

Nation's Electric Cooperatives Launch Co-ops Vote Initiative

America's electric cooperatives have launched a non-partisan, nationwide effort to promote civic engagement and voter participation in the communities they serve.

Jeffrey Connor, interim CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), unveiled the Co-ops Vote program at the association's recent 74th annual meeting in New Orleans.

"Through Co-ops Vote, we want to help our members know when elections are, what's at stake and how to make their voices heard," Connor said. "Who folks vote for isn't really as important as the fact that they do vote."

A new website - vote.coop - offers co-op members information on the vote registration process in their state, dates of elections and information on the candidates running in those elections.

In keeping with its non-partisan goals, the initiative will not be endorsing specific candidates for office.

NRECA President Mel Coleman said the program would help ensure the voices of rural Americans are heard. "We want to make sure our government knows that rural America matters," Coleman said. "This campaign isn't about divisive, partisan issues. It's about real people in real places facing real challenges. It's about our co-ops living out the principles of our movement: Concern for community and democratic control."

Coleman added: "When our parents and grandparents set out to electrify rural America, they didn't have time to ask the person next to them about their views on economic or social policy. Their economic policy was 'we need to save this community' and their social policy was 'let's do it together.' I hope the Co-ops Vote program can help rekindle that spirit of cooperation."



The Best is Ahead

Another month has passed and I have had an opportunity to meet and talk with some of you, our owners, and have enjoyed our discussions, many about where you



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*Interim
General Manager*

and your cooperative have been, but also about where we are going. My personal belief is the best is ahead, I see many challenges ahead, but none that cannot be met with the positive attitude that is being demonstrated by the employees and your board. CVEC continues to move forward with progress on our building, all of the rooms are now reopened and being utilized. We have re-arranged some areas and now seem to be set for the near future as we evaluate the long term building needs for your cooperative.

CVEC's field personnel have gone another month without an injury of any type and are dedicated to doing things in the safest manner possible. Our office personnel have been busy learning new and more efficient ways to utilize our accounting, engineering and members systems to better serve you, our members. In this regard, we all thank Jim Caron, an expert in our systems for coming on board and assisting us in this all important endeavor. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done and on a good note, he will be returning for a short time later this year to see where we are with the improvement ef-

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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 and report the trouble.

Read Billing date

Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty is
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for January

	2015	2016
Operating Revenues	\$5,563,092	\$4,143,499
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,187,173	\$3,221,121
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	75.27	77.74
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,064.30	\$789.99
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.64	4.63
KW Peak Demand - This month	162,376	132,566
Billing kW demand	107,263	103,288
KW Peak Demand - YTD	170,224	154,489
KWh Purchased - This month	71,782,220	57,898,615
Taxes Paid	\$117,896	\$101,864
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$166,020	\$172,045
System Load Factor	65.8	62.8

New Services Staked in March

During the month of March, 30 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2016 is 80. This compares to 80 for the same period in 2015.

Electric Co-ops and a Culture of Safety

There is a children’s book titled *Safety Ist, Safety Always*. As you can imagine, it encompasses many of the traditional safety lessons parents should teach their children. We drill youngsters about safety from an early age because we know how important it is to protect ourselves and those we care about. In the spirit of May being National Electrical Safety Month, let’s take a look at how electric cooperatives have been stepping up to the plate when it comes to safety at the co-op.

Up until 2007, there was an alarming national trend among electric co-ops, which was the fact that the number of “lost time” accidents was increasing. Lost time is defined as anything resulting in an employee missing time at work.

This is why Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, which insures the vast majority of electric co-ops nationwide, initiated a campaign called a “Culture of Safety.” It was designed to create a 1307060301 much greater awareness about safety issues at all electric co-ops.

Through the use of strategy labs across the country, Federated brought together co-op CEOs and general managers, operations supervisors, safety directors and linemen to better understand how each group viewed safety. In doing so, differences in perceptions regarding safety within cooperatives were identified, allowing for much needed conversations and evaluations of how to raise awareness and improve local safety cultures. The “Speak Up, Listen Up” program is designed to empower anyone who sees a potentially unsafe situation to Speak Up and encourages everyone to Listen Up to their concerns. The results have been dramatic, with more than a 30 percent decline in the number of accidents over the past nine years.

As a member, you too have a role. If you see any potential dangerous situations or practices, you should report them as soon as possible to CVEC.

If we are intentional about our actions, we can indeed change the culture in our organizations. The same is true for our families, our teams and any groups we may belong to.



Retrofitting Your Manufactured Home for Energy Efficiency

If you live in a manufactured home, chances are you may have a disproportionately higher energy bill than a family living in a modular or traditional wood-frame home. The good news is there are many ways you can improve your home's energy efficiency.

Manufactured home or mobile home?

First, a clarification. Some use the term manufactured home and mobile home interchangeably. A mobile home is a factory built home constructed before 1976 when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) set national standards that nearly every manufactured home must meet. Thereafter, factory-built homes were called manufactured homes and are engineered and constructed in accordance with the 1976 federal code administered by HUD.

Manufactured homes come in all shapes and sizes. They may be single- or multi-sectioned and are available in various sizes and floor plan configurations. There are many differences between manufactured homes built before the U.S. HUD Code took effect in 1976 and those built afterward. One of the major differences is energy efficiency. Those built before federal standards were put in place were generally not as energy efficient as later models, even though thermal standards were changed in 1994. And while your manufactured home may have been built to the energy standards of the time, significant progress has been made over the past decades with high-efficiency mechanical equipment, windows, insulation, siding and roofing materials.

In short, whether your home is less than five years old or more than 50, most homes can benefit from energy efficiency measures simply due to wear and tear. Sunlight, seasonal temperature changes and wind can increase air leakage. Doors and windows may not close

tightly and duct work can spring leaks, wasting cooling and heating energy.

If your home was built before 1976, the Dept. of Energy recommends the following steps to retrofit your manufactured home and improve energy efficiency:

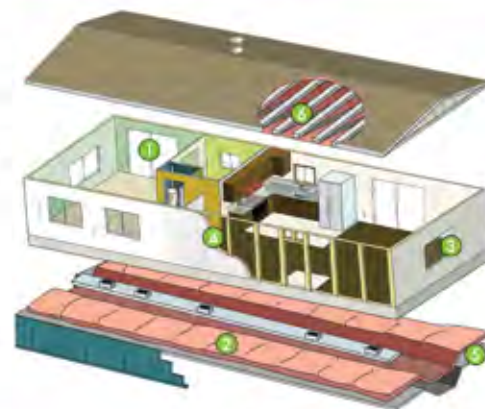
1. Install energy-efficient windows and doors
2. Replace insulation in the belly
3. Make general repairs (seal bottom board, caulk windows, doors, ducts, etc.)
4. Add insulation to your walls
5. Install or seal belly wrap
6. Add insulation to your roof or install a roof cap.

Additional energy saving tips

In addition to the measures listed above, consider caulking and weatherstripping windows and doors, particularly if you are not able to replace them with more energy-efficient ones. Properly seal any openings around ducts and plumbing fixtures. Replace any incandescent light bulbs with LEDs – both indoors and outside. Reduce “phantom” loads by unplugging electronic devices such as computers, printers and gaming systems when not in use. If you are planning to move to a new manufactured home, look for the Energy Star rated model.

RETROFITTING YOUR MANUFACTURED HOME FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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We are looking for members who want to participate in our geothermal heat pump program. If you are building a new home or have an old heating or air conditioning system, you are a great candidate. Call today for a free, no obligation consultation and to see if you qualify for our rebates and the 30-percent federal tax credit (tax credit expires December 31, 2016).

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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@canadianvalley.org. Ads must be received by the 5th of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Account # _____
 Phone # _____

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

1974 Nova, 2-dr., 6-cyl. w/AC, runs & drives; no brakes, original, project car, \$2,500 firm, 567-2404.
 2009 Chevy Silverado 1/2-ton truck, ext. cab, 4.8 L.S., auto, electric windows, black, 59K miles, \$16,500 firm, 279-2480.
 2001 Honda Foreman TRX 450 ESP 4-wheeler, \$2,500, 567-5147.
 2008 Yamaha motorcycle, 1 owner, 2,000 miles, gets 89 mpg., 405-795-0160.

FARM & RANCH

6-inch auger for Bobcat, \$75, 258-2950.
 Rototiller for Wheel Horse mower, 30", \$200, 405-658-3214.
 1996 48" John Deere, 48" Rototiller, \$500; 48" brush hog, \$700; box blade, 60" Atlas, \$500, 405-279-3638, 405-566-8328.
 8' 3-pt. spring tooth harrow, 5' 3-pt. offset disk, 4 bottom International plow, 6 ft. drag spring tooth harrow, 8' A-frame, 405-567-3686.
 Yearling Charolais bulls, two polled, one horned, sire registered bull, 580-925-2232.
 WANTED - Pasture to lease for cattle, references available, 405-826-2879, east of Shawnee area.
 1994 Fruehauf flatbed semi trailer, 48'x5', \$5,500 OBO, 452-3094.
 Used tubular farm gate, \$20 for 8'; 13'x4' tin horn, \$75; 10' hay rake, good tires, new belt, \$600, 454-0510.

14 young Angus bulls, 15 to 17 mos. old, 6 young open Angus heifers 12-13-mos. old, north of Shawnee, 405-275-0689, 405-275-4432, 405-919-3630.

HOME & LAND

For sale by owner, 26 acres m/l, 405-220-2322.
 1 acre lot at Flint Ridge by the Illinois River, gated area, very nice, make offer, 405-390-2571.
 3 lake-view lots on Lake Eufaula River Oaks Addition, 918-689-9082.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ice-box, \$100; electric cook stove, \$100; Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$200; gas cook stove, \$100, 405-275-3419.
 Upright piano, 3' 8" tall, 4' 9" wide, 2' deep, \$400, 598-1832.
 RV canopy, 30' L, 12' W, 13' T, \$400; Cub Cader deck tiller, 76 mo., \$600; electric brake CT, \$30; 15" wheel for RV, \$25, 598-5286.
 WANTED - free rock, bricks, or pieces of concrete for creek crossing, 405-932-4336.
 6'x4' computer cabinet, maple finish, \$150; canning jars, \$8/dz., Earlsboro area, 405-664-8102.
 Generac Troybilt gasoline generator, 6,000 Watt, 115 hrs., 13 HP, 5-gal. tank, 120/240 volts, 12 volt D.C. 30/20 amp, 405-863-3419.
 Reliable Photo Services, 8mm, VHS, slides transferred to DVD, 405-275-6884.
 2007 Flagstaff/Forest RNPR M-228 MAC. Options: AC/heat, 3-way re-

P.C. computer, w/Windows XP, \$150, 405-273-0817.

Inside sale - clothes, decorative items, some furniture, collectible items, everything marked down, 9 a.m to 5 p.m., 405-598-3449.

Bass Tracker Pro 17', 40-HP Mercury, live well, trolling motor, '93 model, \$4,100 OBO, 918-441-2778.

Used truck tires, \$120, 10-ply Firestone, 245/75/16, swimming pool & spa heater by Raypak, \$600, 567-5147.

Firewood & Black Walnuts - Oak or pecan - \$65, hickory - \$95 per rick; unshelled Black Walnuts - \$1/lb., Macomb/Pink/Shawnee/Norman, 598-6274.

Queen mattress and box springs, and frame, 4 years old, \$200, 405-275-4318.

Two cemetery lots in Masonic section at Resthaven in Shawnee, \$2,000 ea., 405-659-9551 after 3:30 p.m.

Manager's Column

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fort and assist us where we need further support. The entire staff has been reviewing and working on plans and recommendations that will address all the issues laid out in the Compliance Plan. On my first review of several of the issues, they do not seem to be near as severe or as complicated as may have been presented. Time will tell, but we are off to a good start with our review and developing plans to address all the concerns. Looking forward in the next couple of months to having this behind us and on to other issues to better serve you, our member owners. As we go through this month of May, please take time to remember our military personnel, pray for their safety, thank them for their service and truly celebrate them on Memorial Day. Good day to all.



OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 2/28/16	\$251,151.86
DEPOSITS	8,105.99
INTEREST INCOME	111.62
CHECKS ISSUED	-15,829.82
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-16,820.22
BALANCE 1/31/16.....	\$226,719.43

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

Find Your Account Number and Win \$25

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

In order to win, the account number must be your own.

You need to report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month.

And you need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.

1/2 Jersey, 1/2 Angus bull, low birth weight calves w/heifers giving milk, 201-8898.

Bermuda grass hay, square bales, \$7 ea., 474-2018.

930 Case tractor, all 4 tires news, \$2,000 cash, 240-7750.

WANTED - Pasture to lease for cattle, references available, in or around Little area, 826-2879.

HOME & LAND

Three BDR, 2 BA home w/attached garage, handicap accessible w/ hand bars in bath, on 2.5 acres, 5 miles north of Seminole, off Hwy. 99, \$150,00, 239-0483.

MISCELLANEOUS

Treadmill, \$100 firm, 279-2480.

Four cemetery lots, \$900 each, Rest Haven Cemetery, 878-6697.

Four 15" tires and rims from a 2004 Ford Escape, very good condition, \$50 ea., 481-9077.

172 Cessna airplane, by appointment only, 631-1505.

AKC Airedale puppies, 6 wks. shots and wormed, P.O.P. males and females available, \$600, 388-7307.

Seasoned oak firewood, \$60/rick, you pick it up, 397-0428.

Infant car seat and two toddler car seats, \$10 ea., 279-3638.

Beekeeping beginner kit, complete new hood, gloves, boxer, smoker, tools, book, \$150, 683-3034.

Old 3-wheeled golf cart, good tires, good batteries, looks nice, charger extra, 275-3442.

Compost or fresh manure, small pickup load, supply own vehicle, will load, \$50, off 360 south of 99A, 382-4468.

Big telephone poles (creek crossings, retaining walls) free; 7 18'3" angle iron 1/4", \$10 ea., 454-0510.

Female Blue Heeler, 1.5-yrs.-old, \$200 cash, 240-7750.

FARM & RANCH

Three Angus bulls, one registered 4-yr.-old out of SAV Bismarck, \$3,500; two 13-month-olds, stout, ready to go, \$2,000, 997-3311.

Downsizing herd of Alpacas, 202-9967.

1976-Allis Chalmers diesel tractor, starts and runs great, \$1,200, 333-2263.

Lumber - 3"x9"x16'(6), \$10 ea.; 3"x5"x17'(9), \$7 ea.; heavy galvanized tin horn, 20'x12", \$100; 10' International hay rake, \$600, 459-0510.

Boer billy goat, 1-yr.-old, \$100, 964-2049.

16'x5' bumper-pull stock trailer, full rear swing gate, slide swing gate on side and center swing gate, \$1,200, 863-3419.