

## THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

# TheVoice

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

Allen Zadorozny—General Manager

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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 \$.02800/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$28 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 at the Annual Meeting



Allen Zadorozny

We encourage you to attend your cooperative's annual meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Sedan.

Cooperative members and their families can enjoy a hamburger

supper from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In addition to the meal, the Sedan High School music students will provide entertainment during the supper and registration.

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

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

Two very important parts of the meeting are the consideration of a by-law amendment and the election of three Trustees for the Board.

Due to the increasing complexities involved with governing the operations of the cooperative, the Trustees have determined that it takes several years to develop the

expertise to competently oversee the cooperative's business. It is the Board's position that the cooperative would be better served to allow experienced Trustees to serve up to 15 consecutive years instead of the current nine-year limit. A proposed by-law change will be voted upon at the meeting.

The board-appointed nominating committee has submitted the following members to be considered for election at the meeting:

► **District 1, Position 2**

**CORAL ANN MAGNUS**, Cedar Vale

► **District 2, Position 2**

**DAVID EVANS**, Howard

**GARY RIERSON**, Grenola

► **District 3, Position 2**

**DAN HUBERT**, Sedan

**JACK NEWCOMB**, Elk City

The cooperative's by-laws provide that additional nominations can be made during the meeting. The nominees for Trustee are to be commended for being willing to offer their time and commitment for the benefit of the cooperative.

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

*Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager*

### Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at the Caney Valley Electric Annual Meeting May 3, 2011, at the Sedan Fairgrounds. Plan on attending to take part in the business of your cooperative!

**We hope to see you there!**

May						
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## By-Law Amendment NOTICE

The Cooperative's Board of Trustees has proposed a by-law amendment to be presented to the members at the annual meeting in Sedan, May 3, 2011. The by-law amendment would allow trustees to serve on the board for 15 consecutive years rather than the present limit of nine consecutive years.

Following is an excerpt from the ballot to be voted on at the annual meeting:

### By-Law Amendment Regarding Trustee Term Limits

#### Article III, Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure

The cooperative's current by-laws state that "No member shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee or to hold any position of trust in this cooperative who has served three consecutive terms as trustee without a one term layout. (A term shall be designated as three consecutive years.)"

Due to increasing complexities involved with governing the operations of the cooperative, the trustees have determined that it takes several years to develop the expertise to competently oversee the cooperative's business. They have proposed that the cooperative would be better served to allow trustees to serve five consecutive terms, or 15 consecutive years, instead of the current nine-year limit.

The proposal would change the by-laws to state that "No member shall be eligible to become or remain a Trustee or to hold any position of trust in this cooperative who has served five consecutive terms as trustee without a one term layout. (A term shall be designated as three consecutive years.)"

#### Vote for One:

**Yes**—Change the trustee term limits from three to five consecutive terms.

**No**—Do not amend these by-laws as proposed above.

*Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting to vote on this important by-law amendment!*

# Annual Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds



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 Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Sedan on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 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 have been nominated, in accordance with the bylaws, to fill Position 2 of each District for a three-year term:

- ▶ **District 1, Position 2**  
**CORAL ANN MAGNUS**, Cedar Vale
- ▶ **District 2, Position 2**  
**DAVID EVANS**, Howard  
**GARY RIERSON**, Grenola
- ▶ **District 3, Position 2**  
**DAN HUBERT**, Sedan  
**JACK NEWCOMB**, Elk City

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the annual meeting.



Caney Valley Board president, Dale Clubine, addresses the membership at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

### Meeting Schedule

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Proof of notice of meeting to members
- ▶ Voting on by-law amendment and election of Position 2 trustees
- ▶ Reading of minutes of last meeting
- ▶ Business, old and new
- ▶ Attendance prizes
- ▶ Adjournment



Energy Efficiency

*Tip of the Month*

Check your HVAC system's air filter monthly. If it looks dirty, change it.

A dirty filter makes your system work harder.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

## Recipes from Caney Valley's Members

We'd like to see the Recipe Corner continued, but we need your help! Please consider sharing your favorite recipes with our readers.



Connie Hoyt with Tonka

The following recipe for all horse lovers was submitted by Connie Hoyt of Burden. Connie has been a member of Caney Valley Electric since 2001.

### NEVER ENDING NICKERS HORSE COOKIES

2 cups grain (any kind)      ½ cup molasses or Karo syrup  
½ cup rolled oats (oatmeal)    ½ to ¾ cup flour, more or less  
1-2 medium apples, shredded    as needed  
2-3 carrots, shredded

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix all ingredients except flour. Add flour as needed until it feels like cookie dough. Use tablespoon to drop dough onto non-stick cookie sheet and flatten slightly. Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown.

*The horse needs "cookies" much more than I do!*  
Connie Hoyt

## 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](mailto:cve@caneyvalley.com)

## Tune In to TV Energy Savings

So you've bought an ENERGY STAR-qualified TV to save energy, but there's even more you can do to boost your TV's efficiency. Here's a tip that can help you save energy—and money.

TVs are bigger than they used to be, some of the largest ones can use as much electricity each year as a new, conventional refrigerator. ENERGY STAR-qualified TVs use roughly 40 percent less energy than standard models.

Of course, if the set is left on, that costs money. In some cases, even if you hit the "off" button, "energy vampires" might go to work—meaning your TV could still consume power.

Here are a couple of things you can do to stop that drain. Many high-definition TVs come with a quick start option. By turning it off, you'll save energy and add only a few seconds to start-up times. To stop energy vampires, use a power strip as a central "turn off" point. When you're not watching TV and not planning to record a program later, simply flip the strip's "off" button.

For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov).



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



A CFL's glass tubing contains about 4 milligrams of mercury. While this isn't much (classic thermometers contained 500 milligrams) consumers should still take precautions if a CFL breaks.

-  1 Ventilate the room, then wait 5 to 10 minutes.
-  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 Not all recycling centers accept broken CFLs. Check with your local and/or state waste authority for disposal requirements, or visit [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com).

To learn more visit [epa.gov/cflcleanup](http://epa.gov/cflcleanup).

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS**

**“Happy” Winter Comfort** BY DOUG RYE

As I’ve said, I have never had a person tell me that his/her house was too dry in the summer. On the other hand, I have had many folks tell me that their houses were too dry in the winter.

Many of us can remember buying electric humidifiers in the winter to put in a child’s room. I remember when my mother would place a large pot of water on the top of the non-vented gas heater to help add moisture to the air.

Just now, as I am writing this column, a fellow has called me from Kansas City to ask questions about his 16-year-old gas furnace. His house has 1,300 square feet and his HVAC dealer wants to install a new 100,000-BTU gas furnace and a three-ton cooling system just like he has now. After I talked to him for a few minutes, I told him that it sounded like a pitiful answer to his problem.

I said to him, “Your house can’t possibly be comfortable.” He said, “It isn’t.” He told me that they had to use a humidifier all winter and needed a dehumidifier all summer.

I asked him why he would let his HVAC dealer install another system that would perform just as lousy as the one he has now. I told him what he should do and he said that he was glad that he called. I said, “Me too.”

I have also had hundreds of folks who have told me that their house was too wet and water was running down the window panes, on the mirrors and dripping out of the kitchen exhaust fan. How can this be? Some are too dry and some are too wet.

Say this three times. “This is not rocket science and if it were complicated, Doug Rye couldn’t understand it.”

If the air in your house is too dry in the winter, you most likely have too much air infiltration and perhaps an oversized heating unit. Fireplace and gas flues can also contribute to the problem. Cold air cannot hold as much moisture as hot air. When you allow a cubic foot of cold air to enter the house and then heat it, it expands and has even less moisture per cubic foot than it had before it was heated.

Remember that you are trying to keep the relative humidity at about 40 percent to 50 percent. Well, when the relative humidity gets below those figures, you will notice it with a scratchy nose and throat. Your skin will also feel dry. If this is your problem, the solution is to implement the energy efficiency improvements that I have been writing about for years, such as caulking, caulking, and caulking some more.



Doug Rye

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**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.

**Operating Statistics**

For Month Ending	Jan 2011	Jan 2010
Meters Billed	5,555	5,520
kWh Sold	5,585,647	5,103,382
Total Revenue	\$ 727,815	\$ 661,894
Purchased Power	\$ 431,423	\$ 371,799
Operating Expenses	\$ 178,251	\$ 159,163
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 47,859	\$ 44,392
Interest Expenses	\$ 28,466	\$ 37,050
Other Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 450
Operating Margins	\$ 41,516	\$ 49,040
Non-operating Margins	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,964
Total Margins	\$ 43,413	\$ 51,004
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 43,413	\$ 51,004

**Outages for February 2011**

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Listed below are the larger outages for February.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
2/14	North end of Peru	30	1 hr	Scheduled outage to make repairs
2/15	Southeast of Sedan	50	1 hr 10 min	Scheduled to change out a pole
2/16	North of Grenola and Moline	250	3 hr 20 min	Westar lost their 69KV
2/16	South of Grenola and Moline	246	3 hr 35 min	Westar lost their 69KV
2/16	Sedan substaion	1558	45 min	Westar lost their 69KV
2/16	Chautauqua, Peru, Elgin	860	60 min	Westar lost their 69KV