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Washington Youth Tour is Trip of a Lifetime

Fantastic Opportunity for High School Juniors

Senior year in high school is a unique experience. CVEC can help start that memorable year with a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Youth Tour is a week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. CVEC will send two students on this trip from high schools in our service territory who are just beginning their senior year.

The trip begins with a banquet in Oklahoma City with winners from other Oklahoma electric cooperatives. The group then flies to the nation's capital where they will spend the week visiting historical monuments, the U. S. Capitol, Pen-

tagon, Mount Vernon, Ford's Theatre, and Arlington Cemetery, just to mention a few.

They will also enjoy a tour of the White House.

They will meet Youth Tour winners like themselves from electric cooperatives across the country at NRECA's Youth Day.

In order to compete students must currently be classified as high school juniors attending a school (public, private, or home) in CVEC's service area. It is not necessary for the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) to be members of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative.

Contestants will be required to complete an application and include a short essay.

Deadline for all entries will be Tuesday, February 18.

Finalists will be selected for brief interviews. Judges will then award the Washington D.C. trip to the two highest scoring finalists. Two alternates will be selected and will win a consolation prize, and will be called on to go on Youth Tour should one of the winners be unable to attend.

"Youth Tour truly is the trip of a lifetime. During that week, students enjoy unique experiences, make memories,

and develop long-lasting friendships," says CVEC Youth Tour Coordinator Amber Himle.

Students interested in participating in this year's Youth Tour competition can download the application and other pertinent information by visiting our website - www.myCVEC.coop - and selecting the Community tab. Or can be on the lookout for CVEC representatives to be on their high school campus in early January.

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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 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 October

| | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$4,397,942 | \$4,600,197 |
| Wholesale Cost of Power | \$3,130,808 | \$3,301,835 |
| Percentage WPC is of Revenue | 71.20 | 71.78 |
| Consumers per Mile of Line | 4.74 | 4.80 |
| Revenue per Mile of Line | \$838.66 | \$875.56 |
| KW Peak Demand - This month | 130,802 | 144,930 |
| Billing kW demand | 103,927 | 104,290 |
| KW Peak Demand - YTD | 182,438 | 171,445 |
| KWh Purchased - This month | 57,640,817 | 59,528,896 |
| Taxes Paid | \$93,264 | \$100,364 |
| Interest on Long Term Debt | \$172,490 | \$179,273 |
| System Load Factor | 59.2 | 55.2 |

New Services Staked in November

During the month of November, 65 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2019 is 447. This compares to 357 for the same period in 2018.

Charging Phone in Public Ports could Invite Hackers

You might want to charge your phone before you leave home every day. It turns out charging it in a public space could put your information at risk.

According to the Washington, D.C., Forensics Lab, when you plug your phone into a USB charging hub at an airport, shopping mall, or sports arena, you could be allowing hackers access to data on the device.

The lab's Chief of Cybersecurity, Tracy Walraven, told Washington, D.C., radio station WTOP that those convenient public ports are an easy target for hackers. Her advice: Invest in your own charger and carry it with you when you'll be away from home for a while.

The same goes for plugging in while riding in an Uber or Lyft, which Walraven calls "essentially someone else's computer on wheels."

If "it's a car with a hard drive or data storage mechanism in it, it's just going to do what it's supposed to do, which is collect data," she told the radio station. So hackers could steal more than playlists; they could steal your identity with the information they collect from your phone.

Plugging into public Wi-Fi is risky as well, Walraven says, because anyone who is on the same network could gain access to your data.



Regional Office Hours

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| 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

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/31/19 | \$204,149.15 |
| DEPOSITS | 8,458.30 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 17.47 |
| CHECKS ISSUED | -29,604.78 |
| APPROVED, NOT YET PAID | -8,501.10 |
| BALANCE 11/30/19 | \$174,519.04 |

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

Three DIY Efficiency Projects to Tackle This Year

A New Year brings new opportunities to save energy—and money. You may think energy efficiency upgrades require a great deal of time and expense, but that's not always the case.

If you're interested in making your home more efficient but don't want to break the bank, there are several DIY projects you can tackle to increase energy savings. Let's take a look at three inexpensive efficiency upgrades that can help you save energy throughout the year.

Trim Dryer Vent

Level of difficulty: easy. Supplies needed: tin snips, gloves, measuring tape and masking tape. Estimated Cost: about \$25 depending on the supplies you already have.

If your dryer vent hose is too long, your dryer is working harder than it has to, using more energy than necessary. The vent hose should be long enough for you to pull the dryer out a couple feet from the wall, but the shape of

the hose should form a line—it should not have a lot of slack, with twists and curves. A shorter, unobstructed vent hose increases the efficiency of your dryer, dries clothing faster and reduces lint buildup, which can create potential fire hazards.

Simply measure, mark and trim the hose to the desired length, then re-attach the hose to your dryer and exterior vent. If you're unsure about the hose length, check out YouTube.com for a quick video tutorial.

Seal Air Leaks

Level of difficulty: moderate. Supplies needed: caulk and caulk gun, weather stripping, gloves, putty knife, paper towels. Estimated Cost: \$25 to \$50 depending on the materials you purchase.

Sealing air leaks in your home can help you save 10% to 20% on heating and cooling bills. Apply caulk around windows, 811110300 doors, electrical wiring and plumbing to seal in conditioned air. You

should also weather strip exterior doors, which can keep out drafts and help you control energy costs. Types of caulking and weather stripping materials vary, but ask your local hardware or home store for assistance if you're unsure about the supplies you need. For more information, the Department of Energy provides step-by-step instructions for caulking and weather stripping: <https://bit.ly/2Kesu6W>

Insulate Attic Stairs Opening

Level of difficulty: moderate. Supplies needed (if you build the box yourself): rigid foam board, faced blanket insulation, tape for foam board, measuring tape, utility knife, caulk and caulk gun, plywood. Estimated Cost: \$50 to \$100.

A properly insulated attic is one of the best ways to optimize energy savings and comfort in your home, but many homeowners don't consider insulating the attic stairs, or the opening to

your attic space. Even a well-insulated attic can leak air through the stair opening, but luckily, there's an easy fix.

An insulated cover box can seal and insulate the attic stairs opening. You can build your own insulated cover box or purchase a pre-built box or kit from a local home improvement store like Home Depot or Lowe's for about \$60. If you decide to build your own, check out these step-by-step instructions from the Department of Energy: <https://bit.ly/36YNCYQ>. It should also be noted, if your attic opening is located in a garage that you do not heat and cool, this upgrade will not be as effective.

Saving energy doesn't have to be hard. With a little time and effort, you can maximize energy savings and increase the comfort of your home. To learn about additional ways to save, contact CVEC's Marketing Dept.

