



Maintenance Involves Annual Inspection of Utility Poles

Maintaining the electric lines that deliver your electricity includes inspecting the utility poles. Each year around 12,000 poles are inspected.

We are beginning that program once again, and will be concentrating on an area north of U.S. Hwy. 62 from Harrah to Meeker. We will be looking for damaged and/or defective poles.

Conducting the inspection is Osmose Utilities of Buffalo, N.Y. They will inspect every pole, recording the pole and attachment information. They will also generate a GPS location, sound the pole using a hammer, and bore the pole at ground level, probing for decay and/or insect damage.

Typically, they will reject 2 to 4 percent of the poles they inspect,

marking them for replacement at a later date. Over the following few months, both co-op and construction crews will replace any defective poles.

"The pole inspection program is just another program designed to maintain and improve overall system reliability," says CVEC Manager of Operations Cordis Slaughter.

The inspectors will be easily identifiable, with tools of the trade being carried to each pole, and can provide identification upon request.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program or the contractors, please call our dispatch center at 405-382-3680. Osmose inspectors will report their location to the co-op weekly.

By George

My first car was a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. It had been our family car since 1962. In 1968 when I was preparing to go to college (on foot) my Dad handed me the keys and said, "I want you to come home on weekends." I was never sure if the car was mine or if Dad was just letting me use it. It had hauled a family of seven for all those years over mostly dirt roads (very little gravel in most of Lincoln County then.) So it was not in pristine condition. During my freshman year at college the floor board on the driver's side finished rusting out. My Dad replaced the floor board with some used sheet metal. It worked fine.

During my sophomore year in 1969, my Dad bought me a 1960 Chevrolet Impala. He paid \$300 for it which was a lot of money. The 1955 Ford went back to my Mother. That Chevrolet was a great car after driving that older Ford. However by 1970 and my junior year I had been blessed with several scholarships and three very good summer jobs and along with hauling hay every night, I had saved enough money (I thought) to buy a "sportier" car. I found a 1969 Mustang, very sharp and low miles. The price was \$1,900. That was more than I had. But undeterred, I went to a friend at the bank and borrowed \$700 to allow me to buy the Mustang. All was well. The Chevrolet went to my Mother.

In 1972 I graduated from college and was fortunate to get a good job. What does any single, 22-year-old "boy", with a good job "need"? Of course, a new car and not just any car – a new Corvette is a must, I thought. The dealer wanted \$6,000 plus my very sharp 1969 Mustang and I had no money. But the banks did and they were very free with

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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 and report the trouble.

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

Operating Statistics for March

	2012	2013
Operating Revenues	\$4,310,595	\$4,919,951
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,181,719	\$3,660,246
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	73.81	74.40
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$832.64	\$947.60
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.58	4.60
KW Peak Demand - This month	124,618	134,252
Billing kW demand	115,112	109,236
KW Peak Demand - YTD	146,746	146,172
KWh Purchased - This month	58,256,510	64,683,730
Taxes Paid	\$85,544	\$91,816
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$187,258	\$181,548
System Load Factor	62.8	64.8

New Services Staked in April

During the month of April 47 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2013 is 132. This compares to 134 for the same period in 2012.

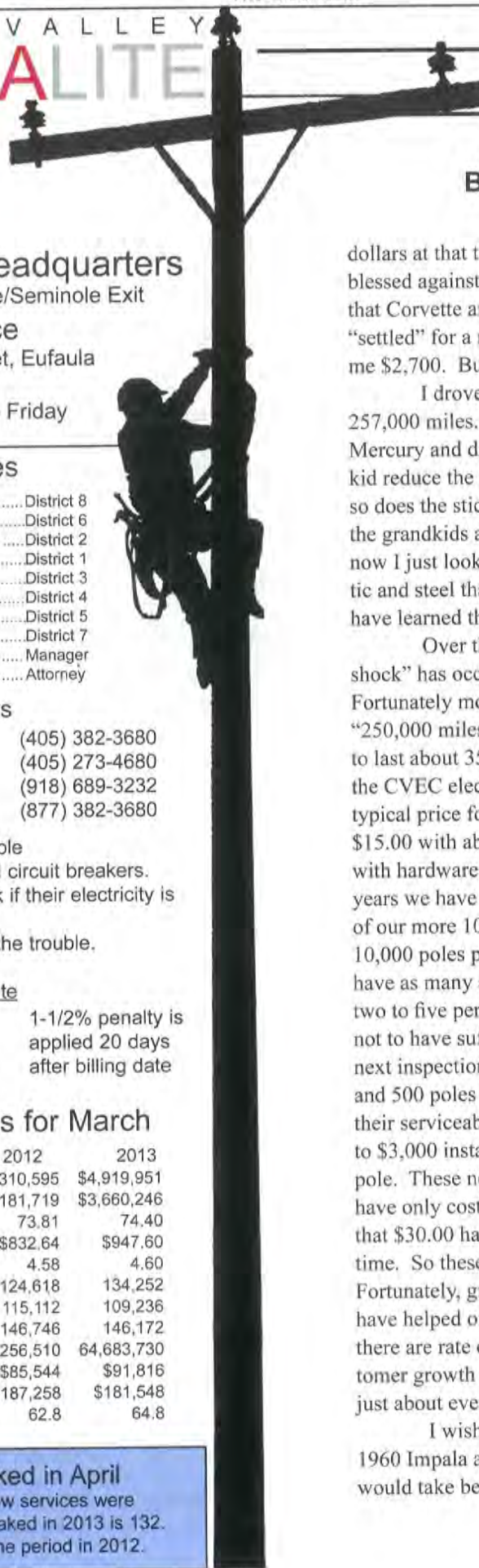
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dollars at that time. I made the deal. But again I was blessed against my ignorance. Someone else bought that Corvette and it was the end of the model year. I "settled" for a new 1972 Mercury Montego. It only cost me \$2,700. But they still "took" my 1969 Mustang.

I drove that 1972 Montego for 15 years and 257,000 miles. After that my wife and I bought a 1988 Mercury and drove it for 250,000 miles. Marriage and kid reduce the "have to have" need for new cars. Today so does the sticker price. It's hard to find a car to haul the grandkids around that cost less than \$25,000. For now I just look. So far that is too much to pay for plastic and steel that will rapidly depreciate to very little. I have learned that the banks want their money back.

Over the years the same type of "sticker shock" has occurred in the electric utility business. Fortunately most electric utility poles last more than "250,000 miles." The average utility pole is expected to last about 35 years. Many of the early poles set in the CVEC electric system have lasted much longer. A typical price for an electric pole in the 1940's was about \$15.00 with about that much more to have it installed with hardware - about \$30.00 total. For the past 28 years we have been formally "checking" about 10% of our more 100,000 electric poles each year or about 10,000 poles per year. Some of our older poles will have as many as three metal inspection tags. Each year two to five percent of the inspected poles will be judged not to have sufficient "life" left in them to last to the next inspection. That means we replace between 200 and 500 poles each year that have reached the end of their serviceability. These new poles cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 installed depending on the equipment on the pole. These new poles are replacing poles that may have only cost \$30.00 when originally installed. Even that \$30.00 has been out of the rate base for a long time. So these replacement poles are "rate base shock." Fortunately, growth in new customers and energy sales have helped offset most of these increased costs. But there are rate concerns in the future, if, when new customer growth slows. And this "sticker shock" applies to just about everything.

I wish I still had my 1969 Mustang and my 1960 Impala and my 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. I would take better care of them.



Filing Periods Set for District 3, 6, and 7 Elections

Running for the board of trustees is one of the privileges unique to being members of an electric cooperative.

Members interested in running for a position on the board are first required to file a notice of candidacy.

The bylaws of CVEC state in Article IV, Section 5, c) NOTICE OF CANDIDACY:

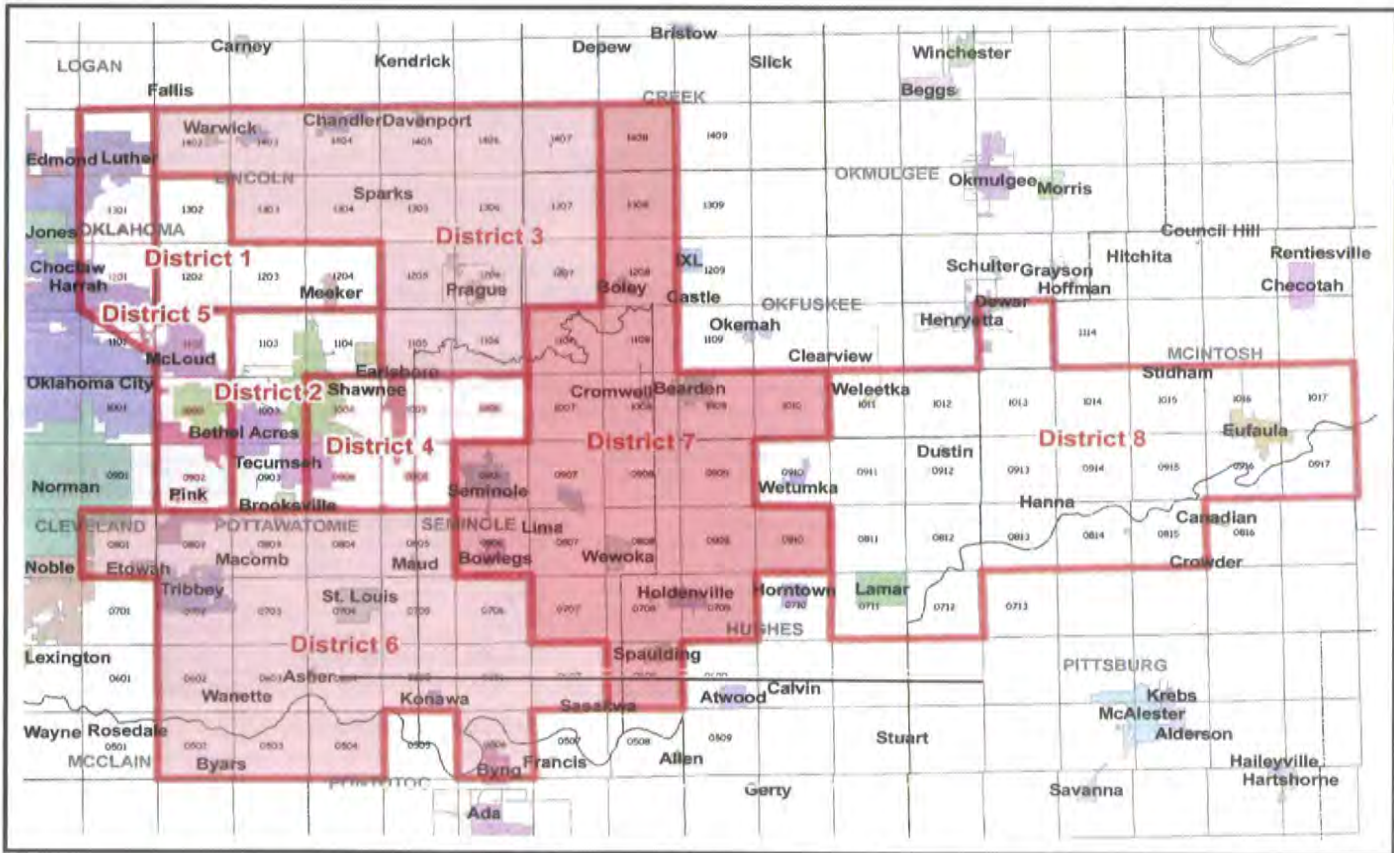
Members of a district desiring to be candidates for election as trustee from that district and meeting the qualifications set for in Section 2 of this Article shall file with the Cooperative written notice, on a form provided by the Cooperative, of this candidacy and intention to stand for election to the office of trustee from their district not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of members of said district, provided, however, if the last day for filings falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then 1104173400 the filing period shall be extended until 5:00 p.m. on the first business day thereafter.

Only persons filing written notice of their candidacy and intention to stand for election shall be eligible for election at said meeting.

- Copies of the bylaws are available upon request.
- In all places within the bylaws where masculine gender is used, it shall include the feminine gender as though specially stated therein.

Incumbent trustees for this year's elections are **District 3, Gary Crain, District 6, Joe Sempter and District 7, J.P. 'Doc' Duvall.**

Filing periods: District 3 - June 22-27
 District 6 - June 23-28
 District 7 - June 25-July 1



Find Your Hidden 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!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



BEGINNING BALANCE 3/31/13.....	\$195,312.70
DEPOSITS.....	7,984.81
INTEREST INCOME	21.38
CHECKS ISSUED	-10,247.23
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-6,144.81
BALANCE 4/30/13.....	\$186,926.85

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

1963 Impala and Belair parts, 1969 Rambler American, 2 door post, \$1,000, 598-5757.

Newly rebuilt steering axle, fenders, doors, interior & misc., for '76 VW Bug, 566-9872.

1996 Dodge 1500 S/C, \$1,875; '53 Ford IT flatbed, \$2,950; '72 Chevy 2-ton, 598-0932.

1970 Chevy pickup, \$700; '52 Chevy truck, 626-6965.

2008 Pontiac G6, 4-dr., red, 61,394 miles, \$9,000, 379-6822.

Farm

1980s 2-wheel John Deere 650 tractor w/5 attachments, perfect condition, \$4,500, 964-2959.

Lincoln Ranger 9 welder/generator, about 550 hrs., 580-925-2527.

Gehl 1875 baler w/new tires, belts, pick up attachment, shedded, 7,000 bales, \$6,000, 380-6655.

Extra tall bumper-pull horse trailer, \$2,500, 505-6447.

Craftsman 42" cut, 15.5 hp riding lawn mower, \$100, 918-344-6982.

Sawmill band saw w/Dinasaw blade sharpener, \$6,200 firm, 918-716-8482.

2008 Mahindra 4530 4-WD tractor, w/loader, bucket,

spike, manuals, 365 hrs., EC, \$16,900, 240-2883.

Old-type tow bar to hook on steel bumpers, \$30, 273-1845.

Approximately 100 3/4 sucker rods, \$6 ea., 580-925-2640.

Sell or trade - 1951 Allis Chalmers tractor & Rino 5' brush hog, \$2,500, GC, 386-6972, 274-3529.

16' cattle trailer, \$975; 8', 12' 16' utility trailer, 20' hay trailer for rd. bales, \$785, 598-0932.

1987 3/4-ton GM rear-end, \$200; '94 Chevy rear-end \$200; '75 440 motor & transmission, \$900, 626-6965.

Caterpillar D3B good chains & blade, maybe other salvagable parts due to fire, 605-9461.

20 used cattle panels, \$15 ea., Grundfus booster pump, \$325, 824-2718.

Craftsman 15.5 mower, \$300 OBO, 279-2330, 788-5754.

Miscellaneous antique farm machinery, 14 steel concrete forms, 631-1505.

18' trailer, \$750, 454-0510.

Miscellaneous

Pedicure cart w/wheels, black, like new, \$125, 808-1939.

This year's papershell peccans, \$1.50/lb.; hand-crafted jewelry, good prices, 221-0511, 918-232-8887.

220-volt AC, \$100; electric

cook-stove, \$100; washer & dryer, \$200; small LP bottle, \$15, 275-3419.

4'x30" smoker on trailer, \$1,750 or trade for boat, 279-2330, 788-5754.

Buy, sell & repair clocks, 513-2986.

Huge sale June 1, antiques, signs, old cars & trucks, 9 miles east of Firelake Grocery, 1 mile south, Shawnee, 227-8395.

Free - Will haul away any unwanted scrap metal, car batteries, major appliances, w/i 10-mile radius of Shawnee, 609-4365.

75 cedar logs, various lengths & diameters, \$5 ea., take all for \$4 ea., 356-2135.

Bee and swarm removal, 432-9352.

Wooden storage bldg., 8'x12', w/vent, cost \$1,300, selling for \$600, 279-3627.

FREE - large, old-fashioned piano, 598-0630.

1898 pump organ, round, twist-up stool, VGC, \$500, 275-8683.

Three-piece living room tables, (sofa, end, coffee), wood w/glass inserts, \$100; daybed mattress, \$25, 273-3651.

Miller's Birth of a Nation mugs, 1-4, \$75; solid steel irons, \$10; choice gas irons, \$35, 454-2046.

Sailcloth soft top for Jeep Wrangler, 1997-2006, used 3

months, \$425, 824-2718.

Meeker High School year-books 1st -12th grades 1969-1978, \$20, ea., 273-1845.

Sunsetter 11' wide retractable awning, model 1000XT w/ rain away arch, green stripe fabric, VGC, \$500, 598-0941

Railroad spikes, \$1 ea., buy 50 or more for 75¢ ea., more than 400 available, 824-7458.

Frigidaire 110-volt, 12,000-BTU window AC, works good, but plastic fan blade is broken, \$15, 454-0510.

Pets/Livestock

Pyrenees-Anolian puppies, 8 weeks old, shots, livestock bred, 333-2382.

Scottish Terrier puppies, 5 males, home-raised w/animals of kinds & lots of love, 918-490-1172.

Hereford bulls, stout, muscular, gentle, out of good milking cows, \$1,200-\$2,000, 598-1920.

Good kid horse, 580-925-2640.

Black Angus bulls, 18-mos.-old, fertility tested, virgin bulls, starting at \$2,000, 918-617-2974.

Real Estate

10 acres & 2,400-sq. ft., home, moving out of state & need to sell, McLoud, 313-8217.

2 BDR, 2 BA mobile home on 5 acres, w/barn, cellar, fruit trees, EC, NRC - new middle school, 2.5 miles, Shawnee, 273-5877.

25 acres, 28'x60' DW, GC land, 4 ponds, good grass, some pecan trees, 2 water wells, 1.5 miles from Paden, in country, minerals also available, \$85,000, 918-716-0714.

4 BDR, 3 BA, huge garage/shop, 30'x30' bldg., on 1 acre, Edmond schools, \$149,000, 326-2645.

Developed 40 acres, west of Tecumseh, 32 1.25-acre lots, \$500/mo. now, good investment, \$130,000, 596-6776.

3 BDR, 2 BA, 2001 Palm Harbor 16'x80' mobile home, w/dishwasher, stove, great cond., \$22,000 OBO, 664-8445.

RV/Marine

1968 Newman 14' boat, w/40-hp Johnson motor, 279-3638.

2002 Fleetwood Pride 29' 5th wheel, 16' slideout, fully contained, EC, many extras, selling below retail, 481-7172.

1992 25' Sandpiper 5th wheel, as is, \$3,500, 401-4094.

2006 Harley V-Rod 1800cc motorcycle, custom blue paint, 18,000 miles, \$12,000 OBO, 941-3976.

2007 Honda VTX motorcycle, 1 owner, new tires, Mustang seat, Kuryakyn grips, levers, hyper-charger, chrome fork covers, sissy bar, luggage rack, Cobra pipes, saddlebag brace, quick disconnect windshield, 14,000 miles, \$7,000, 567-9294.

Granada OMC boat, w/140-hp I/O motor, \$3,500, 580-925-2527.

Yamaha 450R Quad 2007/20H, all in good shape except not getting injector pulse, \$3,000 or trade for travel trailer, 567-5165.

Toyota MR2 motorcycle, 3-wheel conversion as is, no title, \$600, 517-8444.

2008 KZSpree 5th wheel, 27', 2 slideouts, sleeps 6, new condition, \$16,000, 567-2523.

Wanted

Want to buy a pond boat, will pay \$100, 567-2895.

Want to trade 1 full box, & 1 almost full box of 7mm Winchester bullets for 7.62, 223, EC, 918-866-2440.

Working big wheel horizontal buzz saw brush cutter, 279-2616.

Unusual Spring Temperatures Affect Energy Bills

The unusual temperatures we had this Spring can affect your energy usage. Many of us had to continue heating our homes when we usually have turned off the furnace. If you have questions about your bill or need to make payment arrangements, please call us.