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Students can Enter Videos for Energy Camp Competition

Ever wanted to climb a utility pole or ride high in the bucket of a utility bucket truck? How about swimming, hiking, or participating in a ropes course, all while making new friends?

Eighth grade students in CVEC's service territory can do all these fun activities at the 2022 Energy Camp!

Sponsored by CVEC

and the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, Energy Camp is a four-day action-packed adventure that helps develop leadership skills and promotes teamwork while teaching about cooperative enterprises, the rural electrification program, and electrical safety.

CVEC sponsors two students to the camp, which is May 31-June 3,

2022 at Canyon Camp, near Hinton.

"We're asking that students enter the contest in pairs," explains CVEC Communications Coordinator Kaci Jarvis. "One video will be selected as winner and those two students will go to Energy Camp." Jarvis says a runner-up video will be selected also.

She goes on to say the video should be between three and five minutes; no longer than five minutes.

The video topic is *"How Does Electricity Impact Your Everyday Life?"*

Students' names should be omitted for judge(s) to maintain anonymity.

Students are required to pair with another 8th grader to record and submit the video to encourage cooperation and participa-

tion. Attach both completed entry forms to the email for submission.

Deadline for all entries is 11:59 pm, Monday, April 18th, 2022.

We strongly suggest students keep a copy of their entries for their use, in case they are selected as winners.

Alternates will be selected in the event the winners are unable to attend, and decisions of the judge(s) are final.

Students must currently be classified as 8th graders attending a school (public, private, or home) in CVEC's service area. It is not necessary the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) be members of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative.



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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

	2020	2021
Operating Revenues	\$5,890,342	\$6,648,166
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,064,823	\$4,592,878
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	69.01	69.08
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.87	4.96
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,117.71	\$1,252.24
KW Peak Demand - This month	146,839	149,861
Billing kW demand	105,474	105,316
KW Peak Demand - YTD	159,902	206,307
KWh Purchased - This month	73,082,209	66,097,147
Taxes Paid	\$102,067	\$129,627
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$172,869	\$232,017
System Load Factor	66.9	59.3

New Services Staked in February

During the month of February, 64 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2022 is 111. This compares to 106 for the same period in 2021.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

LARGE TREES

Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:

- Maple
- Birch
- Oak
- Sweetgum
- Spruce
- Linden
- Pine

MEDIUM TREES

Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:

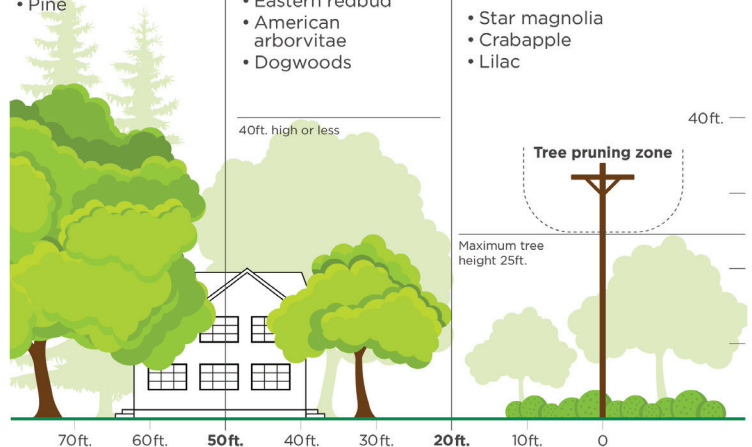
- Washington hawthorn
- Goldenraintree
- Eastern redbud
- American arborvitae
- Dogwoods

SMALL TREES

Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.

Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as:

- Star magnolia
- Crabapple
- Lilac



Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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 2/1/21	\$265,789.16
DEPOSITS	9,310.02
INTEREST INCOME	5.47
CHECKS ISSUED	.00
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-25,118.70
BALANCE 1/31/22	\$249,985.95

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

The Power Behind Your Power

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11

You've likely noticed CVEC's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our communities. It's no secret a lineworker's job is tough—but it's a job that's essential and must be done, often in challenging conditions. This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, we want to share some interesting facts about electric lineworkers with you.



CVEC Lineworkers

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That's the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn't the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That's because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience, and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line or work.

Despite the many challenges, CVEC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local communities. During severe weather events that bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called. They must be ready to leave the comfort of their homes and families unexpectedly, and they don't return until the job is done,

often days later. That's why the lineworker's family is also dedicated to service. They understand the importance of the job to the community.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Here at CVEC, we have 17 lineworkers who are responsible for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year. To do this, they maintain 5,000 miles of power lines across all or portions of nine counties and 3,500 square miles. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire. Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our communities. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power. Please join us as we recognize them on April 11, and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

2004 Chevrolet Ventura van, 3.4 V6 engine, automatic transmission, 3 row seats, passenger video, rear air conditioner and heater, new tires, very dependable, 178K miles, \$3,000, 918-490-3095.

1962 Ford Falcon, 2 door, bucket seats, console, \$3,500, 405-932-4002, leave message.

FARM & RANCH

In search of 40 to 200+ acres of pasture land to lease for horses, anywhere in the area between Hwy. 62/66 and Hwy. 102/18, will pay top lease prices, 405-323-3976.

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

Registered Hereford bulls, 9 to 24-months, polled, growthy, gentle, low birth weight, and out of productive, efficient good milking dams, \$1,200-\$2,400, call or text 405-659-5047.

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

1994 Fruehauf flat semi trailer, 48-102 Dew Eze roll bale bus,

2-wheel calf creep feeder, tree terminator, 10-00-20 Dayton wheels; Wanted: Fertilizer spreader/buggy, 405-380-8618.

John Deere 10' hay rake, \$700; rotary hay cutter (Haymaxx drum mower,) T165, 2 drums, 3 blades per drum, 2008 model, \$1,300, 405-454-0510.

Wanted: 1970 or newer, 4-row planter, working condition/turnkey, 479-220-9735.

Wanted: Pasture to rent or hay to cut on shares, late model John Deere baler, twine or net wrap, 405-593-7447.

HOME & LAND

MISCELLANEOUS

Kirby vacuum with shampooer, very good shape, \$150; XL2 ORECK vacuum, \$50, 405-390-2571.

Single door, white, 70"H x 33"W x 30"D, 6-year-old Whirlpool refrigerator with lower pullout freezer drawer, \$700; Acorn, charcoal/smoker grill, not used, like new, \$350, 405-598-0650.

Old roll-top desk, dark wood, needs light repair, \$1,500 OBO; Singer sewing machine in nice cabinet, \$500 OBO; 6.5' x 14' heavy-duty, double-axle utility

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.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

trailer with new jack, \$2,500 OBO; set of approx. 100 milk glass snack trays with cups, \$250 OBO 405-808-5591.

Original Thumler's Tumbler model A-R12, \$40; 34-inch Craftsman radial drill press, \$300; Delta 10-inch radial arm saw catalog

number 30C, \$400; T-post puller, \$20; rick of pecan fire wood, \$50, 405-659-5047.



Mission is to Bring Fiber to EVERY Home

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative strives to achieve its mission statement "Improve Life, Serve Community" daily. In 2019 when the board of directors began considering broadband, they took a detailed look at options to serve the hardest to reach members in our community. Internet providers have consistently prioritized profits. Many providers are willing to run fiber down main street to serve lucrative commercial accounts and densely populated residential areas. This model leaves many residents clinging to inferior services that were constructed decades ago. Any company with a profit motive - investor-owned, municipal, or private equity - has zero incentive or desire to serve the harder to reach areas. As an electric cooperative, we see history repeating itself and parallels to the electrification era of the 1930s and 1940s abounded. It was then that electric cooperatives were formed as 1700004149 customer-owned, non-profit businesses to meet a need and bring electrification where nobody else has an incentive to do so.

Customer-owned cooperatives have a natural affinity to provide the best service economically available with a self-regulating performance mechanism built in. If the company provides

bad service, the customers can vote to change the company. With this background, our board of directors came to the following conclusion:

"The Cooperative is the only business model with a natural incentive to serve the most difficult to serve places."

In 2020 Canadian Valley Electric directors voted to improve life and serve community by forming a fiber to the home (FTTH) subsidiary, CVEC Fiber, to bring high-speed broadband to EVERY Canadian Valley Electric customer. Fiber to every home, not just fiber down main street.

"Fiber to every home, not just fiber down main street."

Cooperatives expanding into broadband are committed to providing the best broadband economically available throughout its entire community. Improving next generation education opportunities and expanding access to rural healthcare and business opportunities, no matter the location.

In this manner, CVEC and CVEC Fiber are advancing their mission to Improve Life, Serve Community.