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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE

Use Energy Efficiently While Everyone is Home

Having everyone at home recently due to the coronavirus can mean an increase in electric usage. But there are some things you can do to use your electricity more efficiently.

1. Install a programmable thermostat. The U.S. Department of Energy says you can save up to \$150 a year on heating and cooling bills if you do—and if you program the device properly. Some homeowners who buy programmable thermostats continue to turn the temperature up and down manually instead of setting it to automatically raise and lower the heat or a/c.

2. Raise the air conditioner's temperature to 78 degrees. If you usually leave it at 72 degrees, you could save up to 18 percent on your cooling bill.

3. Turn off your computer. You could save \$75 a year if you shut it down when you're not using it. A tip: Plug your computer, printer and scanner into a multiple-outlet

power strip/surge protector and shut the whole thing down when you're finished using it for the day.

4. Don't use your oven. Especially when the weather is nice, prepare cold meals or heat your food up in the microwave oven or toaster oven.

5. Lower your water heater's temperature to 120 degrees. DOE estimates that heating water accounts for up to 25 percent of the energy your home consumes.

6. Switch on the ceiling fans. But use them only while you're in the room. A fan circulates the air so you feel cooler, but it doesn't actually cool the room. So leaving a fan on in an empty room is a waste of electricity.

7. Plant trees around the house to shade windows from the sun and to block wind from blowing into the house through cracks and crevices.

8. Replace all of the stray incandescent light bulbs in your house with CFLs or with LED fixtures. The more modern light bulbs are more

energy efficient because more of electricity they consume is used for light rather than heat.

9. Move your lamps and TV set away from the ther-

mostat. Because they give off heat, they can trick the thermostat into working overtime to cool your home.

Annual Meeting Postponed Until November

Out of concern for the safety of CVEC members, employees, and staff, the board of directors has elected to move the 2020 Annual Meeting to Saturday, November 7. It was originally scheduled to be held Saturday, August 1.

Jarrold VanZant, CVEC manager of member relations, says the meeting will be held at Firelake Arena in Shawnee.

He goes on to say CVEC will follow CDC-recommended safety precautions for the meeting, just as the co-op has been doing in its daily operations since the COVID-19 threat began.

More information about annual meeting and district meetings will be included in future issues of *Electralite*.

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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.

	<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 March

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$5,595,660	\$4,921,305
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,929,348	\$3,400,482
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	70.22	69.10
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.78	4.81
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,066.65	\$936.14
KW Peak Demand - This month	157,620	131,151
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	71,099,977	60,390,568
Taxes Paid	\$114,626	\$103,606
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$188,894	\$178,286
System Load Factor	53.7	61.8

New Services Staked in April

During the month of March, 46 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 150. This compares to 126 for the same period in 2019.

What's that Smell?



The next time you think you smell a dead mouse in the house but can't find one, check your electrical outlets.

Overheated, damaged or exposed wires literally can start to smoke and burn inside your wall.

So can a dead mouse—or anything from loose insulation to debris of any kind—if it gets trapped in the box behind the outlet.

The dead-animal smell—or a smell like burning rubber—is a warning sign, so don't ignore it.

Instead, inspect every outlet in the house until you locate the one that smells. Unplug everything from the outlet; the plug will probably be hot.

Then, call a licensed electrician to diagnose the problem and repair the outlet.

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 3/31/20.....	\$194,811.80
DEPOSITS.....	8,490.10
INTEREST INCOME.....	3.02
CHECKS ISSUED.....	-1,951.93
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID.....	3,323.59
BALANCE 3/31/20.....	\$198,029.40

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

TEACH KIDS ABOUT ELECTRICITY

Parents are finding themselves in the role of teacher as schools are transitioning so children can learn at home.

Why not incorporate some practical lessons about electricity?

- Children—and most adults, for that matter—take electricity for granted. It's important for them to know it costs money to keep the lights on; that water and electricity don't

mix, and that wasting energy has consequences for the planet.

- Most children will engage with lessons involving hands-on activities. Create easy experiments to help you make your points. For example, to help explain static electricity, have your kids blow up balloons and rub them against sweaters. Then let them move around the house with balloons stuck

to themselves.

- Electrical safety is perhaps the most important lesson for a child who's spending a lot of time at home. Explain the dangers of exposed or frayed wires; playing with electrical outlets and using a hair dryer or anything electric in the bathroom, kitchen or other area that tends to get wet.

- Members of electric co-ops have an amazing history lesson to pass along

to their children. Unlike electricity consumers who live in big cities, where electric companies could earn a profit by building lines reaching every home, rural and small-town people had to band together to build their own. It's a story about independence, equity and sheer will power that could inspire your children to respect the pioneers who brought electric cooperatives to unserved communities.



BENEFITS OF TREE TRIMMING

Clearing trees and overgrown vegetation is vital to provide safe, reliable power to our consumer-members.

We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- **Keep power lines clear of tree limbs**
- **Restore power outages more quickly**
- **Keep crews and members of our community safe**
- **Reduce unexpected costs for repairs**

Vegetation management improves service reliability for you - our members!

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

1980 Honda CM 400T motor-cycle, 6k original miles, good condition, \$650, 580-925-3978.

FARM & RANCH

HOME & LAND

Move-in ready: brick 3 BDR, 2 BA home w/office on .75 acres in Shawnee's North Point Addition, no HOA fees, shop w/gutters, jumbo in-ground shelter, custom fenced yard, room for pool and RV, non-smoker, 503-939-5907.

Acreages west of Tecumseh, 1&1/4-acres and more, \$125/month, owner finance, mobile homes welcome, 405-590-6776.

Home, barn, shop, pond, and about 49 acres in S.R.C. area, around 3,000-sq.ft. house, asking \$440,000, call Larry at 405-613-3687 or Pam at 405-830-1619.

Lake Eufaula mobile home and boat slip in Big Bass Park at Porum Landing, 3 BDR, 2 BA, 2 living areas, in 1,200-sq. ft.

home, in-ground storm shelter, 1 car metal garage and 1 car carport, 2-seat gas golf cart, all on 2 rented lots are \$2,150/year, boat slip in the park's private dock included, can furnish more info and pics, \$55,000, 405-765-2520.

MISCELLANEOUS

Solid wood roll-top desk with rollers or legs, \$50; table and chairs oak, extra wide chairs, heavy duty iron with leaf to tale, from Amiena Gallery, paid \$1,199, asking \$250 OBO, Tecumseh, 405-598-1202.

Helmets, vest, jacket and chaps for motorcycle riders, bluetooth headset, 405-964-3149.

Vehicle tow dolly, \$550, 580-925-3978.

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.

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.**

All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

*Before You Leave
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.

- Shut off the water heater.
- Unplug electronics like the TV, coffee pot, electric razors, electric clocks and cell phone chargers. Even if those things are turned off, they 911212200 still use a trace amount of electricity as long as they are plugged in.

- Plug your lights into a timer. Burglars are far less likely to break into a house if they think someone is home and awake. Just leaving on a few lights isn't going to fool them, though, because if they're watching your house, they'll see the lack of activity. Instead, program your lights to turn on and off at the times of day when you usually would turn them on and off. You'll save energy and possibly ward off trouble.

**Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month**

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between the temperature of your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save.

