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THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, 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 a credit of \$0.00688/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to a credit of \$6.88 per 1,000 kWh. The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (or decrease) in power costs (over and above 7¢/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.

FROM THE MANAGER

Find Out More – Visit CaneyValley.com



Allen Zadorozny

Your electric cooperative's website, www.caneyvalley.com, is an excellent reference source to keep you current with the cooperative's

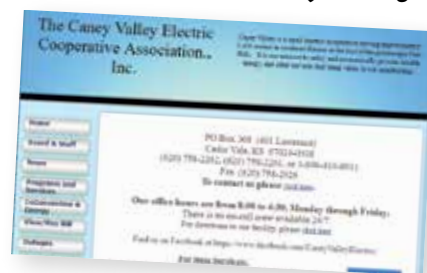
services and activities. The website contains a full complement of topics for your use and consideration:

- ▶ Electric Rate Schedules
- ▶ Online Bill Viewing and Payment
- ▶ Payment Options
- ▶ Important Bulletins and Notices
- ▶ Monthly Newsletters
- ▶ Rebates on Appliances and Heat Pumps
- ▶ Ground Source Heat Pump Loans
- ▶ Economic Development Loans
- ▶ Emergency Standby Generators
- ▶ Energy Efficiency Tips

- ▶ Renewable Energy Source Cost Estimates
- ▶ Brush Removal Cost Assistance
- ▶ Public Safety Programs
- ▶ UPS Shipping
- ▶ Board of Trustee Members
- ▶ Employees

We encourage you to take time to access the website, and contact us if you have any questions or would like additional information. Also, we would appreciate any suggestions you may have to improve the website to serve you better.

Allen A Zadorozny, Manager



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your hot water tank warm to the touch? Consider insulating it to save 7 to 16 percent annually on water heating costs. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations. *Source: energy.gov*



Downed & Dangerous

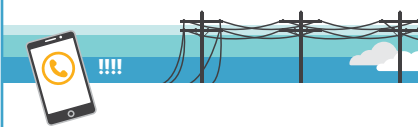
If you see a downed power line, always assume it is energized and dangerous. Avoid going near it or anything in contact with the power line.



Downed power lines can energize the ground up to **35 ft.** away – so keep your distance.



Never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.



If you see a downed line, notify the local authorities immediately.



Never try to move a downed power line, even if you think the line is deenergized or if you're using a non-conductive item – this will not prevent injury or death!

Source: ESFI.org

2019 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections

Caney Valley Electric is required to give a summary of the bylaws section on the election process prior to the nominating committee meeting selecting individuals for Board of Trustees positions.

The following is taken from **Article III (Trustees), Section 3 (Nominations)** of Caney Valley's current bylaws:

"It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 members, who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the area served or to be served by the cooperative.

No officer or member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed a member of such committee. Said committee shall nominate at least two members as candidates for each Trustee position to be elected at any annual meeting. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least 25 days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Trustees; but any 15 or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than 20 days prior to the meeting,

Trustee Terms Expiring in 2019

DISTRICT 1

KENNY BATES, Cedar Vale

DISTRICT 2

CARL JOHNSON JR., Atlanta

DISTRICT 3

STEVE CLARK, Havana

and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted... Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations be made from the floor at the meeting of the members."

The Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominating committee at their Jan. 8, 2019, board meeting. **In the past, it has been difficult to find members able to participate on this committee and serve on the board if nominated.**

If you would like to be considered to serve on the committee and/or agree to serve as a board member if nominated, contact a trustee or the cooperative office to let us know.

Caney Valley Electric's annual meeting has been moved forward from recent years and will be held **Thursday, March 14, 2019, at Cedar Vale.**

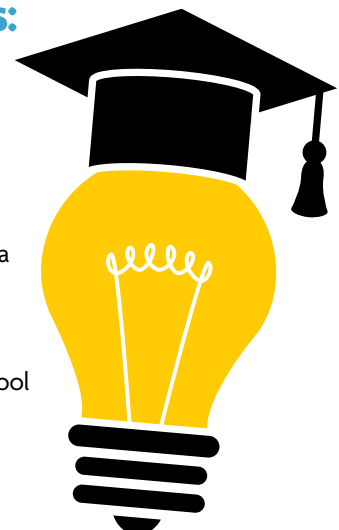
Attention High School Seniors: Scholarships Available Apply by Feb. 20

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 **FEB. 20, 2019.**

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

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting March 14, 2019.





COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

JULY 12-18, 2019
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO



The 2018 campers pose during Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Next year's camp is scheduled for July 12-18, 2019.

Apply to Win a Free Trip of a Lifetime

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring two all-expenses-paid trips to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 12-18, 2019. Rafting, hiking and building memories—it's not just another trip! At camp, you will join winners from other co-ops in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming at the Glen Eden Resort in the beautiful Rocky Mountains to build valuable leadership skills and friendships of a lifetime. So pack your sunscreen and hiking shoes and get ready to build memories that will last a lifetime.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in

our service area whose parents or guardians are members of Caney Valley Electric. Contest entrants may be interviewed and required to take a brief written test covering material that will be made available to each contestant.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send by **Jan. 20, 2019**, to Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024.

Once we receive this form, material will then be sent to you to complete the process.

Contest Application for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp—Due Jan. 20, 2019

Complete and return this application to Caney Valley Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024.

Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Year in School _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Phone Number _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Signature of Applicant _____

I hereby grant permission for _____ to apply for the 2019 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Caney Valley Electric's Policy on Power Theft

Due to problems with some cooperative members found tampering with meters 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:

- ▶ a) Obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, tampering or use of false token or device.
- ▶ b) "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.
- ▶ c) "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.
- ▶ d) 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.
- ▶ e) 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 9 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.

Caney Valley's Operating Statistics		
For Month Ending	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017
Meters Billed	5,335	5,403
kWh Purchased	4,605,789	4,658,832
Cost per kWh	0.08084	0.07958
kWh Sold	4,632,005	4,762,595
Total Revenue	\$779,760.42	\$741,522.25
Purchased Power	\$372,875.87	\$371,293.66
Operating Expenses	\$212,672.69	\$256,444.21
Depreciation Expenses	\$67,314.14	\$65,748.59
Interest Expenses	\$45,252.72	\$41,825.11
Other Expenses	\$270.00	\$582.00
Operating Margins	\$81,375.00	\$5,628.68
Non-Operating Margins	\$1,917.26	\$1,936.29
Total Margins	\$83,292.26	\$7,564.97
Margins Year-to-Date	\$433,091.54	\$93,420.60

Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call 866-632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax 202-690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Outages for November 2018

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/2	Havana area	45	40 min	Accident-wires slapped together
11/30	Caney substation	797	1 hr 30 min	Westar off
11/30	Chautauqua substation	893	1 hr 30 min	Westar off