



Aware Meetings Begin in November

Webster defines the word “aware” as: *A•ware /adjective - concerned and well informed about a particular situation or development.*

Your cooperative wants you to be well informed about developments

with the potential consolidation and the steps your elected leaders are taking to make sure your best interest is served.

Beginning in November, Central Rural Electric Cooperative and Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative will be hosting a series of Aware Meetings in the areas they serve.

Members will be receiv-

ing a letter announcing the time and location of the Aware Meetings, with a request to RSVP and indicate which meeting they would like to attend.

Aware meetings are free for members to attend, and provide an opportunity to hear important information about the cooperatives’ plans for the future, and to ask any questions they may have regarding the potential consolidation. Dinner will be provided, followed by a brief presentation and a question and answer session.

Members are encouraged to attend any of the regional meetings that best fit their schedule. Those attending can RSVP on the website, <http://www.buildingourenergyfuturetogether.com>, or by calling the RSVP line at 1-844-533-4130. The deadline to RSVP for the November meetings is Nov. 6, and those attending a December meeting should RSVP by Dec. 4.



Aware Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, Nov. 13 - Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, Shawnee

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Payne County Expo Center, Stillwater

Thursday, Nov. 20 - Kelly Haney Center, Seminole State College, Seminole

Tuesday, Dec. 9 - Wes Watkins Technology Center, Wetumka

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - TBD, Guthrie

By George

Sometime ago I heard a quote from a general manager of an electric cooperative in another state. It was his summary of the organizational chart for his cooperative. While I can’t remember the quote word for word, it went something like this: “The groundman, reports to the lineman, who reports to the foreman, who reports to the construction superintendent, who reports to the operations manager, who reports to the general manager, who reports to the board members, who report to the members, who report to God.”

That simple description of an organizational chart would probably work for a private electric utility also. They would probably substitute stockholders for members and God. While I am absolutely biased in favor of electric coopera-

tives, this column is not going to be a condemnation of public utilities or any other form of electric services provider including stockholder utilities, municipal electric utilities, and electric cooperatives and in some states public power districts. While my days are numbered, I fully expected to see more “players” in the electric utility market in the future and, in many cases customers themselves, providing all or a significant part of their electric utility needs. We even hear people talk of going “off the grid.” Not a good idea, but remember I am a little biased.

I know I will be challenged on this, but I don’t believe

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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 August

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$5,677,334	\$6,325,199
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,136,674	\$4,804,731
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	72.86	75.96
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,092.64	\$1,213.35
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.62	4.65
KW Peak Demand - This month	151,092	157,094
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	151,092	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	71,882,530	72,465,220
Taxes Paid	\$116,090	\$124,341
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$186,474	\$187,841
System Load Factor	63.9	62.0

New Services Staked in September

During the month of September 49 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 348. This compares to 305 for the same period in 2013.

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even with all the subsidies from tax credits that some are able to derive a benefit, that small wind generators are a financially viable option for the individual with today's technology. Today the cost of the tower is too great to derive an overall benefit from a small wind generator. I have a friend who challenges me on that, but he is special. He climbs his own towers, and maintains his own wind generators and he makes it work well. He is also installing a number of solar panels and making them work. He is still connected to the CVEC electric system but he seldom pays us more than a customer charge.

This does not apply to the large wind generators like the ones being installed in Western Oklahoma with hundreds of them lined up. With the tax credits, big investors are making them work and they are providing a significant amount of reasonably priced electricity. I am sure this will continue to develop. If regulations drive up the cost of fossil fuel-fired generation as anticipated, the large wind farms may become viable without the tax credits. The bigger question is will the electricity be affordable.

Around the country, some electric cooperatives are developing solar farms and allowing their members to actually own or contract for some of the output from these solar farms. Our wholesale power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, is studying that possibility for electric distribution cooperatives, like CVEC, to participate in ownership and/or output. I think this is a good thing. Likely advances in technology and production of solar panels will be feasible even for some individuals.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 8/31/14.....	\$199,673.29
DEPOSITS.....	8,161.96
INTEREST INCOME	44.06
CHECKS ISSUED	-3,915.35
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-5,747.81
BALANCE 9/30/14.....	\$198,216.15

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

Winter Disconnect Rules in Effect November 15

Each year at this time, the rules governing non-payment disconnects change to winter regulations. The regulations are in effect until April 15 of the following year.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) has established specific rules governing how utilities deal with discontinuance of service in summer and winter. Of course, no one likes to have their electricity disconnected, especially during foul weather, but CVEC has to follow OCC rules on non-payment disconnects. CVEC disconnects service only as a last resort, so please contact us to find a positive solution, if paying your electric bill becomes a problem.

The following is a brief overview of OCC rules as they affect CVEC members. CVEC bills are mailed on the 5th, 15th and 25th of each month. Members have 20 days from the date the bill is mailed to make payment. If a member is unable to make a full payment, it is important he or she contacts our customer service department to make payment arrangements.

Your bill serves as a disconnect notice if you have a past due balance. About five days before the due date of the disconnect reminder, a 48-hour notice is mailed. If by the 48-hour due date, no payment is received or arrangements made, service is disconnected without further notice.

The following payment arrangement options are available if paying your electric bill becomes a problem:

- 1.) **Deferred Payment Plan** – This plan is calculated within OCC regulations.
- 2.) **Life-Threatening Plan** – This plan is limited to mem-

bers who are or have family members residing in the home who rely on life-saving equipment such as oxygen equipment. These members must provide appropriate documentation for verification that such circumstances exist within the residence. CVEC personnel will be required to make a visual verification of the equipment.

3.) **Public Service Agencies** – A list of public service agencies is available for eligible members. The Department of Human Services (DHS) can provide assistance to eligible persons. A list of the various county DHS offices can be provided by the cooperative. American Indian tribes and other agencies also have programs to assist members.

If payment is not received and no contact has been made with our office, the co-op will make a visit to collect back payment. A \$25 service fee will be added to the amount of the bill. If the service is actually disconnected, a \$25 reconnect fee and deposit will be applied, if needed.

The reconnect must be requested Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Calls for service to be reconnected after working hours will be charged \$50, plus the \$25 for any previous collection visits made for notification or cut-off of the service. Members wishing to pay by check at the time of the disconnect, who have a history of dishonored checks, can expect CVEC to contact the member's bank to verify sufficient funds before reconnecting the service.

Once service is disconnected, the member will be required to pay all fees and charges before service is reconnected. A member seeking additional

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I might start playing with it myself on a small scale in the future.

It is exciting to talk about wind and solar and the talk is becoming more real every day. But today we must do a reality check. Even if these alternates continue to increase rapidly, and I believe they will, we will, as a people and a nation, continue to rely on fossil fuels, coal and natural gas for a long time to come. The proposed regulations on fossil fuels for generation have the potential to drive up the cost of electricity for individuals and businesses to the point of not being affordable. We must not 1004094704 destroy our economy and our standard of living. Even if higher prices for electricity make wind and solar – good things – more attrac-

tive. Somebody will still be paying the bill. We would ask you to oppose the regulations on carbon dioxide emissions in their current form.

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!



CVEC offices will be closed **Thursday, Nov. 27** to allow our employees to spend Thanksgiving with their families.

Please call us if you should experience an outage. Phone numbers can be found on page 2.

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

2006 Ford Ranger XLT reg. cab, 4x2 3.0L V6 5-spd transmission, AC, cruise, tilt, retail \$8,825, asking \$6,625, (918) 866-2585.

2001 Suburban LT, 226K miles, cold AC, some door damage, drive great, call after 5 p.m. or weekends, \$3,000 OBO, 412-9626.

2001 Camaro SS, runs great, stereo system, \$10,000, 395-2962.

2003 Chevy Malibu, PS, PB, AC, electric door locks, 4 new tires, tow pkg. w/Blue Ox tow bar, A-1 condition, \$4,000, 598-6439.

'02 Mercury Marquis, loaded, 102K miles, \$3,500; '72 Chevy 2 T., all steel flat bed, \$1,995, 606-9113.

Farm

1994 Fruehauf flatbed semi-trailer, 48'x5', ex ratchet straps, \$4,500 OBO, 452-3094.

21' goose-neck trailer, all steel, Massey Ferguson 165 GIs, \$2,500; Massey Ferguson 50 front-end loader, 386-5220.

5' straight blade, adjusts to angles, 3 pt., never used, \$240, new 5' rake, 3 pt. \$290, 454-0510.

DR electric wood splitter, \$175; 2001 Artic cut, \$300, 761-9046.

5' angle blade, 3 pt. \$100;

6' brush hog, 3 pt., \$350, 640-9531.

Lawn Tractor series 2000, Cub Cadet 38" mower, \$450, 567-8799.

2005 Massey Ferguson 431, 52 hp, PTO 40 w/loader, brush hog, 5', in Maud, (214) 906-9755.

2008 M5100 Kubota w/ LA844 loader, 170 hrs. turbo-charged, 52 hp, Shawnee, 273-7557.

500-gal. fuel tower, \$475, 606-9113.

9M5 Minneapolis-Moline 4c diesel, no 3 pt., \$1,700, 379-5772.

Small utility trailer, all steel, 6'x12', \$175, 567-7921.

4'x8' 2-wheel trailer, needs 14" tires, 598-5286.

Miscellaneous

Small sq. bales prairie hay, \$4/bale; fire wood, \$40/rick, 598-5860.

'66 Chevy Impala spoke hubcaps, \$40, 598-5286.

7'x7' dome tent; queen air mattress w/pump; 2 sleeping bags, all used once, \$50 OBO, 200-5974.

Sprayed Bermuda grass hay, 5 miles north of Seminole, \$5/sq.bale, delivery available, 382-1444.

Good Bermuda mix, 4'x5', near Strother, \$22.50, 380-4777.

Twin grave plots, Shawnee

Resthaven Cemetery, Masonic Garden, 598-1202.

5 gal. glass jar (bottle neck) w/metal tilt stand, \$30; 2 BarBar shaving knives, \$20, 454-2046.

Good quality prairie hay, sprayed, 300+ 5'x5' bales, \$30/bale, (918) 652-1055, (918) 656-3769.

Kenmore washer and dryer, refrigerator, \$100; gas dryer, \$100; 220-volt AC, \$125; 110-volt AC, \$75, 275-3419.

Wonder Wood heater w/thermostat, good condition \$150, 598-3428.

Table and chairs, hutch, antique classware, lots of vintage jewelry and knives, 640-9976.

Gun cabinet, holds 8 guns w/2 drawers, 2 sewing machines, turkey fryer w/bottle, no pot, small camper shell, 279-3638.

Fertilized Bermuda hay, \$6/bale, Seminole, 640-9531.

Queen-sized mattress w/box springs, \$80; boxes of merchandise for flea market or garage sales, priced to make a profit \$3 and up, 398-4912.

Solid oak kitchen table, very beautiful, made in Chelsea, Indian Territory, \$800, 454-2674.

Buffalo nickels, mixed dates, \$50/roll; wheat pennies, mixed dates, \$5/roll, 273-1845.

4'x5' net-wrapped round bales of grass hay, \$40 OBO,

942-4538.

3 '08 Nissan Versa hubcaps, \$30/ea. 15", 454-2408.

Bermuda grass hay, 4-5.5' round bales, \$35-\$50, 90 bales of prairie hay, \$4 ea., mixed grass, 4'-5.5', \$30 ea., 596-3482.

Whirlpool stainless steel electric range, ceramic top, used 6 mos., like new, \$300 OBO, 214-9362.

Green and seasoned oak firewood, split and not split, 598-1140.

5' John Deere windmill still in box, \$225 OBO; antique dolls, 567-7921.

Free garage sale items, 100 wildlife pictures in magazines, 543-9652.

Big oak trees & others, to cut down, you keep the wood, 921-5556.

Used 4 P21570R16 Uniroyal tires, 207-8405.

Pets/Livestock

4 roosters, 6 mos. old, white game, grey dominique, buff orpington, Plymouth Rock, 207-8405.

FREE - 4 roosters, 964-5687.

FREE - 3 black kittens, 8 weeks old, very cute, 567-1519.

Mini spotted Jack, 5 mos. old, very gentle, \$300, 452-3844.

AKC Siberian Husky puppies, \$800-\$1,200, adult female, \$100; 2 sets lg. cages, \$400 ea., 802-4415.

Real Estate

15 acres north of Harrah, \$47,000, (918) 869-9278.

20 & 25 acre lots northeast of Harrah w/water well & septic, 479-806-0213.

2.5 acres, 1,300 sq. ft. home, 3 BDR, w/all appliances, 1.5 BA, many trees, storage bldgs., Shawnee area, \$80,000, 964-5663.

12'x60' mobile home to be moved, needs repairs, would make a great storage shed, \$2,000, 3.6 lots in Wetumka, \$5,000, 380-6823.

10 or 20 acres in Tecumseh, 606-9113.

2.5 acres on Whispering Oak Dr., north of Jacktown, off Hwy. 177, \$15,000 OBO, 279-3638.

RV/Marine

1995 24' Landau pontoon w/115 hp motor, 2 live wells, Porta-Potty, day cover, tandem-axle trailer, 2016 tag, \$8,000, (918) 639-0096.

5th wheel for pickup, brake control, \$400, 598-5286.

1996 5th wheel travel trailer, fair condition, good tires, Reese 5th wheel & rails included, \$5,000 OBO, 550-5052.

Trophy-winning custom-built trike, all new, HD front-end, complete rebuilt, 1,600 engine & transmission, \$15,000, 200-5974.

2000 35' Winnebago Adventurer motorhome, ex. condition, 1 slide, sleeps 6, 598-3594, 760-3703.

2012 Honda 4-wheeler Foreman 500, 614 miles, \$6,000, 221-1080.

Cessna 172 airplane, low time, always hangared, \$25,000 w/fresh annual, 631-1505.

2007 Rockwood UltraLite 5th wheel, fewer than 5K miles, storage-kept, \$18,000; 2007 Yamaha Vino, 125 scooter, 500 miles, 85 mpg., \$1,300 firm, (918) 373-4549.

2005 5th wheel camper, 28' ft. Outback, 1 slide-out, sleeps 6, \$12,995, 659-8517.

Services

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

Will haul away for free large appliances, scrap metal, car batteries, and will buy junk vehicles, 694-9686.

Trailer repairs, lights, brakes, floors, and bearings, 468-7255.

Wanted

American Indian items such as pottery, beadwork, rugs, paintings, jewelry, photos, etc., 454-3420.