

## THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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### Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc.

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is \$.03361/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$33.61 per 1,000 kWh used.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase in power costs (over and above 5¢/kWh) charged to us by our wholesale power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo) in Topeka. The PCA varies each month depending on the wholesale charges from KEPCo, and is a flow-through on your electric bill.

### FROM THE MANAGER

## Serving You in 2013

The year 2013 is already upon us. Your cooperative is looking forward to continue providing dependable electric service with the advantages and convenience of local access to our Cedar Vale headquarters. Our goal is to furnish conscientious, responsive, and personal service to our members.

When you call us, you will contact a real person who is an employee or an after-hours answering service person. You will not have to wait through an automated answering system. If your time allows, we would welcome you to visit us in person any time you can.

The 2013 work plans and line operations include ongoing line upgrades and improvements set out in the 2010-2013 construction work plan. Routine line maintenance and right-of-way clearing activities will also be a major part of the work in order to control outages and line losses.

Safety awareness for both our

employees and the general public will continue to be emphasized throughout the year.

General administrative activities will be monitored for efficiency and effectiveness. Operating the Cooperative in a responsible financial manner will include finding the proper coordination of reasonable electric rates and long-term loan financing. A lengthy study of possible automated metering systems for the cooperative will continue.

Encompassing all of the 2013 expectations for the Cooperative is the willingness and receptiveness of the Cooperative staff to be accessible to you for any comments, needs, questions, or problems that you might have. Feel free to contact us to discuss any of your concerns.

We wish you a very successful and happy 2013!

*Allen Zadorozny, Manager*



Allen Zadorozny

## Nominating Committee Members Needed

Members are needed to serve on the nominating committee to provide candidates for the board of trustees.

Nominees for the board are considered for election by the members at the annual meeting May 7.

The nominating committee is appointed by the board of trustees in February. Members are encour-

aged to participate in the nominating process by contacting your district's board trustee and letting them know that you are willing to serve on the nominating committee.

Please contact me or your district's trustee if you can serve on the nominating committee, or would be willing to be nominated to run for election to the board of trustees.

# ATTENTION

High School  
Seniors  
Apply  
NOW  
for  
Caney Valley  
Electric  
Scholarships



Application  
Deadline  
March 31

## Caney Valley Electric Offers Scholarships to High School Seniors

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going on to college or a vocational-technical school.

**Application deadline for August enrollment is March 31, 2013.**

Please contact Caney Valley Electric or your high school counselor for further information.

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 7, 2013.

### Efficiency Tip of the Month

Sleek new flat-panel TVs can consume almost as much electricity as a refrigerator. In general, the bigger the screen, the more power it draws, and HD pulls more, too. Plasma screens use the most energy, while LCD TVs use much less. And remember to change your new TV's default settings to a power saver mode, and turn down the LCD backlight to save energy without sacrificing picture quality.

## Caney Valley Policy on Power Theft

Due to continuing problems with some cooperative members found tampering with the meter or other electrical devices and the resulting theft of services, the Caney Valley Electric Board of Trustees implemented a policy on power theft as follows:

Members are advised that Caney Valley Electric will hold members responsible both civilly and criminally for any theft of electric energy and/or meter tampering, pursuant to Kansas Statutes, plus any fees that may arise as a result of same. Kansas Statute 21-3704 specifies that theft of services is:

- ▶ Obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, tampering or use of false token or device.
- ▶ "Services" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to... public or municipal utility services... and rural electric cooperatives shall be considered public utilities.
- ▶ "Tampering" within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to:
  1. Making a connection of any wire, conduit or device to any service or transmission line owned by a public or municipal utility...;
  2. Defacing, puncturing, removing, reversing or altering any meter or any connections for the purpose of securing unauthorized or unmeasured electricity...;
  3. Preventing any such meters from properly measuring or registering;
  4. Knowingly taking, receiving, using or converting to such person's own use, or the use of another, any electricity... which has not been measured; or

5. Causing, procuring, permitting, aiding or abetting any person to do any of the preceding acts.

▶ In any prosecution under this section, the existence of any of the connections of meters, alterations or use of unauthorized or unmeasured electricity...shall be evidence of intent to violate the provisions of this section.

▶ Theft of services of the value of:

1. Less than \$1,000 is a class A misdemeanor
2. At least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000 is a level nine felony.

Indications of meter tampering or obvious theft witnessed by an employee or member of the public will be immediately investigated. The reporting party's name and other information shall be held confidential.

Members will be charged a \$100 fee if an account is found, for a second time, to have missing or tampered-with sealing devices.

For any subsequent occurrence, the members will also be responsible for all time and materials needed to repair and install any additional locking devices.

If a member is found to have willfully diverted power to any account for any reason, that account will be immediately disconnected. Power will not be restored until the account holder has paid a diversion charge of \$250 plus any estimated lost revenue charges.

Any damage to cooperative property will be billed on a time and material basis. Willfully diverting power a second time will result in a fee of \$500 plus any other charges. Management may seek prosecution under Kansas Statute #21-3704 of any person found diverting power or tampering with the meter.

### Outages for November 2012

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Listed below are the larger outages that occurred in November.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/11	East of Howard	40	1 hr 15 min	Reset line breaker
11/22	Longton area	34	2 hr 20 min	Reset line breaker
11/22	East of Sedan	65	3 hr 10 min	Jumper burned off at knife switch
11/26	East of Howard	40	35 min	Tree limbs in line

# Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp

July 13-19, 2013, to Steamboat Springs, CO

Attention High School Juniors

## Win a FREE Trip!

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring two students to an all-expenses-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 13-19, 2013.

This trip is part of a four-state Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy problems, safety, and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area, whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.

### Why should students apply?

- ▶ Make new friends from across Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming.
- ▶ Experience the beautiful Rocky Mountains.
- ▶ "Attended Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp" will look great on your resume.
- ▶ Whitewater rafting, dancing, shopping and volleyball—all in one camp.
- ▶ It's all FREE!

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send

by **February 16** to:

**CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**PO BOX 308**  
**CEDAR VALE, KS 67024**

2012 camp winners Justin Bryant (left), Luke Bellar and Kanyon Kelly enjoy the view on top of Lookout Mountain outside of Denver.



## Apply for Your FREE Trip Today!

Complete and return this application to Caney Valley Electric (PO Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024) by **February 16, 2013.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Electric Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the 2013 Youth Tour competition sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

# Let's Just Do It...Others Have!

BY DOUG RYE



Doug Rye

Wow, time really does pass quickly. Since my last column, both a hurricane and a major winter storm have pounded the northeastern United States.

The storms left millions without electricity. Hundreds of crews were sent by electric utilities to help restore this wonderful product called electricity. I heard several families say on TV that they did not realize how many ways that they used electricity until they were without it.

When I conduct my energy efficiency seminars at your local co-op, I show one PowerPoint slide that reads, "But the facts are, it is an all electric world." Yes, virtually everything in a house depends on electricity, even natural gas furnaces and clothes dryers.

I have always been impressed with the way that electric utilities work together to restore power during a time of crisis. Furthermore,

many of the utilities hit by Hurricane/Superstorm Sandy were "investor-owned, for-profit utilities," not "member-owned, non-profit" businesses like your electric cooperative.

Although those business models differ greatly, they worked together during a difficult situation to restore electricity to those without. What a beautiful example of electric utility workers from all walks of life across America working together to improve the quality of life for those in need. I hope our elected officials will take note of their unity.

Let's move on to energy efficiency. While going through the mail, I opened a letter from a lady who had attended a recent seminar. I would like to share the entire letter, but there just isn't enough space within this column. So I will just give you excerpts, exactly as written within the letter.

*"Doug: Well, I have debated on whether to write you about my electric bill, but I wanted you to know how pleased I am. Your advice worked. We talked last summer about adding insulation to my attic. My Uncle Shepherd at church said that he would help me. For many Friday mornings, Lowe's would have three (insulation) machines available. When we got there, they were all checked out. Finally, one Saturday in January, we got it done. We discovered there wasn't any insulation over my laundry room, which explains why it was like killing hogs in there in the winter and hot as Hades in the summer.*

*These are the things I noticed that were different after the insulation was added.*

*1. Felt warm when I walked into the laundry room. This was a first.*

*2. House was comfortable at 68 degrees. Did not have to layer*

*clothing.*

*3. Did not have to turn on back-up heat (gas stove).*

*4. Summer thermostat set at 78 (did not change at any time) and house was comfortable even on hottest days.*

*5. Did not have to turn on floor fans to stay cool.*

*6. Children, when they visited, did not complain that the house was too hot. First time ever.*

*7. Unit does not run for what seems forever. I used to hear it running forever when I woke in the middle of the night. Now when I wake up, I wonder why it isn't running.*

*8. Electric bill is reasonable. Hallelujah!"* She also mentioned that she caulked "like mad" and installed a Marathon water heater. Her last sentence says, "Thanks for taking the time to read my saga, but most of all thanks for all the help you give everyone on ways to cut down on energy costs."

Folks, the improvements that we teach always work. Just look at what adding cellulose attic insulation, caulking and installing a Marathon water heater did for this member—and you can do it, too!

Letters like these are humbling and make me proud to be affiliated with electric cooperatives. We've worked closely together for more than a decade to teach you how to take charge of your utility bills and improve the comfort of your home. Feedback like this is very rewarding, and I thank all of you who take the time to write.

**DOUG RYE** is a licensed architect and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show. You can contact Doug at 501-653-7931. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics		
For Month Ending	Oct. 2012	Oct. 2011
Meters Billed	5,583	5,574
kWh's Purchased	4,997,662	4,791,119
Cost per kWh	\$ 0.07980	\$ 0.08421
kWh Sold	5,200,385	5,243,110
Total Revenue	\$ 806,273	\$ 807,869
Purchased Power	\$ 398,809	\$ 403,487
Operating Expenses	\$ 186,304	\$ 153,019
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 50,361	\$ 50,117
Interest Expenses	\$ 30,755	\$ 29,162
Other Expenses	\$ 700	\$ 100
Operating Margins	\$ 139,343	\$ 171,984
Non-operating Margins	\$ 1,738	\$ 13,918
Total Margins	\$ 141,081	\$ 185,902
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 325,167	\$ 407,694