

## Aware Meetings Coming in November

Beginning in November, Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative will be hosting a series of Aware Meetings in the areas they serve to provide an update on the potential consolidation.

Both cooperatives share a mission to provide services to improve the quality of life for their members and local communities. Those who utilize cooperative electric services are not just customers, but member-owners of the organization and are encouraged to attend events and activities.

You will be receiving an official invitation announcing the time and location of the Aware Meetings, with a request to RSVP and indicate which

meeting you would like to attend. Aware meetings are free for members to attend, and provide members 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.

Members are encouraged to attend any of the regional meetings that best fit their schedule. Watch your mail for more information about the upcoming Aware Meetings in your area.



**14th Annual  
Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags  
Ceremony**

Tuesday, Oct. 14 6 p.m. CVEC Seminole office

\$250 cash awards given to 1 high school and 1 middle school student for writing winning essays on  
**'Red, White & Blue - What does it Mean to You?'**

Free hamburgers, hot dogs & soft drinks provided

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### By George

As some of you know, I have been involved with the electric cooperative for a long time. About 43 years - actually, all my life. I grew up on Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative lines about 10 miles northeast of Prague. It was an exciting time when my brothers and I got to watch a CVEC lineman climb an electric pole. In fact, at an early age I had my career path decided. I was going to play shortstop for the New York Yankees. If that didn't work out, I was going to become an electric lineman for Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. I have not achieved either. The guys won't let me climb a pole.

A little more than a year ago we announced Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric Cooperative, our electric cooperative neighbor to the north, were studying a possible consolidation. These studies have supported what we already knew. Consolidation makes sense if we truly are what we say we are, "servants of the members."

In the 43 years of being employed by Oklahoma electric cooperatives, I have always heard, "there should be con-

solidation of electric cooperatives." It is hard to argue that Oklahoma needs 26 different electric cooperatives. But that is what we have. Somebody is paying for 26 different administrations and managers, and I think we all know who that is. Good jobs.

We still have a few issues to work out with our power suppliers and lenders before we can bring the consolidation issue to you to decide what you want to do. It appears this membership vote will happen in 2015. We are not proposing a "take-over" by either cooperative. Much like 75 years ago members would be coming together to decide their future. If the members approve, both Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and Central Rural Electric will become one new stronger electric cooperative with the purpose of better serving its combined member/owners.

This truly is an opportunity that doesn't pass by often. In fact, in Oklahoma it is a first.

From my perspective as a soon to be former electric co-

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and portions of Oklahoma,  
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**Main Office and Headquarters**

Interstate 40 at the Prague/Seminole Exit

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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 and report the trouble.

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

**Operating Statistics for July**

	2013	2014
Operating Revenues	\$5,778,696	\$6,176,962
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,047,934	\$4,677,066
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	70.05	75.72
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$1,112.36	\$1,185.60
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.61	4.64
KW Peak Demand - This month	150,612	159,774
Billing kW demand	109,236	109,675
KW Peak Demand - YTD	150,612	184,404
KWh Purchased - This month	69,796,290	70,215,380
Taxes Paid	\$109,957	\$125,725
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$187,462	\$188,556
System Load Factor	62.3	59.1

**New Services Staked in August**

During the month of August 45 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2014 is 299. This compares to 267 for the same period in 2013.

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operative employee, and still an electric cooperative consumer, this consolidation proposal should be overwhelmingly approved by the memberships of both cooperatives. I believe you will have the opportunity, but you will have to make it happen. The only reasons this consolidation may not happen is fear of change or nostalgia. Neither are good business practices.

I was once told, "If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got." That is not true today. "If you always do what you have always done," You will soon wonder what happened to everyone else. The world is changing. We must also.

We will soon be scheduling member meetings throughout the service areas of the two electric cooperatives to discuss this important decision that the members of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and the members of Central Rural Electric Cooperative will be asked to make. It is our hope that every member of both cooperatives will take the time to learn about this proposal and then vote when the time comes. We will be sending you more information on the potential consolidation as the process moves toward to a membership vote. We will do our best to make the area member information meetings worthy of your attendance. We will be notifying all members regarding the area information meetings by mail. We expect that these discussion meetings will begin in the 4th quarter of this year and that a deciding vote will take place during 2015. We are asking for your participation as we move forward. The decision to consolidate can only be made by a vote of the members.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

BEGINNING BALANCE 7/31/14.....	\$202,808.78
DEPOSITS.....	8,166.96
INTEREST INCOME .....	11.36
CHECKS ISSUED .....	-11,313.81
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID .....	-9,663.81
BALANCE 8/30/14.....	\$190,009.48

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

## Pay Your Bill Online, Access Your Account Anytime with Our Free E-bill Service

Using our free E-bill service you can pay your bill online quick and easy. Plus, you can access your account 24 hours a day. Here's how to sign up:

Go to [Canadianvalley.org](http://Canadianvalley.org)

Click on Pay Your Bill Online

Select New User Registration (You will need your CVEC account number and a valid E-mail address)

For mobile devices (iPhone, iPad or Android):

Download the free SmartHub app.

Enter Canadian Valley Electric Co-op for the service provider

Enter the E-mail 811100200 address that was registered during the E-bill sign up.

If you have any difficulty, call our office at (405) 382-3680 or (405) 273-4680 during normal business hours.



### October is Cooperative Month

## Celebrate the Cooperative Way

The utility that keeps your lights and appliances humming along every day is a cooperative business, not a corporation.

Cooperatives are owned by the consumers who use their services: you and your neighbors. In fact, your electric cooperative doesn't ever refer to you as a "customer." Instead, everyone who works here knows you

are a "member."

Every October is Cooperative Month, when members from more than 29,000 cooperatives nationwide – including more than 900 electric cooperatives – celebrate their heritage.

Take a few moments this month to learn a little more about the way your electric cooperative does business.

Here is the basic cooperative

business philosophy: We are not-for-profit, democratically controlled, volunteer-run and member-owned.

That means we don't sell stock to out-of-state shareholders and let outsiders decide what's best for our local consumer-members.

And it means that any member – including you – can run for election to the cooperative's board of directors, a body that hires the manager and sets policies for the utility.

If you don't want to be a board member, you still can vote for the candidates you would like to represent you.

### **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!

## Don't Get Scammed

If an employee of your electric cooperative calls you on the phone, he or she will never ask you for passwords, user names or complete Social Security numbers.

So if someone calls and claims to work for the utility and asks you for this information, you'll have a pretty good idea that person is a fraud.

These scammers are trying to get your bank account and credit card numbers so they can rob you. Sometimes, they say they're from the "electric authority" or from an electric company in the city that doesn't even have customers near here.

If you suspect a caller is pretending to be an electric cooperative employee in an effort to scam you, hang up. Then, call the utility to report what happened.

## 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

2001 Grand Cherokee Limited Jeep, new tires, \$5,995, 761-9046.

2007 Lincoln MKX, 1 owner, good condition, low mileage, (580) 504-0006.

2006 Ford Ranger V6 XLT, regular cab, cruise, AC, tilt, 5-sp. transmission, retail \$8,825, asking \$6,625, (918) 866-2585.

1955 street legal dune buggy, \$6,500; 1922 Ford T-bucket, \$8,000; both vehicles in good condition, 964-3553.

2007 Lincoln MKX, 1 owner, clean, new tires, low mileage, 598-3449.

Good 1999 Chevy Silverado 2500 pickup, 107K miles, kept inside, \$6,500, 964-2569.

2004 GMC extended cab pickup, 5th wheel w/electric brakes, camper top, 80K miles, extras plus, \$9,200, 213-9607.

### Farm

M5 Minneapolis-Moline 4C diesel - No. 3 point, \$1,700, 379-5772.

500-gal. propane tank, \$500, 279-3897.

30-kW diesel generator set-up for 110-220-volt single ph., 760-4446.

16 wh. rake, exc. alfalfa, 275-6301.

2030 John Deere - 60 hp,

380-7035.

12' John Deere 32 hp tractor w/implements, Macomb-Wanette area, 313-0246.

Brush hog, \$300, 788-9709.

Allis Chalmers D17 converted propane to gas, 63 hp, 2 WD, \$6,000; Massey Ferguson 135, parts only, \$1,000; 20' gooseneck trailer, 4' dove w/ winch, \$4,000; 5'x14' open-top stock trailer, \$1,200, 808-0842.

### Miscellaneous

10'x13.5' disassembled storage building, double-door end, all metal frame, used 1 yr., \$285, 878-6697.

Bermuda grass hay, fertilized & sprayed, \$50; 4'x5.5' mixed bermuda & native, \$35; 4'x5.5' sq. bales prairie, \$4 ea., 596-3482.

30-gal. fish tank, stand, all accessories, \$125, 454-3157.

Beautiful long strapless party dress for the holidays, hot pink, size 9-10, \$25, 382-1141.

GE washer & dryer, \$200; refrigerator, \$100; 220 AC lg. \$250; 110 AC, \$75; LP dryer, \$125, 275-3419.

Twin grave plots, Shawnee Resthaven Cemetery, Masonic Garden, 598-1202.

Queen-size mattress w/ box springs, \$85; boxes of merchandise for flea market or garage sale, priced so you can make a profit, \$3 and up, 398-4912.

39 4'x5' net-wrapped bales of 2014 bottomland hay, \$40 ea., 567-9492.

Five burial spaces in Fairview Cemetery, Shawnee, \$400 ea., 273-1645.

Square bales prairie hay, \$4 ea., 598-5860.

New youth drum set, \$100, 761-9046.

Log cabin logs, Eastern Red Cedar, about 3,300' @ \$7/ft., 5.5x5.5 tongue-in-groove, 630-5073.

Spalding World Pro electronic dart board w/wood cabinet, exe. condition, \$125, 570-4482.

Lexington queen bedroom suite, \$500; winter clothing - all sizes, both genders, 25¢, 598-1202.

Round bales grass hay, \$35, 205-8706, 454-0510.

Rare Flintstones surprise egg machine, \$400, 788-9709.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. hand-crank wall-mounted telephone, \$250; 1950s school desk, \$50; Oklahoma WPA 12-lb. sledge hammer, \$100, 454-2046.

30 4'x5' round bales of hay, \$30 ea., 808-0842.

### Pets/Livestock

FREE - 4 young black cats about 6 mos. old, 3 males, 1 female, 333-2449.

Gentle gray gelding, 12-year-old palimino mare, saddles,

tack, 3-horse slant trailer, Wetumka, 452-3267.

AKC Siberian Husky adults/puppies, \$100-\$1,200; 2 sets of large pet cages, \$400 ea., text at 802-4415.

Blue Merle Aussie, male, no bad habits, just too many dogs, \$200, 567-0159.

Cockatiels, \$30 ea., 566-9535.

Nanny and billy goats, 273-8358.

AKC-registered Great Dane puppies, 1st shots, & wormed, Blues - \$600, other colors - \$500, 918-618-2123 before 9 p.m.

### Real Estate

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

Flint Ridge Resort by Illinois River, 1 acre - Lakemont Shores, 2-2.5 tracts by Grand Lake, 390-2571.

20 acres, 1,920-sq. ft. home w/4 BDR, 2 BA, 2 living areas, stocked pond, all app, Macomb-Wanette area, \$155,000, 313-0246.

3 BDR 2 BA home w/carport, barn, corrals, shop building, on 4 acres, Prague area, 760-8165.

3 BDR. 2.5 BA, 2-story home in South Rock Creek, w/pool, big yard, \$180,000, 395-2962.

### RV/Marine

2009 38' Heartland Big Country 5th wheel, washer & dryer hook-up, 4 slide-outs, king bed, all seasons electric awning, loaded, like new, \$33,000, 382-7206.

2007 Class A 31' motor home, lots of extra features, good condition, 275-4263, 206-1346.

17' bumper-pull travel trailer, \$1,800, 398-4662.

24' travel trailer, 275-6301.

Sportmans 29' 5th wheel travel trailer w/hitch, kept inside, \$5,000, 964-2569.

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

2000 Dutchstar RV, low mileage, Cummins diesel, Allison transmission, new Michelin tires, big slide-out, exe. condition, \$40,000, 918-724-2970.

### Services

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

### Wanted

Fryer rabbits & breeding stock, 273-7366.

Parts for cookoff set disk - 12", 409-9081.

Good used tuba, 273-0817.

## Warm Up Your Water Heater

You're not the only one who stays warmer when you zip up a fluffy winter jacket. Your water heater does, too.

Adding insulation to the outside of a water heater can reduce the amount of heat it loses by more than 25 percent.



### Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

Fall is here, and that means colder months will be here before we know it. Is your home prepared for the drafts that may enter? Tight-fitting insulating drapes or shades are a perfect way to keep the heat in and the cold out.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy