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Winners!

A fun, exciting summer awaits four area young people as winners of CVEC's youth programs.

Brooklyn Johnson, Konawa Public Schools and Madison McCaughey, Prague Public Schools, will spend an all-expense paid week touring Washington, D.C. as winners of our Youth Tour competition.

Juniors from throughout CVEC's service territory submitted 250-word essays on the topic "What Kind of Person do You want to be and What Kind of Person are You Now?" Four finalists were then selected to participate in an interview process with a panel of judges. The judges selected the two winners, and two alternates.

During the week of June 16-22, Johnson and McCaughey will join winners from other Oklahoma co-ops' Youth Tour programs while they visit sites such as muse-

ums, well-known historical monuments, Mount Vernon, the U.S. Capitol, Pentagon, Ford's Theatre, and the White House, as well as competing with winners from other states at NRECA Youth Day.

Alternates Ty Mobbs, North Rock Creek Public Schools, and Malena Whitekiller, Konawa Public Schools, will represent CVEC on Youth Tour should one of the winners be unable to attend.

Eighth-graders Jentry Terrell and Ian Greenlee, both Prague Public School students, will spend four action-packed days at Energy Camp May 30 to June 2. Energy Camp is held at Canyon Camp near Hinton.

Energy Camp helps develop leadership skills and promotes teamwork while teaching co-op enterprises, the rural electrification program, and electrical safety.



Brooklyn Johnson
Konawa



Madison McCaughey
Prague

CVEC's 2023 Youth Tour Winners



Jentry Terrell
Prague Schools



Ian Greenlee
Prague Schools

CVEC's 2023 Energy Camp Winners

Campers will also enjoy fun, traditional summer camp activities such as swimming, hiking, basketball, and a ropes course.

A Message from

Canadian Valley Electric CEO



Gary Highley

I have lived all over the country: Midwest, East Coast, West Coast, and the great frozen North. In Oklahoma, we are blessed to experience four full seasons. In comparison, my experience on the West Coast was that we only had two defined seasons, summer and the rainy season, and up North, we only had winter and road construction seasons, and neither had anything significant for a spring or fall season.

I enjoy these changing seasons and the transformation our environment goes through. Spring brings new life all around us, and fall completes the cycle and sets the stage to begin anew.

It does come with challenges, though. Now we are deep into “storm” season when many of us think about preparedness for extreme weather, tornados, high wind, hail, flooding, etc. I can say unequivocally nobody likes power outages, also known as power appreciation days, especially electric utilities as they are usually driven by weather events, and therefore, happen in those times of extreme disruption.

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative works year-round to mitigate power outages and prepare for restoration efforts. It is the core of our business. It begins with system design, considering the strengths of poles and wires’ weight, the circuit breakers and lightning arrestors to protect critical equipment, and software to help identify, isolate, and contain system disruptions to the smallest footprint possible.

Our warehouse staff ensures we have sufficient poles and spare parts supplies to restore services when needed without delay. Our accounting staff trains and is prepared to track restoration efforts that may qualify for FEMA re-imbursements to reduce costs to members. Our member services team practices a “Red Alert” process that quickly gets all hands on deck to process customer phone calls and reports of damage.

Before any known incoming weather events, our line crews ensure their equipment is maintained to peak operating efficiency. That is not just bucket trucks but also chain saws, hot sticks, rubber goods, climbing gear, and everything that might be needed to restore power in callous conditions.

In addition to the physical preparation, we continually train on safety issues to ensure we can work in those harsh conditions safely for both our employees and the general public.

So I hope you are enjoying spring and looking forward to a delightful summer. You can rest easy on one point, whenever we experience an extreme weather event, we will be there in your time of need, and our entire team will be working to restore services as quickly as possible.

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

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Seminole Warehouse -

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

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Did You Know?

With safety as a priority, it takes four years to become a certified line-worker.



*Improve Life,
Serve Community*

Multi-Gig Internet:

CVEC Fiber Brings the Future of High-Speed Connectivity

From the rise in remote work to online gaming and day-to-day activities, today's consumers need more bandwidth than ever before. CVEC Fiber's multi-gig internet is the future of connectivity, offering users uninterrupted, symmetrical, and ultra-high-speed internet access for multiple devices simultaneously. With the growing demand for internet and the expected rise in smart devices available, multi-gig connections are becoming a necessity rather than a luxury, as 1 Gbps speeds will soon become the bare minimum. Multi-gig provides a multi-



tude of opportunities for remote work, online gaming, virtual learning, streaming content, video conferencing, home security, and the use of other Wi-Fi-enabled devices without buffering or lost connections. With multi-gig internet, there are no limitations. Being a member of CVEC and having fiber to your home, you can live in a rural area and live closer to your family, attend classes online to increase your career goals, or connect your children with grandparents across the country.

As the demand for broadband at higher speeds increases, the potential number of uses increases, too.

Here are some reasons why multi-gig internet is the future of high-speed connectivity:

🔥 The number of smart devices available for consumers is expected to double between 2021 and 2025.

🔥 4k (and now 8k) television and home security cameras require high bandwidth to record vast amounts of data to the cloud server.

🔥 There were 7.9 million Wi-Fi-enabled doorbells sold in 2020.

🔥 Less than 15 seconds is the speed at which you can download a 4-gigabyte high-definition movie on a 2 Gbps connection.

🔥 Online gaming is shifting from simply playing "online" with other players to combining online gaming with streaming the game itself, rather than using a disc or downloaded content.

While many consumers operated off a 5-25 Mbps connection just a decade ago, our habits and how we utilize the internet have changed, and the bandwidth offerings have not kept up at the same pace. With CVEC Fiber's reliable service and whole-home coverage, multi-gig internet ensures you can work, learn, and play online seamlessly. Our installation also includes an upgraded 10 Gig Fiber jack, which means your home will be prepared for even more internet when the time comes. So why settle for slow internet when you can have a multi-gig connection? Call CVEC Fiber today at (405) 382-3680 and experience the power of our symmetrical 2.4-gigabit internet for whatever life throws at you!



"Legit. Very professional and top-notch internet speed. The installers were superb in communicating everything. Fast and polite. Recommend 100%."
-Benjamin

"I have never had internet this fast. If you combine both Cox cable & AT&T fiber, they wouldn't even come close."
-Jeff

"As soon as fiber was available, we switched immediately. We thought we would give them a try, and the customer service is so much better than the previous provider! The internet works so much better as well! I have zero complaints. I have since told my family about it, and they have switched over and loved it."
-Chris

"This service is a life changer. Enough said. I get better internet in the country than in town."
-Luke

"CVEC Fiber just came and set up our house to fiber. The 4 gentlemen did a heck of a job getting it all hooked and running so smoothly. All I can say is wow! Such a difference from wifi. If you can get it, it is WELL worth it!"
-Craig



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

hydraulics and PTO's all work, good tires \$800 OBO, text for photos, 815-674-7166.

FARM & RANCH

WANTED - Looking for pasture to rent or hay to cut. Shares or for hire. Twine or net wrap, 405-593-7447.

John Deere 318 to restore. All original parts runs great needs minor repair/power steering, weighted wheels, 42" deck,

Fordson Dexta diesel, last used 2006, great for parts, \$700; RC 2060 brush hog, \$600; Countyline post hole digger, \$400; one ton chain hoist, \$25; Craftsman router, \$20; Craftsman radial arm drill press, \$300, 405-659-5047.

Registered Hereford bulls, 10 to 25-months, polled and horned growthy, gentle, low birth weight, and out of productive, efficient, good milking dams, \$1,800-\$3,600, some replacement females and cow/calf pairs also available, for more info call or text 405-210-8794.

100% all-natural lump charcoal, 10-lb. bags - \$8.98, 30-lb. bags - \$26.98, about eight uses per bag, no additives, no bull crap, heats quickly, makes food taste extremely good, expedited shipping and delivery available, Oklahoma Proud means Made in Oklahoma, 707-712-5896.

HOME & LAND

Five acres, mobile home, NE Shawnee, 16'x65', 2 BDR, 2 BA, comp roof, vinyl side, 6" walls, polar pk, clean, 405-273-5877.

WANTED - Battery charger for old Craftsman 16.8 V batteries used on drill and dust-buster, current Craftsman battery chargers not compatible, 405-273-8198.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

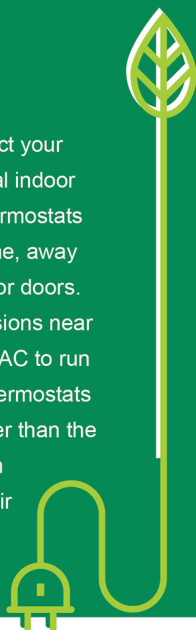
Trying to find forever homes for furbabies, closing private rescue due to health. Have from 3-4 week-old (Pitbulls?), 8-10 week-old (Cowdog mix), 6-9-month-old (2 Cowdog mix), and assorted adult dogs, to good homes, call or text 918-968-5524.



CVEC offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in honor and recognition of Memorial Day. Service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend if you should experience an interruption in your electric service.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The location of your thermostat can impact your HVAC system's ability to maintain an ideal indoor temperature. For maximum accuracy, thermostats should be placed in the center of the home, away from air vents, plumbing pipes and exterior doors. Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat, which can cause the HVAC to run longer than necessary. Avoid installing thermostats in rooms that tend to feel warmer or colder than the rest of the home. Do not place furniture in front of the thermostat, which can block air flow and result in inaccurate readings.



A PODCAST POWERED BY Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative

Listen in on Tuesday, May 30 when Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis and her guest discuss being storm ready and how CVEC handles outage restoration.

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.