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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE

The Vitality of Annual Meetings for Electric Cooperatives

Annual meetings play a pivotal role in the functioning and success of electric cooperatives. These meetings serve as a platform for active participation, transparency, accountability, and fostering a sense of community. Here are a few reasons why annual meetings are important for our membership and cooperative.

1. Member Engagement: Annual meetings provide a vital avenue for us to engage and connect with our members by bringing together cooperative leadership, management, and members. Cooperative leaders can gain valuable insights into members' concerns, priorities, and expectations. This engagement fosters a sense of community, reinforcing our mission of improving life and serving our communities, and building trust.

2. Accountability and Transparency: Transparency is a cornerstone of electric cooperatives, and annual meetings serve as a platform to ensure accountability and openness. During annual meetings, cooperative leaders present comprehensive reports on financial performance, operational updates, and strategic plans. Members receive detailed information about our financial statements, budgetary allocations, and ongoing projects. This transparency empowers our members to hold the board and management accountable for their decisions and actions.

3. Policy Decisions and Bylaw Amendments: Significant policy decisions and amendments to the cooperative's bylaws necessitate member participation and approval. The annual meeting serves as a demo-

cratic forum where members can discuss, debate, and vote on these critical matters. This inclusive approach ensures policy decisions genuinely reflect the collective will and aspirations of our members. Bylaw amendments enable us to adapt to changing circumstances, allowing us to be more responsive to the evolving needs of our members.

Annual meetings are a cornerstone of electric cooperatives, embodying the principles of democratic governance, member engagement,

accountability, transparency, education, and collective decision-making. These meetings provide a platform for members to actively participate in shaping the cooperative's future and allow the cooperative to establish strong relationships with its members. By embracing the significance of annual meetings, electric cooperatives continue to thrive as democratic, member-focused organizations that contribute to the sustainable development of their communities.

CVEC Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Event

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023
Firelake Arena, 18145 Old Rangeline Rd.
Shawnee, OK

Registration - 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.



A Message from

Canadian Valley Electric CEO

Gary Highley

Announcing New Electric Vehicle Pilot Program

At last year's annual meeting, I mentioned we would be rolling out a pilot program to help electric vehicle owners save money on electricity. As usually happens when you try something new, we found a few technical obstacles we had to overcome and that delayed the launch. I am happy to say we will accept our first members into our Electric Vehicle Rate savings program in July.

The pilot program will bill the member the lower of two rate plans, the standard residential rate or the new electric vehicle pilot program. The member will pay the lower of the two during the duration of the program.

At the end of the pilot program, the member can choose which rate plan they wish to stay on.

The new pilot program is a different way of buying electricity for most people. It implements a demand charge between 3 pm and 7 pm but has significantly reduced energy (kWh) rates of just 6-cents per kWh through the day and 5-cents overnight when you are likely charging your car. The rate is still subject to the standard adjustments for power cost adjustment, regulatory fee, gross receipts tax, and applicable franchise fees. You can determine what your level of demand has been historically by looking at your electric bill.

The average member's bill should be the same if they charge their electric vehicle during the utility's peak, but they could save \$40 per month if they program their car or charger to charge after 7 pm. Shifting other usage out of the 3-7 pm time-frame would result in additional savings.

We offer a limited amount of free level 2 car chargers and SENSE home power monitors while supplies last to those who sign up for this pilot program. Don't hesitate to contact our member services team for a copy of the Electric Vehicle Rate plan and to sign up for this money-saving option.

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Business Hours

Seminole Office -

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

Eufaula Office -

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

Seminole Warehouse -

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

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Chief Executive Officer

Did You Know?

Cooperatives are owned by the members they serve. Instead of making a rate of return for stockholders, any profits a cooperative makes are returned to the members.



*Improve Life,
Serve Community*

Going the Extra Mile

Fiber cooperatives strive to set the gold standard in the broadband industry by serving their membership through providing high-speed, reliable Internet access in our rural areas.

Our focus is to have best in class customer service by answering our phones locally and responding quickly with our local team of technicians. We are here for the long game, not to increase subscriber count and then sell to the next company. Cooperatives have been serving their members for 80 years. Our goal is to be here doing what we do for at least another 80 years!

Like many cooperatives, Canadian Valley knew we had to fulfill the need for high-speed Internet that had been forgotten in rural Oklahoma communities. To meet that need, CVEC Fiber was created to serve its membership and go the extra mile to ensure its under-served rural communities have faster Internet access than the majority of the big cities. The multi-gig network CVEC Fiber offers is some of the fastest Internet in the nation.

By going the extra mile, CVEC Fiber has been able to provide over 6,000 subscribers with reliable Internet so families can have movie nights without buffering, and businesses can provide timely transactions to their customers.

“We know our members are patiently waiting for us to get our fiber built to them. In the past two years, we have built half of the 4,000 miles of fiber needed to get access to 100-percent of the mem-

CVEC Fiber contractor Brandon Benham (below) manually lashes the fiber, while Chris Patrick works from the bucket, and Tanner Jones and Josh Ciaramita work on the ground as they hang main-line fiber across I-40.



bership. It has been a huge undertaking, but very rewarding when members tell us how life changing it is once they get it,” Sheila Allgood, general manager of CVEC Fiber, says.

Dependable Internet is no longer a luxury; it’s a necessity for many individuals. CVEC Fiber, alongside other broadband cooperatives, is proud to play a part in improving the quality of life in our communities. Because who else is going to go the extra mile?



ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads Must be Submitted to
<https://www.mycvec.coop/submit-an-ad>

Ads must be received by the first of each month



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

and broke to load, \$500 each, 405-617-3850.

FARM & RANCH

Two nice gelding horses, one paint and one sorrel, ridden very little, but gentle,

WANTED: Looking for pasture to rent or hay to cut, shares or for hire, twine or net-wrap, 405-593-7447.

9- to 20-month-old registered Hereford bulls, polled and horned, growthy, gentle, low birth weight, and out of productive, efficient, good milking dams, \$1,800 - \$3,600; some replacement females also available, 405-210-8794.

with shoes, \$25; Choice antique kerosene heater, \$100; set of 4 round wood parlor chairs, \$80; antique station hand barrel pump, \$75; Curv-O-Mark, \$20; new Minute Man Keyway broach set, \$400; Suzuki DT50 and trim motor controls, \$500; washing machine from the late 1800s, wood hand and foot-operated, good for a museum, \$500, 405-659-5047.

New feed trailer on wheels, 12-ft. long, never used; 12-ft. tandem-axle flatbed trailer; 14-ft. stock trailer; new 10-ft. by 8-in. feed auger, never used; 4,000-lb. feed trailer, like new; Sim-Angus bulls and heifers; Go-Bob 16-ft. gates, never used stored inside, 405-964-3732.

Cub Cadet Zero-Turn 54" mower, \$500; Bad Boy Zero-Turn mower, \$2,500, 405-624-2020.

Dr. Kim's Honey Farm will rescue and remove honey bees and swarms, also sell Vitex trees for bees, 405-432-9352, drkimhoney@gmail.com.

HOME & LAND

MISCELLANEOUS

3-ft. by 4-in. well bucket, \$40; shoe trees

Before Leaving on Vacation this Summer...

- Turn the thermostat up to 80 degrees if no people or pets will be in the house while you're gone. Don't turn the air conditioning completely off; a home that's too hot and humid can become a breeding ground for mold and even damage some of the construction materials your home was build with. If you're leaving your pets at home for a pet-sitter to check on, leave the a/c at a comfortable setting.

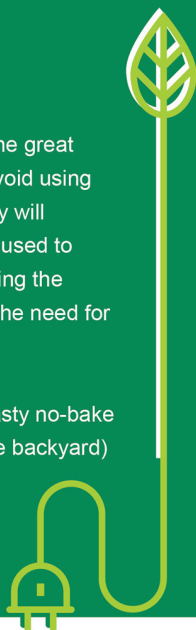
- Unplug electronics like the TV, coffee pot, electric clocks, and cell phone chargers. Even if those things are turned off, they still use a trace amount of electricity as long as they are plugged in.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

Source: Dept. of Energy



ENERGIZE OKLAHOMA



A PODCAST POWERED BY
 Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative

Listen in on Tuesday, July 25 when Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis will be discussing the importance of annual and district meetings.

Energize Oklahoma can be found on our Facebook page or at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1906989> the last Tuesday of each month. It is also available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and iHeart Radio apps.