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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

Be Alert to Possible Scams

The energy industry is undergoing rapid change, and technology is paving the way for innovation in the way energy is used, produced, stored and shared. Consumers are interested in more green energy alternatives while smart homes and apps make managing energy use and paying your electric bill more convenient than ever.

While the changing energy market has created more options for consumers, it has also resulted in more utility scams and misleading information surrounding solar installations in particular. That's because of two factors.

Utility scams are common because of the vast number of utilities that exist, and consumers are understandably anxious

with the threat of disruption to their electric, heating or water service. Second, new products and services in the energy industry provide an opening for scammers and pop-up companies to provide misleading information or shoddy products and services.

Avoid Phone Scams

A common phone scam typically begins with a phone number that appears to be from a valid utility company. The scammer will claim you have a past due account and threaten to disconnect service or take legal action. The scammer will typically demand that you use a prepaid debit card or money order, often within a very short, urgent time frame to pay the "past due" amount.

You can combat this scam by being aware of the status of your account. Never give your banking or personal information over the phone to someone you did not call. If you have a question or concern about your ener-

gy bill, call us directly at 405-382-3680. Do not use the phone number given by the scammer.

Avoid Solar Scams

Another scam we see from time to time is connected to rooftop so-

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DON'T FORGET

Districts 1, 2, and 8 Meet in September

District 1 - Sept. 10, Meeker Schools

District 2 - Sept. 17, North Rock Creek Schools, Shawnee

District 8 - Sept. 24, Wes Watkins Technology Center, Wetumka

Please follow us on Facebook and view our website for updates on District Meetings.

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Main Office and Headquarters

Interstate 40 at the Prague/Seminole Exit

Area Office - 35 W. JC Watts Street, Eufaula

Office Hours - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

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Telephone Numbers	Seminole.....	(405) 382-3680
	Shawnee.....	(405) 273-4680
	Eufaula.....	(918) 689-3232
	Prague.....	(405) 567-3206
	Toll-free.....	(877) 382-3680

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 June

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,435,025	\$5,415,274
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,815,519	\$3,682,683
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	70.20	68.01
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.78	4.83
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,035.44	\$1,029.32
KW Peak Demand - This month	149,586	144,936
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	61,930,162	61,734,812
Taxes Paid	\$106,488	\$101,244
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$177,995	\$174,693
System Load Factor	60.6	59.2

New Services Staked in July

During the month of July, 59 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 308. This compares to 235 for the same period in 2019.

Scams...

lar. Homeowners with rooftop solar may receive a sales call offering an accessory, upgrade or extended warranty to their solar array. The calls could be from crooks claiming to represent a solar company, promising to replace faulty or broken parts or improve efficiency.

Again, if you are not expecting the call, don't be fooled. These

calls offering misleading information are likely a scam. Call the company that installed the solar array if you think there may be a problem. Other than occasional cleaning, rooftop solar (if installed correctly) is virtually maintenance-free.

Remember to contact trusted sources if you have questions or concerns.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

Source: energy.gov



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 6/30/20	\$210,688.84
DEPOSITS	8,650.39
INTEREST INCOME	3.60
CHECKS ISSUED	-6,821.20
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-12,140.00
BALANCE 7/31/20	\$200,381.63

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

Robertson's Hams

50 Years of Delicious Food and Great Friendship!



Electric cooperatives work hard at being good neighbors, and we're fortunate to have some good neighbors ourselves. For CVEC, one of our favorite neighbors is Robertson's Hams.

This September Robertson's Hams is celebrating 50 years at its Seminole location, which is across State Highway 99, just east

of CVEC's headquarters facility.

The Seminole location is one of a chain of six stores in Oklahoma and Texas which was started in Marietta in 1946 by V. B. "Tup" Robertson.

Robertson attended church with Gary and Linda Bloomer, and offered Gary a job when he returned from service in Germany with the

U. S. Army in 1968. A couple of years later, Robertson asked him if he would like a store of his own.

Gary and his father-in-law began scouting locations near Oklahoma City, but quickly learned real estate prices were just too high. So, they branched out and headed east on I-40.

Gary's son Lance, who grew up in the store and is the current owner/manager, says his Dad knew when he took the Prague-Seminole exit that "that's where the Lord wanted (him) to be."

The Bloomers purchased the land, built the store, and began selling the renowned smoked meats.

They sell ham, turkey, a variety of sausages, pork loin, and of course, Robertson's famous beef jerky.

CVEC Serviceman John Colvin says "It's like you almost can't chase storm outages without them! When our men hit the road

they may not know when the next meal will come, but most of them know they can count on the tub of Robertson's beef jerky they keep in the floorboard to get them through."

Lance explains that during the smoking process, the hams are hand-rubbed with cure, removing as much water as possible. He says hickory wood is still used today because Robertson felt it added a better flavor than other types of wood.

A long-time customer favorite is their ham sandwiches.

"I wish I knew how many sandwiches, biscuits, and pounds of beef jerky the men and women of CVEC have eaten over the years," says Rusty Pritchett, CVEC maintenance superintendent. "The Bloomer/Robertson family has been a part of this cooperative longer than



On hand to greet customers are (left to right) employees Hannah Sapp and Izzy McGinnis, and owner/manager Lance Bloomer.

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AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

2007 Impala, dark blue, power and AC, Flex Fuel, AM-FM, CD, nearly new tires, looks good, drives good, \$3,500, Seminole, 405-382-5146.

1996 Chevy Silverado pickup, 212,000 miles, runs 7 drives good, one owner, \$3,500, 405-605-9461.

FARM & RANCH

Beefmaster bulls, pure-bred with papers, herd sires, semen tests provided, beautiful animals that will add beauty to your herd, docile dispositions to make them easy to handle, 405-410-2066.

1994 Fruehauf semi flat trailer, used Weed Eaters, Hyway hydraulic 6' brush hog, IHC 1050 feed grinder mixer, 405-380-8618.

HOME & LAND

For rent in country north of Shawnee, nice brick, 3 BDR, 1 BA, 2-car garage, CH&A, remodeled, 405-275-5673.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cedar tree clearing \$85/hr., brush mowing, \$40/hr., hay hauling, \$5/bale, dirt work/driveways, \$75/hr., other services available, call or text 405-642-9356.

Three male Great Pyrenees/Anatolian pups, 5 mos. old, \$50; 1-year-old female Great Pyrenees/Anatolian, \$50; oval wooden dinette table w/four chairs, \$150; lighted corner cherry curio cabinet, five shelves, \$200; 8' front loader bucket, \$500; 6' dresser w/mirror, \$50; travel trailer, hospital bed, washer & dryer, 580-925-2654.

Cats and kittens free to good home, they are semi-wild, will need to be trapped, 405-820-2419.

Coleman 3.5-ton heat & AC unit w/condenser in excellent condition, 405-423-1411.

Large travel trailer, recently used, needs minor repair, make offer, must sell, 405-220-3479.

Oak furniture, new sofa/love seat, nice lithographs, new Epson printer, fax, scanner still in box, antique glassware, bedroom set, deep sea rod & reel, Diawa sealine 27H w/Sabre yellowtail rod, 1986 J.C. Penny Statue of Liberty, 31-day baby grandfather

wall clock, 405-220-9375.

Infinity massage chair, 20+ settings, little use, excellent condition, \$3,500; upright piano, good condition, sounds good, \$100, 405-380-7489.

Light slate red-top pool table, new custom wood legs, double clothes racks, some on wheels, new boys jeans, husky size 10, 12, 14, toolbox on wheels, old stretcher used in WWII, make offers or deals, 405-598-1202.

Clean out storage buildings and can have the building, need someone to sell things on the Internet, and keep the money, 405-878-6697.

Small animal trap, good condition, \$35; wooden Troybilt garden cart/trailer, old but fair condition; dump gate at back of trailer, \$50, 405-596-2957.

Propane cook stove, \$75; white Maytag Hotpoint dishwasher, \$40; H-S hay rake, \$800; 8-wheel Rigid-700 electric pipe threader with 1/2" dye, \$650; pickup bed toolbox 36"x48", \$150, 405-496-5844.

Robertson's Hams

any of us have been working here. It's always a great meal, but the outstanding service and smiling faces is what keeps bringing you back."

Lance agrees they have had some wonderful people working for them through the years, adding they try to help the area's youth by hiring high school and college students.

Being welcomed by friendly, smiling employees, Robertson's customers can order sandwiches, soups, and sides to go or to eat there. A dining room, including the one in

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.

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Account # _____

Phone # _____

the round, metal silo, was added in 1978.

In addition to enlarging the original building, the Bloomers also expanded their inventory through the years to include specialty jellies, honey, sorghum, gourmet mustards, pickled asparagus, salsas, and corn relish.

Robertson's ships their products all over the country and overseas, usually to those serving in the military.

Not surprisingly, their delicious meats are in demand during the Holidays, but also

for birthdays, family and class reunions, and corporate events. They offer gift certificates too.

"Robertson's is such a great part of what the Cooperative represents; good attitudes, hard work, willingness to help others, multi-generational, and always being there when you need them. They assist us in supplying our annual thanksgiving dinners to members in need, supplying the meat and cheese trays for all of our ups and downs, whether it be the loss of a loved one or celebrating birthdays, and I always look forward to picking up

my own ham around the holidays" says Amber Himle, CVEC marketing coordinator.

The Bloomers and their employees say during the past 50 years many of their customers have become friends.

"Robertson's has been a staple of the CVEC family since just after we built this current building. As we build our new HQ, we are excited to have them as great neighbors, exceptional partners, and valuable members of the cooperative for another 50 years" says Jarrod VanZant, CVEC manager of member relations.