

## THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

# TheVoice

### 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 June is \$.03339/kilowatt-hour. This calculates to an additional \$33.39 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

### Reflecting on the ECA Annual Meeting



Allen Zadorozny

It has been two months since Caney Valley ECA's annual meeting, but this is the first opportunity I have had to send out our appreciation to so many of you who attended. The meeting held at the Chautauqua County fairgrounds in Sedan attracted approximately 500 people with 289 registered memberships.

Looking at electric cooperative annual meetings' attendance across the state, this ranks near the top in comparison. Important board Trustee elections were held with excellent choices being nominated for all three districts. **CORAL ANN MAGNUS**, Cedar Vale (re-elected to her second term); **DAVID EVANS**, Howard (served previously from 1996-2005); and **DAN HUBERT**, Sedan; were elected to three-year terms. Verne Sweaney, Cedar Vale; Gary Rierson, Grenola; and Jack Newcomb, Elk City, are to be commended for their willingness to be nominated as candidates for the board from their respective districts. Their participation in the cooperative's representative process is essential to the successful fulfillment of the electric cooperative concepts.

An additional important matter was voted upon at the meeting. The proposed by-law amendment to increase the number of consecutive terms which a Trustee may serve was approved by the members. The consecutive terms were increased from three to five.

The Board of Trustees elected officers soon after the annual meeting adjourned. Elected as officers were Kenny Bates, president; Jim Clark, vice-president; and Coral Ann Magnus, secretary-treasurer.

The board and employee staff will continue their conscientious efforts to operate your cooperative in an effective and responsible manner. Thank you for attending the annual meeting.

*Allen Zadorozny, Manager*

### New Member Joins Board of Trustees

At the June board meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Trustee Mack Chrisman. Chrisman faithfully served on the board for eight years, in addition to being employed by the cooperative for 43 years serving as a generating plant operator, Sedan district manager, and material and staking engineer.

The board and staff appreciate Mack's long-time service to the cooperative, and welcome **JACK NEWCOMB**, who was appointed by the board to fill Chrisman's position.

#### 2011 Elected Trustees



David Evans



Dan Hubert



Coral Ann Magnus



Jack Newcomb

# Youth Program Winners Announced

Scholarship winners for the 2011-2012 school year were announced at Caney Valley's Annual Meeting held May 3 in Sedan. The following high school seniors each received a \$600 scholarship to be used the first two semesters of college. Selection was based on ACT scores, GPA, school involvement and activities, and need. Congratulations students!

- ▶ **KURT LOCKWOOD**, Caney Valley High School
- ▶ **ASPEN KILL**, Cedar Vale High School
- ▶ **LOGAN SNYDER**, Cedar Vale High School
- ▶ **MONIQUE WADE**, Elk Valley High School
- ▶ **NICHOLAS WIGTON**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **KYLE WILLIAMS**, Sedan High School
- ▶ **CALI PORTENIER**, West Elk High School

## High School

Also announced at the annual meeting were three students selected to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, in July. These students will join high school students from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Wyoming in week-long activities involving electric cooperatives, energy problems, safety, and interpersonal communications. Along the way they will also get to participate in experiences such as white water rafting, dancing, shopping, and a volleyball tournament, to name a few! Congratulations to all of you!

The students selected to attend the camp were **LUKE BELLAR** and **TORI WITTMIEIER**, West Elk High School; and **MATTHEW WOMACKS**, Bluestem High School.

## 2011 Caney Valley Electric Scholarship Winners



Aspen Kill



Kurt Lockwood



Cali Portenier



Logan Snyder



Monique Wade

## Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp Winners



Luke Bellar



Tori Wittmeier



Matthew Womacks



Nicholas Wigton



Kyle Williams

## Participate in the Caney Valley Peak Control Program

For the months of June, July, August, and September, the cooperative is asking you to participate in the "Peak Control" program. This voluntary program can help hold down the monthly wholesale power costs charged to the cooperative.

The peak demand for electricity recorded for these months drives a major part of the wholesale power bill. More importantly, the peak demand for July and August affects the wholesale power billing process for the eight off-peak months that follow, October–May. The lower the peak demand, the lower demand charges will be.

### What is Peak Control?

Peak Control is a voluntary program in which the cooperative members can participate to hold down electricity costs.

### What Can You Do To Participate In Peak Control?

You can participate by voluntarily monitoring when you use electric appliances and equipment which require larger amounts of electricity.

### When Do You Need To Participate In Peak Control?

During the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every weekday from June 1–September 30.

The actual peak demand for June, July, August, and September is the billing demand for each respective month. **Special emphasis is placed during July and August, as the peak electricity demand registered by Caney Valley ECA during those two months drives the electricity billings for the following "off-peak" eight**

**months, October through May.**

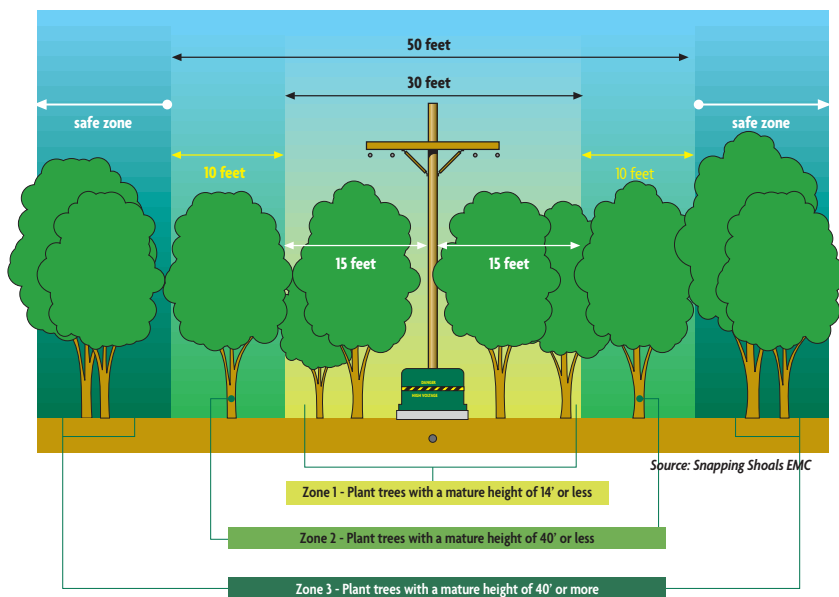
Be aware of days that have high temperatures forecasted above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. These are the type of days when peak demand can occur. Be especially careful when using large amounts of electricity on warm days.

### What Are The Benefits Of Taking Part In Peak Control?

By helping hold the line for the KW demand charges on Caney Valley ECA's electric bill, you will also limit the amount of the resulting power cost adjustment (PCA) charges added to your electric bills.

Please contact our office for any questions you may have about the Peak Control program.

## Vegetation Control Crews in Your Area



To protect your power supply, be sure to plant trees the appropriate distance away from power lines, as shows in this model.

As part of the cooperative's ongoing program to control harmful vegetation near our power lines, we have contracted with Northeast Rural Services (NRS) of Vinita, OK., to apply chemicals along our rights-of-way in 2011. The lines serving members south of Sedan near Elgin, Chautauqua, Peru, and Niotaze are scheduled to be covered over the next few months.

NRS' two-man crew will be applying high-volume foliar spray herbicide directly to small trees, saplings, and harmful re-growth that has occurred since the lines were cleared by tree cutting. They will be using the minimum amount of chemical judged to be effective and will be targeting specific plants that pose a hazard to

the electric system.

You should expect to see their pickup and/or ATV with spray equipment working along the rights-of-way under Caney Valley's electric lines.

Trees continue to pose the greatest physical obstacle to providing economical and reliable electric power to the consumers on Caney Valley's system. The problems caused by trees and the costs of controlling them are born by all of our members collectively.

We appreciate your support of the cooperative's efforts to reduce tree-related problems in a fair and cost-effective manner. If you have any questions about our spraying or line clearing activities, please call us at 800-310-8911 or 620-758-2262.

## Going on Vacation? Give Your House a Break

Ready for that summer getaway? Even if you plan to be gone just a few days, you can save energy in your home when you travel. You can give your utility bill a break when you take a break using these tips:

- ☑ **Water heater.** Turn down the temperature, so it doesn't keep the water warm while you are away. Or, talk to an energy expert at Caney Valley about turning off the water heater.
- ☑ **Thermostat.** During hot weather, turn up the thermostat on your air conditioning system. That way, you'll save energy while ensuring that your home doesn't get too warm. When you're away during the winter, lower the temperature on your furnace. The house can be as cool as 50 degrees without the risk of your pipes freezing.
- ☑ **Refrigerator.** You may be able to turn the thermostat as high as 38 degrees without risking spoilage. Storing water-filled bottles in your refrigerator can prevent temperature fluctuations, which will save energy. Food in the freezer compartment will stay frozen if the temperature remains at minus 5 degrees.
- ☑ **Lights.** Turn off all lights in your home. You may want to install timers on one or two lights for security.
- ☑ **Electronics.** Unless you're recording something while away, unplug all of your electronic devices—computer, monitor and printer, TV and cable boxes, DVD player, microwave, and digital clocks. Any electronics with digital displays, instant-on features, or remote controls will consume energy even if they're not in use.

## Submit Your Recipe Today!

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

### Submit the following information:

- ▶ Your name
- ▶ Contact information

- ▶ Photo of yourself with the finished product
- ▶ The recipe (clearly printed or typed)

### Send your entry to:

Caney Valley Electric, Attn: Recipes, P.O. Box 308, Cedar Vale, KS 67024. You can also submit your recipe via e-mail to [cve@caneyvalley.com](mailto:cve@caneyvalley.com).





# Stay Safe While Shopping on the Web

BY DOREEN FRIEL

If you're like many consumers today, you probably do some shopping online. Every year, online sales seem to increase dramatically. During the 2010 Christmas shopping season, Internet-related sales grew 15.4 percent from the same time period in 2009—reaching an astonishing \$36.4 billion. But while shopping from the convenience of your keyboard can save time, money, and gas, here are some important things to consider:

- ▶ Know your retailer. It's always safer to shop with merchants you know. If you want to buy from a website that's new to you, do an online search for that merchant and "complaints" to check for negative chatter about the seller.
- ▶ Use secure websites. When placing your order on the merchant's website, make sure that there is an "s" at the beginning of web address: For example, the URL should begin "https" instead of just "http." Also, be sure to look for a padlock icon in the upper or lower right-hand portion of your computer screen, which means the site you are visiting uses a high level of security to protect your personal information.
- ▶ Credit cards give you greater protection than cash and debit cards. If you are not charged the correct amount for your purchase, or do not receive the merchandise you ordered, you can dispute the transaction under the terms of the Fair Credit Billing Act if you've used a credit card.

- ▶ Choose your password carefully. Most websites require you to use a password to access your personal information and place orders. Be sure to create a password that is not easy for others to guess—and use a combination of letters, numbers, and, if possible, symbols such as "\*" and "%" to make it more difficult for your information to be accessed by others.
- ▶ Check the merchant's privacy policy. This will tell you how they plan to use your information—including whether they will share it with others. You may wish to avoid sellers that do not have a privacy policy, as you have no way of knowing what they'll do with your data.
- ▶ Always print and keep the receipt from your transaction. It contains all of the information from your order, including what you bought, the price you paid, and any order or confirmation number. This is vital if you need to follow up with the merchant or dispute your transaction.

Shopping online is easy and convenient—but by taking some simple precautions, it can also be safe.

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## Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	April 2011	April 2010
Meters Billed	5,551	5,516
kWh Sold	4,654,574	4,699,286
Total Revenue	\$ 631,184	\$ 578,472
Purchased Power	\$ 364,965	\$ 298,569
Operating Expenses	\$ 194,327	\$ 173,308
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 48,473	\$ 45,591
Interest Expenses	\$ 30,066	\$ 35,563
Other Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 1,150
Operating Margins	\$ (6,697)	\$ 24,290
Non-operating Margins	\$ 1,793	\$ 1,995
Total Margins	\$ (4,904)	\$ 26,286
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 96,933	\$ 247,986

## Attention! Jacket Found At Fairgrounds

There was a ladies jacket left at the Chautauqua County fairgrounds following Caney Valley's annual meeting on May 3. If it might belong to you, please call or stop by our office to identify it. Thank you!

## Outages for May 2011

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
5/3	NE of Cedar Vale	40	1 hour	Reset OCR
5/4	Elk City	40	25 min	Crews accidentally kicked line off
5/7	SE of Dexter	80	1 hr 10 min	Westar had 2 phases off
5/12	Burden area	35	3 hr 30 min	Westar had 1 phase off
5/16	Burden area	40	3 hr 20 min	Broken jumper
5/20	Sedan loop feed	500	2 hr 40 min	Squirrel on pole
5/24	Longton substation	376	2 hr 40 min	Westar off