

THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC
 COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

TheVoice

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 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 April is \$.01447/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$14.47 per 1,000 kWh used.

The PCA was implemented in 2002 to cover only the increase 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.

FROM THE MANAGER

Join us for Annual Meeting

This month we want to encourage you to attend the cooperative's Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 4, at the Cedar Vale School.

Cooperative members and their families can enjoy a hamburger supper that is served from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In addition to the meal, musical entertainment will be provided during the supper and member registration process.

Registration favors, including a \$5 electric bill discount certificate, will be given along with chances to win one of many attendance drawing prizes.

The meeting will include business reports on your cooperative's operations and financial condition.

The most important part of the meeting is the election of three Trustees for the Board. The Board-appointed nominating committee

has submitted the names below to be considered for election at the meeting.

▶ **District 1, Position 1**
 Kenny Bates, Cedar Vale

▶ **District 2, Position 1**
 Carl Johnson, Jr., Atlanta
 Marion Reece, Moline

▶ **District 3, Position 1**
 Jann Bowman, Sedan
 George Tolbert, Sedan

The cooperative's by-laws provide that additional nominations can be made during the meeting.

The nominees for Board Trustee are to be commended for being willing to offer their time and commitment to the governance of the cooperative's operations.

Mark your calendar today, and we hope to see you at the meeting!



Allen Zadorozny

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| 23/30 | 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

Please, No Paper Clips!

Please do not put paper clips, staples, and other like objects in the envelope when you mail in your payment.

We use an electric mail opener because of the volume of mail we receive, and it sometimes breaks down or causes damage to the machine when a paper clip or staple gets caught in the equipment.

We'd very much appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you!

Caney Valley Changes Disconnect Notice Procedures

Caney Valley has implemented a new procedure to notify members about delinquent accounts and service disconnects for non-payment.

The current method of dealing with delinquent accounts has been monitored for years regarding expenses involved covering labor, forms, and postage. Due to the expenses and time involved, the **delinquent notices will no longer be mailed.**

Members who have past-due unpaid monthly bills will be reminded that their service is subject to disconnect on the regular monthly bills. A notice reminder will be printed on the monthly bill that payment was not received for the prior month's bill. This will be the only collection notice.

Although a large percentage of accounts which receive delinquent notices are the same each month, we plan to send letters to all members explaining the new system. These changes are scheduled to begin in May.

We would greatly appreciate your attention and cooperation with this significant change in handling delinquent accounts.

Annual Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at the Cedar Vale School Gymnasium



Join us to hear cooperative news and socialize with other Caney Valley members.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Caney Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will be held at the Cedar Vale School gymnasium, Cedar Vale, on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of electing Trustees, hear reports of officers, and to transact such other business which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of trustees scheduled for the meeting, the following members nominated in accordance with the bylaws to fill Position 1 of each district for a three-year term are listed below.

Additional nominations may be



Caney Valley Board president, Dale Clubine, addresses the membership at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

made from the floor during the annual meeting.

- ▶ Free meal 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ Registration 6 p.m.
- ▶ Entertainment 6–7 p.m.
- ▶ 7 p.m. Business meeting

According to Article II, Section 7 of Caney Valley Electric's Bylaws, the order of the business meeting shall be as follows:

- ▶ Call to order
- ▶ Election of Position 1 Trustees
- ▶ Proof of notice of meeting to members
- ▶ Business, old and new
- ▶ Reading of minutes of last meeting
- ▶ Attendance prizes
- ▶ Adjournment

Operating Statistics

| For Month Ending | Jan. 2010 | Jan. 2009 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Meters Billed | 5,520 | 5,511 |
| kWh Sold | 5,103,382 | 5,314,905 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 661,894 | \$ 635,073 |
| Purchased Power | \$ 371,799 | \$ 331,641 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 159,163 | \$ 156,775 |
| Depreciation Expenses | \$ 44,392 | \$ 43,574 |
| Interest Expenses | \$ 37,050 | \$ 34,117 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 450 | \$ 300 |
| Operating Margins | \$ 49,040 | \$ 68,665 |
| Non-operating Margins | \$ 1,964 | \$ 1,973 |
| Total Margins | \$ 51,004 | \$ 70,638 |
| Margins Year-to-Date | \$ 51,004 | \$ 70,638 |

2010 Trustee Nominations

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Outages for February 2010

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred during February 2010.

| Date | Area | Members Affected | Duration | Cause |
|------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 2/10 | Southwest of Dexter | 50 | 4 minutes | Crews switched line feed |

Recipes from Caney Valley's Members



Betsy Zadorozny

The following recipes were submitted by Betsy Zadorozny, wife of manager Allen Zadorozny, of Cedar Vale. Betsy is a teacher at the Cedar Vale Schools, and we all enjoy the treats she occasionally sends to the office!

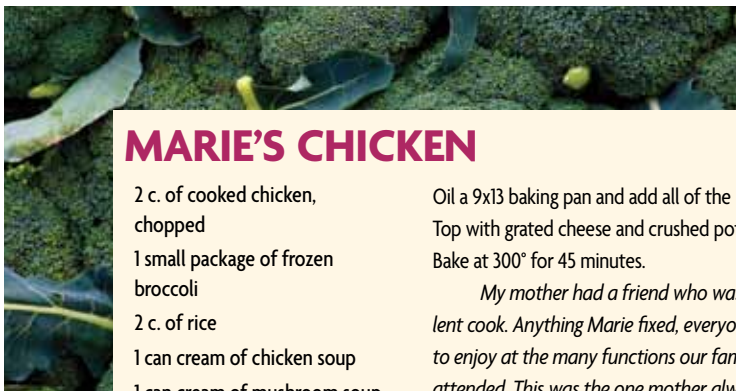
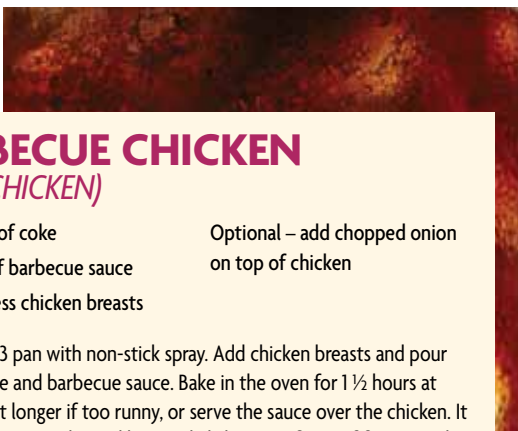
BARBECUE CHICKEN (COKE CHICKEN)

1 8-oz can of coke
1 ½ cups of barbecue sauce
6-8 boneless chicken breasts

Optional – add chopped onion on top of chicken

Spray a 9x13 pan with non-stick spray. Add chicken breasts and pour on the coke and barbecue sauce. Bake in the oven for 1 ½ hours at 350°. Bake it longer if too runny, or serve the sauce over the chicken. It should be very tender and have a slightly sweet flavor. If frying on the stovetop, use a medium heat until the chicken is cooked well. Then let it simmer on low until the sauce becomes thick and the chicken is tender.

I have fixed this for years after a friend told me it was one of her family's favorite dishes. She always used an iron skillet and baked it in the oven. I usually fix mine on the stove top because I'm in a hurry. This is a recipe that takes few ingredients and can be prepared in less than a minute. Most kids like it because the chicken has a slightly sweet flavor.



MARIE'S CHICKEN

2 c. of cooked chicken, chopped
1 small package of frozen broccoli
2 c. of rice
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 c. sour cream

Oil a 9x13 baking pan and add all of the ingredients. Top with grated cheese and crushed potato chips. Bake at 300° for 45 minutes.

My mother had a friend who was an excellent cook. Anything Marie fixed, everyone seemed to enjoy at the many functions our families attended. This was the one mother always made for pot luck dinners or family gatherings.

Statement of Nondiscrimination

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How to Submit

To submit your recipe please send the following information:

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

We will continue to run recipes as long as we receive them. Send your entry to:

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

Save Money with CFLs BY DOUG RYE

See, I told you it was easy to make your house more energy efficient. There are many steps you can take to make your home more energy efficient.

This month's improvement—compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)—should cost you less than \$20. That's a small price to pay for what I believe is the greatest advancement in lighting since Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent light bulb. In fact, CFLs are so great that I just know that Thomas would be proud of us.

When CFLs were first introduced, they cost about \$9 each and blinked when they first came on. Well, since then, "they've come a long way, baby." If you buy them in the four-pack, they now cost about \$3 each.

I want you to buy at least four CFLs and install them in your most used locations. (In my house, that would be the garage door opener light). I am aware that they may not fit

in some older appliances. They are available for recessed lighting, too, in both spotlight and floodlight designs.

So just what is the advantage of a CFL? First of all, the CFL uses two thirds less electricity than an equal-watt incandescent bulb. And since the CFL operates at a much lower temperature, they last much longer—in fact, they can last up to 10 times longer than a standard bulb. The filaments of the hotter burning incandescent bulbs simply burn out sooner because of the heat.

Next, consider this. Ninety percent of the energy of incandescent bulb turns into heat and 10 percent goes for light. In a CFL, 90 percent of the energy goes for light and only 10 percent for heat. (See how this might help reduce your cooling load in the summer).

Now, for the really good part. By the time the CFL burns out, you will have saved at least

what it cost you to buy the original four CFLs. By simply replacing a 100-watt incandescent bulb with a 32-watt CFL, you can save about \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb. Now, let's see... \$30 times four bulbs equals \$120 saved. Duh—no-brainer!

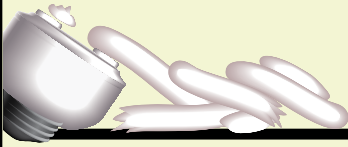
DOUG RYE is a licensed architect and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show. You can contact Doug at 888-Doug-Rye. Source: Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation.






Doug Rye

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How to Clean Up a Broken Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL)



- 1** Ventilate the room. 
- 2** Scoop up powder and glass fragments using stiff paper or cardboard. Seal in a plastic bag. 
- 3** Use duct tape to pick up any fragments or powder.
- 4** Immediately place all materials used to clean up and the plastic bag in an outdoor trash container. Remember to wash your hands. 
- 5** Discard any clothing or bedding that comes in direct contact with broken glass or powder from inside the bulb. Washing tainted items may cause mercury fragments in clothing to contaminate the machine and/or pollute sewage.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation Institute, YASLY

CFL Give-Away at Caney Valley Annual Meeting

Any Caney Valley members attending our annual meeting will receive a free CFL bulb for their home use.