaces where you're preparing dinner.
- Serve each guest yourself, wearing a mask. Don't set up a buffet or self-service food or drink stations.

## 10 Important Safety Tips for Holiday Decorating

Prevent house fires and emergency room trips this holiday season by following a few common-sense rules for safe decorating.

1. Keep your live tree from drying out—and becoming a fire hazard—by chopping about two inches off of the trunk as soon as you bring it home. Dunk it in water; water it every day; and get it out of your house once it starts drying out.
2. Use artificial trees only if they are labeled “fire resistant.”
3. Keep all trees at least three feet away from heat sources, like space heaters, fireplaces and radiators.
4. Place small, breakable and sharp ornaments on high tree branches so children can't reach them.

5. Check the labels on packages of holiday lights to learn if the strand is for indoor or outdoor use. Don't use indoor lights outside.

6. Don't use last year's lights if they have cracked sockets, frayed wires or loose connections.

7. Avoid plugging more than three light strands into a single socket.

8. Hang lights with plastic fasteners, never with nails, tacks or wires.

9. Turn off indoor and outdoor lights and decorations when the family turns in for the night or leaves the house.

10. Be aware that some holiday plant, like poinsettias and mistletoe are poisonous. Keep them out of reach of children and pets

**AUTOMOBILES & BIKES**

**HOME & LAND**

**FARM & RANCH**

Four-year-old Red Angus bull, gentle and sound, \$2,250; 3-year-old Blue Roan horse, broke, kid gentle, \$1,250; big front bucket for front end loader, \$500, 580-925-2654. .

Brillion seeder, field ready; WANTED: 10' offset dick - field ready. 256-937-9863.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Large Kenmore washer and dryer, \$150; standard-size foosball and air hockey table games, \$200 ea.; dishwasher, \$50; 8-month-old male puppy, female dog, 580-925-2654.

**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 # .....

# It's Not Too Late for Heater Inspection

So you're home most of time—working, teaching your kids and taking care of a house that's always full. And you were too reluctant to let a service tech into your home this fall to check your heating system.

It's not too late.

Resist the temptation to put off your annual HVAC maintenance check. The weather is about to turn its coldest. Make sure your home will stay toasty warm for the holidays and beyond.

Mask up and call a reliable heating and cooling company for an appointment.


Here's why keep your home's heating equipment maintained is important:

- If your system is fairly new and still under warranty, you could void that warranty if you skip regular, professional inspections.
- Small problems with the heating system are cheaper and easier to fix than big ones. The pro who inspects your system every year can spot trouble spots before they become major repair jobs.
  - Regular maintenance means fewer repairs. And means few repair bills.
  - A well-maintained system will last longer. Manufacturers estimate that a heating system that is never maintained will last only half of its expected life.
  - If you give a bike, scooter, skates or other toys that make a child mobile, spring for safety gear like helmets, too.
  - A tuned-up heater runs more efficiently, and that can keep your energy bills lower.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.

*Source: www.energy.gov*



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