



A Pleasure and a Privilege

Recently Retired Employees Look Back at their CVEC Careers

Each new year can bring changes. For three long-time Canadian Valley employees, 2015 brings about a big change; David Lyon, Nancy Lucy, and George Hand have retired.

Together, these three have given 110 years of service to CVEC and its members.



David Lyon

David Lyon began his co-op career as a dispatcher in 1971 after attending school at East Central University where he majored in accounting.

After a while he moved into the accounting section, then was promoted to manager of accounting.

Lyon's responsibilities included overseeing accounting procedures, payroll, work orders, accounts payable and receivable, and purchase orders. Throughout his career he supervised three to five employees.

"David has always been loyal to CVEC and its members," says General Manager George Hand. "He consistently worked to better the cooperative while maintaining his integrity. He never compromised his values in maintaining the accuracy of the co-op's financial records or his commitment to the membership.

"David could be relied upon to always do the right thing. He's the kind of person we all like to call 'friend,' Hand says.

"Now, as David moves on to what we all hope will be a long and well-deserved retirement, we can say honestly that Canadian Valley is a better cooperative for him having been employed here."

David and his wife Debbie live in Seminole and are the parents of two daughters and four grandchildren. They had plans to travel, but a detached retina and two eye surgeries that occurred shortly after David retired have put those plans on hold for the time being. They hope David's situation improves and they can spend time with the grandchildren, and begin those travel plans.

David says he is enjoying retirement, but misses the people he worked with.

"When you work with people for 43 years, they become like family to you," he says.

One of those family members is Nancy Lucy, who retired December 31 ending a 37-year career at CVEC.

Nancy began at CVEC in 1977

as an engineering aide. She has also served as a billing clerk, accounts receivable coordinator, and office manager's secretary before being named manager of customer service, which is the title she held when she retired.



Nancy Lucy

In her time at the co-op there have been a lot of changes, but Nancy feels none have had a larger impact than the expansion of technology.

"We used to have a great big computer, a Univac, I think it was called, and it took up two rooms," she says. "No one had individual computers, everyone just had typewriters in their offices. Member records and files weren't on computer.

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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 and report the trouble.

Read Billing date

Cycle	Read	Billing date	Notes
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty is applied 20 days after billing date
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	

Operating Statistics for October

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$5,141,111	\$5,727,243
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,808,671	\$4,336,223
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	74.08	75.71
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$988.68	\$1,097.38
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.61	4.65
KW Peak Demand - This month	141,018	153,284
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	151,092	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	64,901,540	65,777,170
Taxes Paid	\$91,879	\$108,385
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$176,812	\$179,801
System Load Factor	63.9	59.6

New Services Staked in December

During the month of December 28 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 443. This compares to 401 for the same period in 2013.

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“When I was cleaning out my desk I found an old key punch card and verifier. I don’t think anyone in the office knew what it was,” she laughs.

“Nancy has served the cooperative in several management positions and always exceeded expectations,” says Hand. “She has been a mainstay at the co-op, always helping it to meet its intended purpose of meeting the needs of our member-owners.

“We hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement and that she knows she will be missed,” he says.

Nancy and her husband Paul are looking forward to spending time at their place on Eufaula Lake, once it warms up enough they don’t need to 904376601 feed their cattle daily. And they plan to be in the stands supporting their two grandchildren who rodeo.

As for retirement, she says she’s adjusting, but misses her co-workers.

“The people are just grand. We’ve become a family because we’ve worked together so long. I already miss them.”

Nancy says she has always considered it a privilege to work at CVEC, and is certain good things are in its future.

“I’ll miss not being a part of it, but I’ll be on the sidelines cheering them on. It’s truly been a pleasure and a privilege.”



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 11/30/14.....	\$209,269.66
DEPOSITS.....	8,553.65
INTEREST INCOME	45.12
CHECKS ISSUED	-11,810.89
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-4,709.11
BALANCE 12/31/14.....	\$201,348.43

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

Where Can I Pay My Electric Bill?

CVEC has teamed up with several area businesses and banks to make paying your electric bill convenient. Bills can be paid at any of the locations below, at any time during the month. Just be sure and have your bill stub with you. Keep in mind, these payments are not received at our office for at least three business days, so please be mindful of your due date.

Once we receive your payment, we will credit your account.

Chandler – BancFirst

Eufaula – Bank of Oklahoma

Shawnee – Arvest Bank

BancFirst

First United Bank

Vision Bank

Seminole – BancFirst

First United Bank

Security State Bank

Harrah – BancFirst

Holdenville – The Bank, N.A.

Konawa – BancFirst

Tecumseh – BancFirst

First United Bank

Maud – The Bank, N.A.

McLoud – BancFirst

Meeker – BancFirst

Vision Bank

Noble – First State Bank

Paden – Citizens State Bank

Prague – BancFirst

Vision Bank

Wetumka – Citizens Security Bank

Wewoka – First National Bank

Security State Bank

Find Your Account Number and Win \$25

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of The ElectraLite, you could win \$25.

In order to win, the account number must be your own.

You need to report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month.

And you need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person. Good luck!

5 Tips for Space Heater Safety

As temperatures drop this winter, many will look for supplemental heating sources for their homes. Space heaters can be a good alternative for those who want to warm one area of their home without turning up the thermostat on the central heating system. However, space heaters are also responsible for 32 percent of house fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. If you are planning to use a space heater in your home this winter, review these tips from CVEC to keep you, your family and your property safe.

Materials – What are the components of your space heater made of? Parts like metal grating can be hot to the touch and may burn anyone who gets too close. Make sure you purchase a heater that is cool to the touch and has guards over the coils just in case little fingers get too close.

Placement – While it can be tempting to place a small heater on a shelf so it is not in the way of pets and children, it is safest to leave the heater on a level floor on a nonflammable surface. Keeping the space heater on the floor can keep it from falling over, preventing fire hazards. Also, remember that space heaters and bathrooms are not a good combination, unless the heater is designed for bathroom use. Moisture can damage the heater.

The most important rule about space heater placement is the three-foot rule. Whether you are using the heater in the bedroom, living room or kitchen, space heaters should always be kept three feet away from flammable materials and out of the way of children and pets.

Special Features – Does your space heater have an auto shutoff function if tipped over? Auto shutoff can be a lifesaver. If you currently own a space heater without auto shutoff, consider purchasing a heater with this important safety feature.

Cords – You should never use an extension cord when plugging in a space heater as it can cause overheating. The space heater should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, and should be the only thing plugged in to the wall outlet. Also make sure cords aren't in a high-traffic area so they are not a tripping hazard.

Use – Never leave a heater unattended while in use. If you are leaving your home or going to bed, make sure to unplug the heater.

Following these tips and making sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions can keep you safe this winter.

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George Hand, General Manager

Trading Center Classifieds

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. The form below must be used. The length of the ad cannot exceed three lines on the form. Ads run only one time. Area codes are not used unless outside the 405 area.

ALL INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____ Phone # _____

Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Automobiles

1957 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser, 2 dr. hardtop, garage kept, 401-4094.

1972 2-ton Ford, all-steel bed, 18.5', \$1,995; 1985 Crown Vic, 49K miles, \$2,975, 606-9113.

2001 Mitsubishi Montero Sport, runs good, \$1,800 OBO, 598-1168.

Farm

Irrigation wench, lots of cable, \$195, 606-9113.

Vicon 2800, 3-pt. disc mower, 9.5', 452-3094.

Older model two-horse straight load trailer w/living quarters, all in good working condition, good starter trailer, \$6,800, 641-3664.

Need to sell 1973 Ford tractor, only one or two things wrong with it, nothing major, \$8,000 OBO; 3.5-ton heat and air unit, \$800 OBO, (918) 716-0846.

New Holland TC-30, 30 hp, 6' blade, 4' box blade, 2 WD, \$7,500, 567-2635.

Brand name 2003 gooseneck trailer, 24'x6'8", rubber floor, like new, new 10-ply Hancock tires, \$5,000, (918)-617-3237.

250' roll of heavy guage field hog wire fencing, \$75; 60' roll of 5' rect. grid wire, \$40, new wire, 273-8008.

2008 Kubota MX5100, 4 WD, LA844 loader 180 hrs. industrial tires, quick connect

bucket, 52 hp, \$22,500, 273-7557.

Like new 7'x14' Hamlin enclosed trailer, tandem wheels, heavy duty, finished inside with hooks, \$3,700, (814) 650-5580.

6' straight blade, adjusts to angles, 3-pt., like new, \$150; 12' wide harrow, \$150; 6' tandem aeriator disc, \$150, 454-0510.

Miscellaneous

Approximately 1,000 board foot of walnut lumber, it has been stored in a barn, (918) 260-3109, (405) 740-2879.

Bermuda and native-mixed hay, 4'-5.5', \$35-40 ea.; square bales prairie hay, \$4 ea.; camper shell 1.5 Chevy cab \$100, Wellston area, 820-3862.

Two plots in Resthaven Cemetery, 61D, 3 & 4, Garden of Prayer, \$3,000, (918) 781-2187.

Hay - square bales, \$4 ea.; round bales, 5'x5.5', \$30 ea; (918) 689-4997.

Nuerous beautiful Thomas Kincade and other colorful jigsaw puzzles in their boxes, \$1 ea., or three for \$2, 382-2520.

23,000 BTU propane fire-place, 59" tall, 50" wide, 24" deep, \$500, 567-2815.

Electric wheel chair, \$250; Blue Ok tow bar, \$500, 598-6739.

Lift chair less tan, 1-yr.-old, \$350, 899-4616,

Small bales of prairie hay, \$6 ea.; complete computer system w/22" flatscreen monitor, 398-4912.

Small sq. bales of prairie hay, \$6 ea., 598-5860.

Whirlpool washer and dryer, \$200; gas dryer, \$125; fire extinguisher, \$15; electric smoker, \$25, 275-3419.

Scott's apple peeler, original box, price and date, \$60; 2-burner Coleman camp stove, \$25; shoe tree, \$20, 454-2046.

Pets/Livestock

Heifer, bull, 1/2 Jersey & 1/2 Limo/Angus, young bull, market price, 201-8898.

Red and Blue Heeler puppies, \$200 ea., 279-3383, 240-0960.

American chicks, \$2 ea., 240-3926.

Big roosters, \$2, Bantam chickens, 598-6711.

Real Estate

20 acres in Tecumseh, paved road, 606-9113.

Furnished cabin between Meeker and Prague, available for your out-of-town guests, 567-0159.

Services

Will haul away for free unwanted major appliances, scrap metal, car batteries w/ in 15 mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

Cedar tree removal, 816-7863.

Will haul away lg. appliances, scrap metal, car batteries for free, also buy junk vehicles, call or text 694-9686.

Wanted

Someone who hand quilts to finish some quilts, 430-9274.

Looking for a hunting lease near/around Depew area, 664-8445.

Draft Dodgers:

Weather Stripping Your Home

There is no doubt about it; the cold weather is here. Not only is it important to make sure your heating unit is working properly, but you should check your home to make sure none of that heat is escaping.

During cold weather, drafts around windows and doors are constantly letting in cool air. Most people immediately want to raise their thermostat even higher; however, that will cause you to use more energy. The best solution is to weather strip your home. This is typically an easy fix that will eliminate energy waste and help you save on your monthly electric bill.

Sometimes drafts are obvious, and other times the openings are much smaller. Here are two quick ways to find out if heat is escaping from your home. For doors, look for daylight between the door and its frame, if you see even a hint of light in between the two, you need to weather strip that area. For windows, place a piece of paper between the sash and the seal then close it. If you can remove the piece of paper from the window without ripping it, you need to weather strip that area as well.

The great thing about all of this is that weather stripping is easy! There is an assortment of materials available to you (like rubber, foam, metal, etc.) and they are all inexpensive. Once you have purchased what you need, keep the following in mind before you begin weather stripping: be sure the surface is dry and clean, measure the area more than once for best accuracy, and apply so that strips compress both sides of the window or door.

To weather strip windows:

- Place the stripping between the frame and the sash.

- Be sure that it compresses the window when shut.

- Check to make sure that the stripping does not interfere with the moving of the window.

To weather strip doors:

- Choose the proper sweeps and thresholds for your door.

- Weather-strip the entire door jamb.

- Make sure the stripping meets tightly at both corners.

- Use a thickness that allows for a tight press between the door and the ground, but one that does not make the door difficult to shut.

Roughly half of the energy your home uses comes from heating and cooling. So the next time you feel an uncomfortable draft in your home, do not immediately crank up the heat. Check to find out where the draft is coming from and properly weather strip the area.