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COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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FROM THE MANAGER

## Reviewing 2011 Operating Reports



Allen Zadorozny

Now that the 2011 Operating Reports are complete, the following comparisons covering the past 10 years can be made.

The increased costs for wholesale electricity purchased by the cooperative accounts for all of the increased price members pay per kilowatt-hour.

The basic electric rates charged by the cooperative are the same as implemented in 1993 and later reduced by five percent in 1999.

The increases in wholesale power costs above five cents per kilowatt-hour are being added to the members' electricity usage in order to maintain the cooperative's financial standing.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments concerning the information provided.

*Allen Zadorozny, Manager*

**Revenue and Expenses**

	2001	2006	2011
Total Revenue	\$ 5,520,190	\$ 6,793,084	\$ 9,080,922
Wholesale Power	2,616,914	3,746,133	5,470,554
Operating Expenses	1,657,131	1,639,740	2,146,532
Depreciation & Interest	883,121	961,198	937,461
Operating Margins	363,024	446,013	526,375
Non-Operating Margins	93,683	72,288	51,581
Total Working Margins	456,707	518,301	577,956
G&T Margins (non-cash)	-0-	115,659	369,834
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$456,707</b>	<b>\$633,960</b>	<b>\$947,790</b>

**Power Cost Adjustment**

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for March is \$.03201/kilowatt hour. This calculates to an additional \$32.01 per 1,000 kWh used.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase (over and above 5¢/kWh) in power costs 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 bills based on the factor for the month.

**Cooperative Statistical Comparison**

	2001	2006	2011
Average Monthly Usage—Residential Rate Accounts (kWh)	678	706	764
Average Monthly Usage—All Accounts (kWh)	782	858	957
Average meters Billed Monthly—All Accounts (meters)	5,149	5,298	5,572
Average meters Billed Monthly—Residential Rate Accounts (meters)	3,647	3,684	3,698
Average Cost per kWh—Residential Rate Accounts (cents/kWh)	11.37	12.87	14.40
Average Cost per kWh—All Accounts (cents/kWh)	11.30	12.64	14.07
Residential Accounts (% increase)	---	13.20%	26.80%
All Accounts (% increase)	--	11.90%	24.50%
<b>Wholesale Power Increase</b>			
Average kWh Cost for Wholesale Power	4.92¢	6.43¢	7.82¢
Percent Increase	--	30.70%	58.90%

## National Co-op Month Poster Contest Results

To commemorate National Cooperative Month, we once again invited area fifth graders to participate in an electrical safety poster contest.

Posters were judged by a three-person committee, and one winner from each school won \$25. Included are some of the posters submitted.

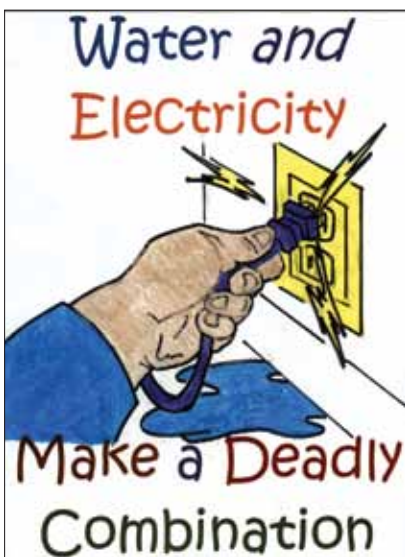
Thank you to all the students who participated. There were a lot of excellent posters submitted, and the committee had a hard time deciding on a winner from some of the schools. Thanks again, kids!



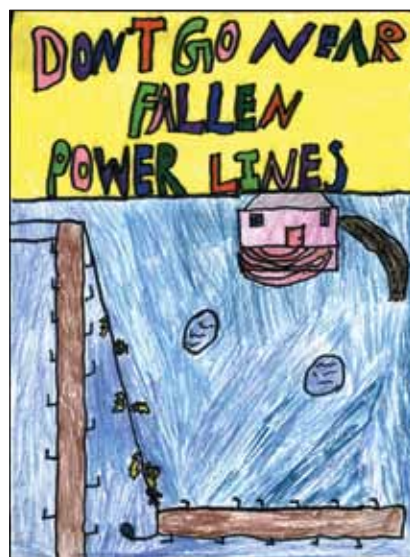
Cory Goad, Central



Ryan Bruce, Elk Valley



Malachi Reynard, Cedar Vale



Shelby Hambleton, Sedan

## Budget Billing Programs Available

Caney Valley Electric has two payment programs available to help you manage payment of your electric bills.

The first is called Levelized Billing. At present, this program is only available to town-residential members. The payment on this program readjusts slightly each month as it figures your bill based on the average of the previous 12 months, plus it factors in

any actual balance on your account. Members can sign up on this program at any time.

The second is called Budget Billing. Residential members are allowed to sign up for this program in October and March. Members are required to pay a set amount each month, which may be adjusted every six months depending on actual kilowatt-hour costs,

including power costs.

At the end of a 12-month period, you will be required to pay and bring to date any amounts still owing on your account.

For both programs, members must be current on their bills and must have paid without penalty for the previous 12-month period.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact our office.



# From Caney Valley Kitchens

## Submit Your Favorite Recipe Today

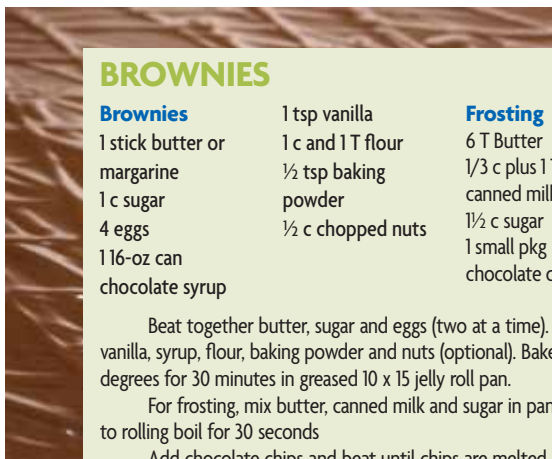


Linda Bowlin



Lee Taylor

These recipes were submitted by Linda Bowlin and Lee Taylor, Atlanta. Linda has been a member of Caney Valley since 1980.



### BROWNIES

#### Brownies

1 stick butter or margarine  
1 c sugar  
4 eggs  
1 16-oz can chocolate syrup

1 tsp vanilla  
1 c and 1 T flour  
½ tsp baking powder  
½ c chopped nuts

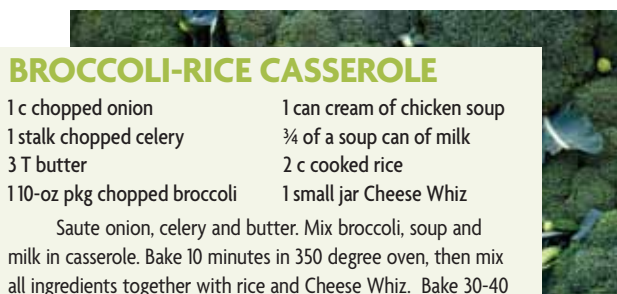
#### Frosting

6 T Butter  
1/3 c plus 1 T canned milk  
1½ c sugar  
1 small pkg chocolate chips

Beat together butter, sugar and eggs (two at a time). Add vanilla, syrup, flour, baking powder and nuts (optional). Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes in greased 10 x 15 jelly roll pan.

For frosting, mix butter, canned milk and sugar in pan, bring to rolling boil for 30 seconds

Add chocolate chips and beat until chips are melted. Spread over hot brownies.



### BROCCOLI-RICE CASSEROLE

1 c chopped onion  
1 stalk chopped celery  
3 T butter  
1 10-oz pkg chopped broccoli

1 can cream of chicken soup  
¾ of a soup can of milk  
2 c cooked rice  
1 small jar Cheese Whiz

Saute onion, celery and butter. Mix broccoli, soup and milk in casserole. Bake 10 minutes in 350 degree oven, then mix all ingredients together with rice and Cheese Whiz. Bake 30-40 minutes at 350 degrees.



### CASSEROLE OF CORN

8 oz pkg softened cream cheese  
2 cans shoe peg corn, drained

1 small can green chilies  
Salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together, put into greased 8 x 8 baking dish, and microwave on high until cheese melts.

## How to Submit

Submit the following information:

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Contact information
- ▶ Photo of yourself with the finished product (if possible)
- ▶ The recipe (clearly printed or typed)

Send your entry to:

Caney Valley Electric  
Attn: Recipes  
P.O. Box 308  
Cedar Vale, KS 67024  
E-mail to [cve@caneyvalley.com](mailto:cve@caneyvalley.com)

## Mark Your Calendars!

Join Caney Valley Electric for our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at Cedar Vale High School Gymnasium. Dinner begins at 5:30 with the meeting following at 7 p.m.

May 2012						
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**We hope to see you there!**



## ATTENTION

### High School Seniors

#### Scholarship Deadline is March 31

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, 2012.**

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

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting on May 1, 2012.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

# Simple Facts: Gas vs. Electric Heating Systems

BY DOUG RYE



Doug Rye

About an hour before Professor Tom Hunt and I went on the air recently to host our weekly radio program, we were discussing our show preparation for 2012. Of course, our goal is to help as many of you as possible.

We have been teaching energy efficiency for more than 25 years and realize that as advancements in “building science” are discovered, there is more to teach and reveal. We share our knowledge with you monthly in print in this magazine, with a weekly radio broadcast, scheduled seminars and individual phone calls and e-mail responses.

Each week, Tom and I receive numerous calls, letters and e-mails from the radio show listeners and readership of this column. Most are letters of appreciation. However, sometimes we get letters from folks who still have some questions regarding our suggestions.

Here is an excerpt of a letter I received from a listener.

He said, “I added cellulose insulation in our attic and installed geothermal heating and cooling, and my electric usage went up instead of down. I’m not happy. Please call me.”

There was a time in my distant past that I would have been nervous about returning his call. However, I was anxious to talk to him because I have learned that energy efficiency measures, properly installed, work every time.

He was a little surprised that I returned his call so promptly. He made the improvements 11 months ago and had good records of electricity use. I asked him questions for about 10 minutes and didn’t yet have the answer. I asked him if his previous system was a heat pump or electric resistance heat. He answered that the previous system was a propane furnace and no central cooling.

Here’s an “a ha” moment! I asked him what his monthly propane bill was in the winter months of 2010 and he said about \$130 per month. I asked him what his propane bill was so far in the winter of 2011.

He said he didn’t have a propane bill anymore. Then he got excited and almost shouted, “Oh wow, now I understand. My electric bill went up \$35, but my propane bill went down \$130.”

I then suggested that he have a sub-meter installed on his geothermal system so that he could know exactly how much

electricity the geothermal unit uses each month. He was very appreciative and kept thanking me.

This fellow had already solved his problem, but just needed a little help understanding it. I think that we now have a fellow who may recommend what he did to improve his house.

Unfortunately, many folks just can’t afford to make energy efficiency improvements. It usually hinges on income challenges.

As one caller told me, “I am one of those who has to choose between food, medicine and utility bills every month. I cannot afford all three.”

Even in this case, I try to help in some way. I am always humbled that they would call me for help.

Tom and I decided that we would not assume that folks already know the answer, and we would always try to keep our teaching as simple to understand as possible.

In these next few issues, I will continue to teach and help you understand energy efficiency, from the very basic laws of physics to the application of energy efficiency improvements for your house.

I can hardly wait and hope that the information will help you. P.S., If our radio program is not on a station in your area, you can go to [www.1037thebuzz.com](http://www.1037thebuzz.com) and hear the show live at 9:06 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

**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	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2010	Year End 2011	Year End 2010
Meters Billed	5,571	5,543	5,571	5,543
kWh Sold	4,565,415	4,748,285	63,983,709	61,193,075
Total Revenue	\$ 663,795	\$ 658,921	\$ 9,080,922	\$ 8,021,576
Purchased Power	\$ 295,161	\$ 413,234	\$ 5,470,554	\$ 4,678,583
Operating Expenses	\$ 168,503	\$ 153,264	\$ 2,146,534	\$ 2,048,697
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 48,207	\$ 47,788	\$ 586,628	\$ 552,070
Interest Expenses	\$ 29,130	\$ 28,003	\$ 344,731	\$ 364,076
Other Expenses	\$ 724	\$ 491	\$ 6,101	\$ 7,067
Operating Margins	\$ 122,070	\$ 16,140	\$ 526,375	\$ 371,084
Non-operating Margins	\$ 371,691	\$ 258,952	\$ 421,415	\$ 305,940
Total Margins	\$ 493,761	\$ 275,093	\$ 947,790	\$ 677,023
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 947,790	\$ 677,023	\$ 947,790	\$ 677,023

## Outages for January 2012

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. January was a very good month as far as outages and we did not have any that involved a large number of members. Almost all were individual outages.