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# CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

## CVEC Cancels Annual Meeting Amid Pandemic

by Gary Highly  
*Chief Executive Officer*

What a year it has been! Like everyone, we have been busy adapting to the changes brought on by the pandemic and the ever-changing legislative environment that has accompanied it. Throughout these trying times we have remained focused on providing safe, affordable, reliable power to our members and working as much as possible to maintain the well-being of our members and staff. Following an initial decision to postpone our annual meeting, we have now determined it is in the best

interest of the cooperative and the community that we cancel our 2020 annual meeting.

This is not a decision we made lightly. Our decision to cancel annual meeting was made after much debate regarding the pros and cons of conducting an event that has historically been a sizable public gathering. We considered alternatives including a scaled down business-only meeting, a drive-through registration option, and a virtual online meeting.

As I write this, coronavirus cases in Oklahoma are still alarmingly high and we do not feel it

would be prudent to hold a large gathering in a year that does not present any pressing bylaw changes or business requiring a vote by the cooperative membership. The health, safety, and well-being of our community is the larger concern.

We are still providing you the operating results from 2019 and will be leveraging alternate communication channels as much as possible to provide updates on the activities of the cooperative.

Although we have made some changes to our operations, including lobby closures, remote

appointments, and social distancing measures, rest assured we are still moving forward with all planned maintenance activities and are fully staffed to provide the same outage restoration services you are accustomed to. The staff at Canadian Valley is working hard to drive efficiency improvements in both our operations and member service areas and developing plans for a smarter electric distribution grid.

Be safe, be well, and I look forward to seeing you next year, at our 2021 annual meeting.

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Office Hours - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

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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 July

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$6,189,117	\$6,093,265
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,963,305	\$4,047,278
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	64.04	66.42
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.79	4.84
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,178.65	\$1,157.98
KW Peak Demand - This month	159,010	151,137
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	75,405,811	71,406,082
Taxes Paid	\$117,214	\$115,442
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$180,598	\$174,128
System Load Factor	63.7	63.5

## New Services Staked in August

During the month of August, 79 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 387. This compares to 291 for the same period in 2019.

# Teach Energy Efficiency to Young Ones While at Home this Fall

When everyone is spending more time at home this fall, the lights, computers and TV are running almost all the time.

That's perfectly fine if family members are in the rooms where those devices are switched on. But it's a waste of energy if lights and electronics are on when nobody's around.

The best way to get your children to avoid wasting electricity is to point out how your family could do better and engage them in the cure. Some examples:

- Buy LED light bulbs for your lamps and overhead fixtures, and challenge your kids to replace all of the less-efficient bulbs with these. Residential LEDs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer 702250900 than incandescent bulbs.
- If you don't have a programmable thermostat yet, assign one of your kids—someone who can reach the thermostat—the job of turning it up at bedtime by about 7 degrees if the air conditioning is still out or down about 7 degrees if the heat is on. Do it every evening and you could save up to 10% on heating.

## CVEC offices will be closed Monday, October 12 in recognition of Columbus Day.

Service personnel will be on duty should you experience an interruption in your electric service.

### 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 7/31/20.....	\$212,521.63
DEPOSITS.....	8,694.51
INTEREST INCOME.....	3.70
CHECKS ISSUED.....	-8,192.55
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID.....	-28,379.23
BALANCE 8/31/20.....	\$184,648.06

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

# Choose Efficient Appliances When Replacing Old Ones

The federal government's Energy Star program marks the most-efficient household appliances with a special label so shoppers know which appliances will save them money on their utility bills.

The label tells consumers how much it will cost—energy-wise—to operate the unit. Most of the time, Energy Star appliances save at least 15% compared with products that don't qualify for the Energy Star label, and some save as much as 60%.

A variety of appliance manufacturers make devices that qualify for Energy Star.

Here's a list of how much energy you can save if you select Energy Star appliances next time yours need replacing:

- Energy Star-rated clothes dryers use about 20% less energy than other models, saving you \$215 over their lifetime.
- Room air purifiers or cleaners with the Energy Star label are almost 60% more energy efficient than standard

models. Those savings can add up to \$60 a year on utility bills, according to Energy Star.

- Clothes dryers in the program use about 25% less energy and 33% less water than regular washers. Lifetime savings can be as high as \$370.
- Efficient humidifiers use nearly 15% less energy than standard models.

- A new, Energy Star-certified dishwasher will cost just about \$35 a year to run and will save an average of 3,870 gallons of water over its lifetime.

- A stand-alone freezer with the label is at least 10% more energy efficient than federal regulations require. Old freezers use way more energy than newer ones,

so replacing yours with an Energy Star model could save up to \$195 in energy bills over five years.

- Likewise, newer refrigerators are more efficient than old ones. Energy Star-certified new refrigerators are about 9% more efficient than new refrigerators that simply meet minimum federal requirements.

## Cooperative Members Help their Neighbors

The word “cooperative” in the context of “electric cooperative” means your utility is organized as a cooperative business; that is, it is owned by the consumers who buy its services.

It also means something else. One of any cooperative's guiding principles is “cooperation among cooperatives,” which means if a nearby electric cooperative needs help, yours will gladly pitch in.

Likewise the consumer-owners of the cooperative have a proud history of helping each other during hard times—like these.

During the pandemic, your neighbors have been helping each other out by:

- Checking in on elderly neighbors or those who live alone to ask if they need anything.
- Doubling up on grocery shopping so they can pick up food for those who can't get out—as long as they're going to the store anyway.
- Sewing cute masks and distributing them to people who can't find any or can't afford 1102300604 to buy them.
- Lending a shoulder to cry on or a friendly ear to bend for neighbors who are down on their luck or feeling extra stress during the pandemic. It's a great way to show your cooperative spirit. What else can you do to help your fellow electric cooperative members?

October is National Cooperative Month. Show your cooperative spirit this month by pitching in around your own neighborhood to show that we're all in this together.



**AUTOMOBILES & BIKES**

405-590-6776.

High efficiency Safeway water conditioner/softener, model #swsp-100-bs, paid \$1,800 in 2014, used until 2016 when I connected to rural water. Can send pictures. \$500 OBO, 405-496-0017.

Old wringer-type washer, \$250; old wash tub, \$60; power washer, \$40; 1 battery-powered sprayer, needs work, 405-434-6798.

Experienced 23.5' Shasta travel trailer, everything works, as is, load-leveler hitch, new tires, \$1,500, 405-279-2616.

Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$200; Frigidaire ice box, \$100; electric cook stove, \$100; 220-volt AC, \$150, 405-275-3419.

Evergreen, Pecan, and Redbud trees, prices vary according to size of tree, you pick 'em, you dig 'em, lowest prices around, guaranteed, 405-878-6697.

Propane cook stove, \$75; white Maytag Hotpoint dishwasher, \$40; H-S hay rake, \$800; 8-wheel Rigid-700 electric pipe threader with 1/2" dye, \$650; pickup bed toolbox 36"x48", \$150, 405-496-5844.

16-foot trailer, metal bed, 8'2" wide, no side rails, 28" high, mobile home axles, lights, etc., will haul 10 round hay bales, \$650; 5-gallon bucket gopher poison pellets, \$75, Harrah, 405-454-0510.

Looking for stories and information on Native America, (family is on Ina M. Mabry Gibson) Davis, OK new by Teresa Gabel or Gohn Bigson by Lula Belle Gison Field, 405-898-7246.

Safe Day in the Park, hosted by Servitium Project, a nonprofit that raises awareness for human trafficking, Oct. 3, 12:00-6:00 p.m., at Kids Space Park, Shawnee, live music, crafts and food vendors, free activities for kids, pet grooming and more.

**Find Your Account Number and Win \$25**

**FARM & RANCH**

Small, square bales of good, clean prairie hay, \$5/each, 405-598-5860.

Decumulation sale - grinder mixer, flatbed semi trailer, Dew Ezz roll bale mover, hand tools, call for list, 405-380-8618.

**HOME & LAND**

Five acres west of Tecumseh on Oak Trail Loop, owner finance, \$292/month; five acres in Seminole area close to I-40, \$3,500/acre, no down, owner financing available, 405-590-6776.

Price reduced: seven acres in Macomb, off Hwy. 177, 1,800 sq. ft. metal bldg. home, shed, carport, appliances and any desired furnishings negotiable, \$112,000, 405-432-8064.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Will haul away unwanted major appliances, misc. scrap metal, or car batteries within 10-mile radius of Shawnee for free, 765-9700.

Two Amish school desks, \$75 each; metal minnow buckets, your choice, \$25; Black & Decker professional grinder, \$60; two antique screw jacks, \$25 each; four KW alternator, belt-driven, \$25; Jason 12x50 number 574688, \$35, 405-659-5047.

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.

15-piece, 4-ton portable puller, \$60; transmission jack, \$65; mini-hobby woodworking lathe, \$25; 4" mini table saw, \$25, 580-925-3978.

Winchester .22 bolt rifle, JC Higgins, 12-ga. bolt shotgun, Savage 12-ga. double-barrel screw-in chokes, Sig Sauer .22 auto pistol, \$100-\$400, 405-219-2673.

Decorative metal fencing, 7 panels, 5'x8', all for \$200, 405-275-5673.

2009 John Deere Z810A lawn mower in excellent condition, one owner, bought new, always kept inside, used 200 hours, recently had a complete tune-up, \$3,500,

**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.**

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**Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month**

The average household owns 24 electronic products, which account for roughly 12% of home energy use. When shopping for electronics, consider purchasing ENERGY STAR®-certified products, which can be 70% more efficient than conventional models.

Source: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The Electralite*, you could win \$25. The account number must be your own.

**Because of accidentally not including an account number in the September issue, we have included two numbers in this issue.**

Report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month. You need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.