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ELECTRALITE

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives
The power of human connections®

April 2017 SUPPLEMENT TO OKLAHOMA LIVING

Co-op Taxes Support Area Schools

Although co-ops don't pay income tax, we do pay a 2-percent gross receipts tax. It is in lieu of ad-valorem, sales, and other excise taxes. The gross receipt tax is then distributed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to area school districts based on the miles of co-op power lines within the district.

In 2016 CVEC paid $1,046,075.74 in gross receipt taxes. That amount, coupled with the $551,466.18 paid by WFEC, totaled over $1,597,541 paid to area schools.

The accompanying chart details the taxes paid to each school district in CVEC's service territory.

Cleveland		
Little Axe	CVEC	$475.40
	WFEC	24,795.87
Creek		
Gypsy	CVEC	51.72
Hughes		
Calvin	CVEC	3.98
Dustin	CVEC	21,776.83
	WFEC	20,875.37
Holdenville	CVEC	30,099.29
Moss	CVEC	6,363.18
	WFEC	6,389.90
Wetumka	CVEC	57,318.35
	WFEC	10,208.57
Lincoln		
Chandler	CVEC	5,718.71
Davenport	CVEC	5,537.70
Meeker	CVEC	48,536.40
	WFEC	24,159.42
Prague	CVEC	98,164.83
	WFEC	53,588.60
Stroud	CVEC	3,650.03
Wellston	CVEC	15,107.33
White	CVEC	31,571.24
Rock	WFEC	1,451.09
McIntosh	CVEC	340.14
Checotah	CVEC	39,587.37
Eufaula	WFEC	76.37
	CVEC	27,358.29
Hanna	WFEC	30,396.58
Okfuskee	CVEC	13,884.02
Bearden	WFEC	33,527.88
Graham	CVEC	3,669.92
	WFEC	10,539.52
Mason	CVEC	984.61
Okemah	CVEC	7,817.22
Paden	CVEC	42,634.70
	WFEC	14,918.25
Weleetka	CVEC	3,948.39
	WFEC	24,744.95
Oklahoma		
Harrah	CVEC	22,952.40
	WFEC	1,323.80
Luther	CVEC	920.96
Pott.		
Asher	CVEC	23,232.87
Bethel	CVEC	25,910.22
	WFEC	30,803.90
Dale	CVEC	16,933.34
	WFEC	21,562.73
Earlsboro	CVEC	33,711.53
Grove	CVEC	6,508.39
Macomb	CVEC	34,533.03
	WFEC	28,385.41
Maud	CVEC	21,134.35
	WFEC	45,925.81
McLoud	CVEC	23,316.41
N. Rock Creek	CVEC	30,240.52
	WFEC	21,511.81
Pleasant Grove	CVEC	200.90
Shawnee	CVEC	1,332.71
S. Rock Creek	CVEC	12,479.71
Tecumseh	CVEC	45,751.64
	WFEC	41,572.54
Wanette	CVEC	57,602.79
Seminole		
Bowlegs	CVEC	12,734.32
	WFEC	13,849.03
Butner	CVEC	31,603.06
	WFEC	37,550.21
Justice	CVEC	4,935.00
Konawa	CVEC	39,857.89
	WFEC	8,019.20
New Lima	CVEC	12,744.26
	WFEC	15,478.32
Sasakwa	CVEC	24,482.03
Seminole	CVEC	14,444.96
Strother	CVEC	63,403.05
	WFEC	17,464.03
Varnum	CVEC	13,659.25
	WFEC	12,347.02
Wewoka	CVEC	6,850.51

TOTAL $1,597,541.92

Do we have your correct contact information?

There are times when we need to contact you, such as an emergency or when we have scheduled maintenance that could briefly interrupt your electric service.

In order to reach you, we need your correct contact information.

Please take a few minutes to call the co-op and provide us with your current 911 address, primary phone number, and your E-mail address, if you have one.

Thank you!

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P.O. Box 751 Seminole, OK 74818

Serving Hughes, Lincoln, McIntosh, Okfuskee, Pottawatomie, Seminole & portions of Oklahoma, Cleveland & Creek counties

Main Office and Headquarters

Interstate 40 at the Prague/Seminole Exit

Area Office

35 W. JC Watts Street, Eufaula

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

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Telephone Numbers

Seminole	(405) 382-3680
Shawnee	(405) 273-4680
Eufaula	(918) 689-3232
Prague	(405) 567-3206
Toll-free	(877) 382-3680

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 or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

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

Operating Statistics for January

	2016	2017
Operating Revenues	$5,276,926	$4,941,922
Wholesale Cost of Power	$3,744,386	$3,717,354
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	70.96	75.22
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.64	4.67
Revenue per Mile of Line	$1006.47	$939.71
KW Peak Demand - This month	154,489	161,211
Billing kW demand	103,288	102,428
KW Peak Demand - YTD	154,489	161,211
KWh Purchased - This month	73,088,894	68,709,358
Taxes Paid	104,085	$115,931
Interest on Long Term Debt	184,247	$174,810
System Load Factor	63.6	53.9

New Services Staked in February

During the month of February,36 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2017 is 61. This compares to 50 for the same period in 2016.

When thunderstorms are rolling your way, stay safe with these helpful tips from the American Red Cross:

- Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increasing wind.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely to occur. Many people struck by lightning are not in the area where rain is occurring.
- If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, take shelter in a substantial building or in a vehicle with the windows closed. Get out of mobile homes that can blow over in high winds.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors! The National Weather Service recommends staying inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Use battery-powered TVs 1007130705 and radios instead.
- Shutter windows and close outside doors securely. Keep away from windows.
- Do not take a bath, shower or use plumbing.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.
- If you are outside and cannot reach a safe building, avoid high ground; water; tall, isolated trees; and metal objects such as fences or bleachers. Picnic shelters, dugouts and sheds are NOT safe.

CVEC FOUNDATION, INC.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/31/17	$227,631.82
DEPOSITS	8,180.88
INTEREST INCOME	8.45
CHECKS ISSUED	-1,873.39
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-17,885.61
BALANCE 1/31/17	$216,062.15

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

Make Every Day Earth Day with Some Simple Energy Savers

Earth Day is on April 22 this year. Here are 10 ways to celebrate by saving energy at home:

1. Call a qualified air conditioning technician to service your central air conditioning system.

HVAC equipment needs service every year to head off major problems and keep the system running smoothly all summer.

2. As long as the spring weather is mild, open a window instead of turning on the air conditioner.

Draw soft spring breezes into the home by turning on your ceiling fans.

3. Cook outside on the grill as soon as the weather permits it. When you don't turn on your kitchen's cooktop or oven, you don't heat up your house.

4. Close the shades. It's tempting to leave them open on beautiful, sunny spring days. But if it's hot outside, that heat can find its way into your house through the windows and tempt you to crank the a/c up unnecessarily.

5. If it's sunny but not hot outdoors, throw those curtains open and let the natural daylight illuminate your home. Then, turn off the lights. You won't need them.

6. Don't have a programmable thermostat yet? It's time. Sometimes spring weather calls for heat and sometimes you need the a/c. A programmable thermostat will help you limit how much energy you use for either by automatically turning the temperature up or down as needed.

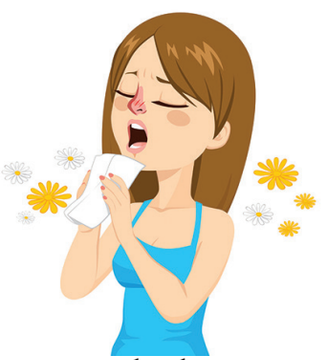
7. Seal the ducts in your central air conditioning system. Leaky ducts can push your cooling costs up by as much as 30 percent.

8. Likewise, caulk around windows and electrical outlets so cool air can't escape your house and hot air can't get in.

9. Keep your home's humidity levels low by running kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans—but only until the smoke or steam clears. Running them for too long will suck more than humidity and odor from your home. Those fans can send your comfortable, conditioned air out of the house.

10. Change your a/c filter. A clogged filter forces your system to work harder and use more energy. It also can send the dust and allergens it collects right back into your indoor air.

How to Buy a HEPA Vacuum Cleaner



If someone in your home has allergies or asthma, you need to keep your home as free of dust and other airborne allergens as possible. A high-efficiency particulate air—or HEPA—vacuum cleaner can help you do that.

If you're in the market for a HEPA vacuum cleaner, consider:

- The size of your home. The bigger the vacuum cleaner, the more expensive it is. So if you live in a small apartment, buy a small vacuum. If you live in a big home, though, the investment in a large machine might be worth it.
- Your floor coverings. Few who suffer from severe allergies have wall-to-wall carpeting because it traps so much dust and dirt. If you do have a lot of rugs around the house, though, choose a vacuum cleaner with powerful suction, and consider an upright model. It will be easier on your back. On the other hand, hardwood floors—or even a mix of rugs and wood—call for a canister vacuum that can easily glide from one kind of floor covering to the other.
- The size of your closets. Upright vacuum cleaners are easier to tuck into a corner or a closet than canister vacuums. But canister vacuums tend to be lighter than uprights and come with a lot of attachments for vacuuming ceramic tile floors, furniture and car seats.
- How bad your allergies are. A HEPA vacuum cleaner can do a good job of sucking up tiny, airborne allergens that have settled on furniture and in carpets. Between cleanings, however, those settled allergens wind up in the air you breathe every time someone walks on the carpet or sits of a sofa.
- For severe sufferers, a built-in central vacuum cleaner system with a high-test motor and an extra-long hose might be a good choice. The vacuum in permanently installed in a basement garage or storage room, with inlets installed in walls around the house. Long hoses attach to those inlets so you can vacuum rooms. Dust and allergens are transported to a collection container in the permanent location.

Electralite Classified Ads

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. Length of the ad cannot exceed space provided below. Ads run only one time and must be resubmitted to appear in the next edition. **Return the completed form to P. O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818. Forms may also be dropped off at either office location, or email your ad to editor@canadianvalley.org. Ads must be received by the 5th of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

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All information below must be completed.

Name _____

Address _____

Account # _____

Phone # _____

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

2005 Suzuki Quad Sport 80, low hours, runs great, $875, 405-365-2563.

1933 Ford Vicky, custom kit, drives, $13,000, 405-227-6051.

HOME & LAND

80 acres - 50 pasture, 30 wooded, 4 ponds, 2 house places, storm cellar on one, both places have rural water, turkey and deer hunting, $110,000, 918-470-3651.

160 acres w/2 ponds, partially fenced, great for hunting, north of Prague on 1000 Rd., 1/4 east, call for appointment and/or price, 405-740-2879.

Five acres, 11 miles south of Tecumseh, off 177, $15,000, 405-227-6051.

FARM & RANCH

Pruebred black polled Gelbvieh bulls, small birth weight, rapid growth, 405-567-3125.

Mixed prairie hay, round bales, Bermuda, blue stem, yellow hop clover, net-wrapped, $40/bale if more than one is purchased, $45 single bales, cash only please, 405-567-9008.

Commercial Angus calving ease bulls, Wye bloodline to produce low maintenance cows, 21-mos., fertility tested, $2,500, 405-820-0332.

John Deere baler, 5X6, good belts, tires, gathering wheels, barn-kept, good condition, $4,000; John Deere 9' mower, excellent condition, $4,000; WW stock trailer, 3-slant, 16' goose neck, new tires, storage compartment, fair condition, $2,500, 918-652-1877.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kirby vacuum cleaner, $75; hutch, $400; stainless steel sinks, $25; entertainment center, $30, $405-712-2621.

Electric lounge chair that makes into a twin bed, sits up to watch TV, lies down, 405-598-1202.

Refrigerator, freezer, washer, dryer, cookstove, dishwasher, 405-273-7874.

Queen single-chamber Sleep Number bed, bought in 2012, excellent condition, $1,000, 405-585-3397.

Violet colors 8-piece dinnerware set, plates, cups, saucers, bowls, dessert plates, 405-598-1202.

Blue Heeler puppies, Red Heeler puppies, $200 ea. 405-420-8759.

Heavy antique dining set - table w/2 drop leaves, buffet, 5 chairs, Prague, $200, 918-421-1901.

5 hp 3 ph electric motor, 12" table saw, 2,700 psi power wash, 5 hp air pump, 5 burner propane heater, 405-454-2126.

Clothes racks $10 ea.; FREE men's clothes - all kinds & sizes, 405-598-1202

New Nissan Titan heavy duty running boards, in box, never used. $150, 405-313-4193.

Turkey gun, Remington 870 Express, 12-guage, laminated stock vent rib, fiber, optic screw-in chokes, turkey choke, hard case, like new, $350 cash, firm, 405-219-2673.

Wood & brown plaid couch and chair, reversible cushions, good condition, $150; long coffee table w/2 doors, Frormica top, good condition, $50, 405-380-3157.

Nice, strong attractive decorative steel yard fence, 4.5' tall by 10" sections, total about 75', $200, 405-275-5673.

Senco air guns SFN-11, SN-IV, M-11, lots of nails & staples, used in garage, $350; 10" Ryobi planer on table w/rollers, $75, 405-659-5047.

Compost or garden-ready soil, $50 small pickup load, will load your vehicle, off 3600, south of 99A, 405-683-9128.

AKC-registered Scottish Terrier puppies, born Jan. 30, females - $300, males - $250, Eufaula

Electric lounge chair, bed raises up and down, brown, extra wide, fits a twin sheet, $75 OBO, 405-788-1173.

500-gal. propane tank, been checked and is good to go, $450 firm, 405-566-9585.

WANTED: Good used gran drill, 16' max. width, with or without fertilizer box, also need used 3-pt. gopher bait applicator, 405-356-4147.

Hire the Right Electrician for the Job

If you didn't buy your home new, or if it is more than 20 years old, you should have an electrician check your electrical system to be sure it can safely handle your family's growing electricity needs.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International offers tips for selecting the best electrician for the job.

- Look online for a directory of local electrical contractors.
- Ask the electrician to show you current insurance certificates for liability, property damage and workers' compensation.
- Choose an electrician who has a contractor's license from the state.
- Do not hire electricians who go door-to-door asking for work. Reputable companies don't need to do that.
- Call more than one electrical contractor for estimates so you can comparison shop.
- Ask the contractor for local references or check with the Better Business Bureau.

Save the Date!

CVEC Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 12
Firelake Arena

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!