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Bar-H-Bar Travel Center is a one-stop shop

Stop by the Bar-H-Bar Travel Center if you have a hankering for delicious barbecue, need gas or maybe a gift that was made in Oklahoma.

The new travel plaza has it all for travelers, and locals who just want to get away for a good meal or an overnight stay.

The plaza at Interstate 40 and State Highway 99 opened shortly before Labor Day. It's an Oklahoma family-owned business incorporated under the name HBH Enterprises LP and managed by Star Fuels of Oklahoma City. Its name comes from its owner's, the Hefner family's longtime ranching brand.

Richard Hefner said his family have been doing business in the Seminole area for more than 50 years through their large cattle operation Canadian Valley Ranch. He grew up in Oklahoma City and attended college at Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Lisa, settled in near Prague where they raised their three children.

The travel center is served by Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative, and Richard Hefner and Canadian Valley Ranch are longtime cooperative members.

The store employs 40 people.

"We wanted to build a destination spot for travelers that had a unique appearance and would be something people would remember — and we've done just that," Hefner said. "We stress high-quality food, hospitality and clean restrooms, and everything else a traveler would want."

The Bar-H-Bar Travel Center has a lot to offer locals too.

The restaurant seats 40 people and serves up a mouth watering menu of Austin Blue Barbeque, including brisket dinners, pulled pork sandwiches and hamburgers. Don't feel like barbeque? There are hearty soups, chili and a salad bar with a garden array of vegetables.

You can get breakfast — everything from freshly made biscuit sandwiches to full platters with hash browns, toast and eggs any way you want them. Pizza and hot and cold deli sandwiches are also made fresh at the center.

There is a gift shop stocked with any supplies a traveler might need and a gift section with made in Oklahoma products.

The convenience store is brimming with snacks and there is a beer cave where a large variety of brands is kept at 18 degrees to ensure it's at its coldest.



The store sells high quality cuts of Bar-H-Bar beef raised on the family's ranches in Seminole, Major, Okfuskee and Osage counties.

The travel center has 14 modern RV sites, catering to the largest most luxurious models to compact campers. The pricing for the RV sites starts at \$30 a day.

There are two beautifully decorated cabins at Bar-H-Bar. The cabins have two queen beds, full bathrooms, satellite television and internet. They rent for \$70 a night.

The gas station has eight fueling stations for cars and trucks, and three large bays for tractor trailer rigs.

"We've created an atmosphere where peoples' visit will be something special and give them a reason to keep coming back to see us," Hefner said.

By George

I have lived in Oklahoma all my life. I was born in the Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative service area. After High School I left, not the State, just my hometown. I went to school and then worked for other electric cooperatives in Oklahoma.

After 17 years, and was afforded the opportunity to return to this area, which I jumped at and now another 27 years have passed. The longer I live here the more I am convinced that Oklahoma, United States of America, is the best place to live. There are other places that I might enjoy visiting, but not many. As for living, Central Oklahoma (rural) is my choice and I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have and have had to live right here. I plan on spending the rest of my allotted time in this dimension right here.

Oklahoma is a great place to live. We are blessed as an energy producing state. This gives us as Oklahomans an advantage over many other areas of the country and of the world. Historically the standard of living has been improved by the increased use of affordable energy. In Oklahoma we are blessed with oil, natural gas, coal, and wind.

When solar technology matures Oklahoma will have a share of that energy source also. Wind while not inexpensive and still subsidized is becoming a significant portion of the electric energy we consume.

In especially Western Oklahoma we have the potential for much more development of this valuable wind resource. Just in today's paper was an announcement that an Oklahoma company would be increasing its workforce to produce steel transmission poles which will be used to build a large, high voltage transmission line from Western Oklahoma to the Tennessee Valley. This will allow Oklahoma landowners to "reap the wind" in a good way.

Aggressive Oklahoma entrepreneurs in the oil and gas arena are developing new technologies that are bringing Oklahoma's old and thought depleted

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

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 and report the trouble.

Operating Statistics for October

	2010	2011
Operating Revenues	\$3,969,158	\$4,488,628
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$2,981,268	\$3,387,141
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	75.11	75.46
Revenue Per Mi of Line: MTD	\$770.26	\$868.04
Consumers per mile of line:MTD	4.55	4.58
KWPeak Demand -This Month	101,310	114,432
Billing KW Demand	115,005	110,748
KW Peak Demand: YTD	158,984	165,676
KWH Purchased - This Month	53,472,320	54,427,368
Taxes Paid	\$85,892	\$90,907
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$188,197	\$193,958
System Load Factor	70.9	67.6

New Services Staked in November

During the month of November 32 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2011 is 441. This compares to 421 for the same period in 2010.

By George cont.

oil and natural gas fields back to life. I am told that there are towns in Northern Oklahoma that are struggling to find housing for the employees needed in oil and gas redevelopment. These same Oklahomans are using their knowledge and resources to revitalize these resources around the nation and the world.

A friend of mine who is the manager/owner of an oil well servicing company that does business across the state told me he would hire 50 people today if they had a CDL and could pass a drug test.

Just this week I listened while the owner of a local machine business, who does business around the world, told a large gathering of business leaders in Oklahoma City that he could not hire enough qualified people to meet his business needs.

Oklahoma is among the states that are blessed with the natural resources to produce food and fiber for people here and around the world. Many areas of the world and of our own nation cannot feed themselves. Even in "bad" years Oklahoma farmer and ranchers export food and fiber to other parts of the nation and the world. Food, Fiber and energy are not going out of style anytime soon. In Oklahoma we are blessed.

We cannot forget that there are many in our own nation that are suffering from the loss of jobs and in many cases homes. We know that our people given opportunity are not helpless. As a nation we enjoy a temperate climate with an abundance of natural resources. Therefore our problems are not resources or ability. We all have somebody to blame and I choose management. In management I place two groups. 916562104

First I point to our elected leaders who instead of being sold out to the best interest of the country are sold out to their core constituencies who regularly work to get them reelected. Second, we must hold accountable those who are business leaders at the top rungs of our economy.

Both have been driven by their own perceived short term interests such as the next election or this year's bonus check. If this is right then we have to share the blame for continuing to accept this type of performance. Government and business must serve the public interest and well being.

I was going to tie all this into Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. But I have run out of space and likely bored most who are still reading. Next month I will continue. Take that either way.

The hidden account number hidden in The ElectraLite is worth \$25. The account number must be your own and found within the contents of the paper. Your number must be reported by the 15th of each month to our office by phone, mail or in person.

 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
BEGINNING BALANCE 10/31/11..	\$144,478.55
DEPOSITS	7,435.25
INTEREST INCOME	6.32
CHECKS ISSUED	-8,849.38
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-4,047.51
BALANCE 11/30/11.....	\$139,023.23

Guidelines for 2012 CVEC Rebate Program

There are several changes from the 2011 Rebate Program. Because the purpose of the program is to provide financial incentive to members to assist in the cost of new and energy efficient heat and air equipment, the new guidelines are as follows:



Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP) Rebate (Desuperheater required).
 CVEC and WFEC will provide \$650.00

per ton. Minimum specifications required on closed loop systems are 18.5 EER & 3.6 COP or greater. Open Loop Systems require n 20.2 EER & 4.0 COP or greater.

CVEC and WFEC will provide \$525.00 per ton for Ground Source Heat Pumps that meet a lower efficiency requirement. (Desuperheater required.) Minimum specifications required on closed loop systems is 16.1 EER & 3.3 COP or greater. Open Loop Sysems require 18.2 EER & 3.6 COP or greater. Your Ground Source Heat Pump dealer will be able to quote your system based on these minimum specifications.

Ground Source Heat Pumps installed without a Desuperheater will only qualify for rebates of \$225.00 & \$375.00 per ton with the same minimum specifications.

Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) Rebate provides \$112.50 per ton for all approved systems. The specifications are minimum SEER of 16, minimum EER of 13.4, and a minimum HSPF of 8.5. The backup /Supplemental heat can be Natural Gas or Propane.

CVEC will also provide a rebate for minimally efficient ASHP systems of 14 SEER & 15 SEER units at \$100.00 per ton.

Information Required to Receive Rebate

For retrofit and replacement or for new systems, an application form must be submitted by the consumer applying for the rebate. A copy of the invoice from the Contractor for the installed equipment is required.

The Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Reference Certificate is also required. (This is supplied by the Contractor/Installer) The SEER or EER of replaced equipment. If the information is not known, the approximate year unit was installed is required. The physical location of the installed unit is required as well as Signature of applicant and Contractor/Installer of equipment verifying equipment minimum specifications.

How do you receive your rebate?

Upon receiving all required paperwork from the member, we will arrange to inspect and verify all equipment. Once the inspection and verification is complete, Canadian Valley Electric will issue a check payable to the CVEC member.

Questions?

You may contact your local contractor for estimates on installation of qualified equipment. They will provide estimates based on the minimum requirements we provide. You may go to our Website at www.canadianvalley.org and download an application and guidelines, or contact us at Canadian Valley and we'll send the information to you.

Using gas? Get CO alarms

If your home has a fireplace or any gas appliances, you should install carbon monoxide alarms in or near every bedroom.

The CO alarm will react when it senses that carbon monoxide levels in your house are too high, usually because an appliance is malfunctioning. CO alarms do not detect gas leaks. Here are eight tips for ensuring your CO alarm works when you need it:

1. Replace your alarms every five years. Most warranties cover only five years.

2. Replace your batteries at least once a year or when the device starts making a "chirping" sound. That's usually a symptom of a low battery.

3. Test the alarm regularly by pressing the "test" button and holding it down for 20 seconds.

4. Locate CO alarms at least 10 feet away from sources of humidity like showers and bathrooms, where steam can cause them to overreact.

5. Place a CO alarm on every level of the house and at the top of the basement stairs, even if there are no bedrooms on those floors.

6. Do not put a CO alarm in the garage, kitchen or the room with your gas furnace.

7. If your alarm goes off too often, it probably means it's too close to a fireplace or a gas furnace or stove. It also could mean that your gas appliances are not burning the fuel completely. If you see a yellow or orange pilot light, that could be the case. Call a plumber to check it out.

In order to help members better understand their monthly statements CVEC annually publishes its rate schedule. These schedules are on file with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Consumers are divided into classes based on the size and consumption of the service. The following is a summary of each class and the rate charged.

CVEC Rate Schedule

Rate	Class	Minimum customer charge	KWH Charge (+PCA)	
			Summer Season May-Nov.	Winter season Dec-Apr.
A (2)	Res. 1-phase	\$16.50/mo	All KWH .0750	1st 1,000 at .0750, then at .0520
B (4)	Res. 3-phase	\$22.50/mo	All KWH .0750	1st 1,000 at .0750, then at .0520
E (10)	Small Comm. 1-phase	\$25.00/mo	All KWH .0800	1st 1,000 at .0800, then at .0700
F (12)	Small Comm. 3-phase	\$35.00/mo	All KWH .0800	1st 1,000 at .0800, then at .0700
I (18)	Irrigation	\$22.00/hp annually	All KWH .0868	All KWH .0868

Large Power Rates available upon request. Contact CVEC's Manager of Marketing

Security Mercury Vapor Light (MVL) equals \$6.40 (PCA on 70 KWH) Lights High Pressure Sodium (HPS) light equals \$6.40 (PCA on 40 KWH)

**+2% Gross Receipts Tax added to monthly bill
 Power Cost Adjustment base equals 51.50 mills**

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 number _____ Phone number _____

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

Real Estate

3 br, 2 ba trailer home near McLoud, 2.5 acres, remodeled, \$49,500. 682-1508

320 acre cattle ranch in south Pottawatomie County. Live water every 40 acres, 2,500 sq ft ranch-style home, well septic, h/a. deer, dove, quail abound. 659-1585

100 acres, 2 mobile home, 2 new water wells, 2 old, new fence. (918) 667-3680, 488-8124

2 br older mobile home north of McLoud, north of McLoud on Hwy 102 in Wellston. 240-1530

4 br, 1 ba, 2 acres, fenced, wood stove, Macomb Schools for rent, \$675 mo, 615 deposit. 899-4878

16x80 mobile home to me moved, 3 br, 2 ba, \$17,500. 382-6495, 584-1216

2128 sq ft, manufactured home, 3 br, 2 ba, 2 car garage, saferoom, office, deck, Shawnee Twin Lakes, boat ramp, dock, 1.3 acres, 31902 Lake road, \$159,000 obo. 245-6810

3 br, 1 ba, 4 corner lots, lrg storm cellar, \$15,000. 944-1021, 380-8373

735 sq ft house, 5.9 acres, 4 stocked ponds, 2 br, fixer-upper, ch/a, septic, chain link fence, 11631 Hwy 177. Appraised for \$66k w/repairs. 279-1288

80 acres hunting land, 2 stocked ponds, lots of wildlife, 60% timber, 40% grass,

nw of Shawnee on North Canadian River, \$1,800 an acre. 650-2278

5 acres wooded, 1.5 miles north of Lake Thunderbird off Choctaw Road, 120 Ave NE on Lago Vista Road, \$35,000. 395-0580

Automobiles

92 Isuzu truck, engine rebuilt, needs carburetor, new tires, \$1,000. 395-2962

2 05 125cc Yamaha grizzlies 4-wheelers, \$2,000 obo. 740-2017

98 Ford F700, 24' box/van 113k miles, \$10,500. 598-6274

Mini bike frames, \$25-\$35 ea. (918) 866-2440

Restorable 1986 Ford Galaxy, \$500. 240-7750

18' car hauler trailer \$1,275. 454-0510

350 Yamaha 4-wheeler \$995. 598-0932

64 Impala, 4-door, ready for restoration, \$800 firm. 535-6209

RV/Marine

Heavy duty 5th wheel hitch, \$250. 249-0909

05 Pt175 bass boat tracker 60 hp excel. cond. \$7,500 obo. 567-5612

Farm

Komatso D20P dozer, 3,500 hrs, 40 hp, diesel, 6 way blade, peramid tracks, new

elite trailer, 20' w/5' dove-tail gooseneck, \$20,000. (918) 689-5595

54 IHC 2-ton flatbed dump truck, ran before parked 9 yrs ago, \$900. 598-5450

2 16.9x34 rear tractor tires. 275-2465

20'x6' gooseneck stock-trailer; 1020 MF tractor; 23' MF tractor 26 hp craftsman lawn tractor blade disc. 964-2622, 740-3664

Box blade, frt plow for lawn tractor, \$50 ea.; 01 Harley fatboy to trade for running backhoe (918) 866-2440

4 horse walker, \$3,000. 623-1889

Pets/livestock

AKC Mastiff fm, fawn, brindle, full AKC, \$800, limited \$600 neuter agreement \$450. (918) 618-4044

Reg. angus bulls, semen tested, 20 m/o-2 y/o, good quality, several to choose from. (918) 617-2974

Herford females, show heifers, related to national class show winners. 650-2990, 812-5628

Reg. Herford bulls, total performance TPr records, \$800-\$1,500. 274-3580, 598-3540

Flight conditioned Bob White Quail. 527-0730

Call ducks \$25 pr; bantam chickens; sm metal incubator needs parts. 598-6711

Donkeys 593-7447

Angus bulls. 474-2018, 279-3398

CVEC's Service Charges

When the power is cut off to a service because of nonpayment of electric bills, certain additional charges must be paid by the member. Those chares are:

Nonpayment disconnect ...\$25

Nonpayment reconnect:

Normal office hours\$25

After hours\$50

Other charges that may apply to any member may include:

Any notice left for OCC rule violations or nonpayment applications \$25

Nonrefundable connect charge...\$25

Reg. Limo bulls/hfrs, blk., polled, gentle Limflex-homozygous top genetic. 517-3824, 279-3398

w/pump \$500 ea. 631-1505

53 pieces of Desert Rose pattern by Francisan, \$150 for all. 964-2477

Term papers, MA thesis and PHD dissertations edited, revised, reasonable rate. 432-9352

Shopsmith lathe, 6" planer and scroll saw for rotary table or magnetic milling table. 273-7335.

Mint U.S. postage stamps from stamp collection usable for mailings, 10% off face value. 382-2520

2 new swivel bar stools counter top height, antique bronze frame, arms, blk leather seats, \$99. 659-0305

Stainless steel frig, \$300; washer/dryer \$200; lockers, \$40; elec oven. 275-3419

Mixed firewood, you haul, \$50 a pickup load. 240-2838, 290-8779

Firewood, split oak, \$65; round oak, \$55, delivery avail. 382-1444

5x10 tilt trailer, \$595; set gas logs, \$75; commercial Dewalt panel saw \$1,000; portable saw mill, 20' bed, 20 hp, elect. Start motor, \$4,000; commercial papr./tape roller, \$30. 598-0932

Console piano, good cond. \$350. 964-3661

30,000 BTU natural gas heater w/blower used one month, \$125; 36" range hood w/light fan, new \$50. 395-7213

Clocks for sale; clock repair. 513-2986

Seasoned firewood, oak, ash, \$50. 932-4486

Wanted: used books. 878-8858

New red long formal sz 12 petite; blk spaghetti strap sz

Misc

9-10; burg. strapless formal petite sz 4. 382-1141

Lane black leather motion couch, recliner, \$900; chaise \$500; trunk \$200. 454-2079

Log splitter, yard machine vertical 6.5 hp horizontal 26 ton, \$500. 818-7319

Wanted: venison or deer meat. 356-4061

Sofa, \$100; loveseat \$100; flat trailer \$300; 3 trailer axels \$100; vanity 5 drawer w/lrg round mirror, \$150. 623-6685

Cuisinart Elite die-cast 14 cup food processor w/all attachments, new. 382-6652

Wurlitzer spinet piano, excel cond. \$350. 808-3620

Like new cherry wood computer table w/monitor, printer, drawer storage, \$95. 382-3930

Craftsman 10" tablesaw w/stand, \$200. 454-2294

Full size mattress like new \$100; Pioneer stereo system, 2 speakers, equalizer cd player, radio, \$200. 556-0297

Seasoned firewood, 80-90% split, you haul, \$50 rick. 240-7750

Wanted: 3 phase breakers, milling table, surface grinder, sm horizontal mill. 273-73352

500 gallon propane tanks