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**THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Office Hours

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Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for January is (\$0.00627)/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to a reduction of \$6.27 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. 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 on your electric bill.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Visit Us at CaneyValley.com

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
- ▶ 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, General Manager

JAN. 4 Cut Your Energy Costs Day

By sealing uncontrolled air leaks in your home, you can save **10%-20%** on heating and cooling bills.



WHY IS MY POWER OUT?

When the power goes out, we work hard to resume service as quickly and safely as possible.

Here are some common reasons the power goes out:

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STORMS
Mother Nature can interfere with power delivery.
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VEGETATION
This is why we work hard to keep power lines clear.
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ANIMALS
Curious animals can cause damage, especially squirrels.
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ACCIDENTS
Run-ins with a utility pole or other equipment can cause an outage.
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PUBLIC DAMAGE
Unsafe digging, equipment or line damage, vandalism or theft can all interfere.
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OVERLOAD
This happens when demand spikes, like on a hot summer day.
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EQUIPMENT ISSUES
We maintain and inspect equipment regularly, but sometimes malfunctions occur.

Thank you for your patience during outages.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Scholarships Now Available

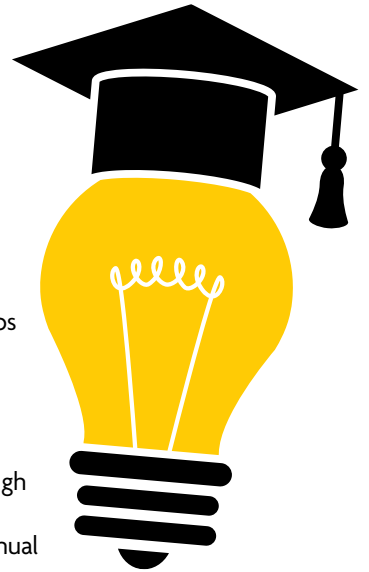
Apply by Feb. 20, 2020

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, 2020**.

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

Award recipients will be announced at our Annual Meeting **MARCH 12, 2020**.



2020 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections

The Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominating committee at their Jan. 14, 2020, board meeting. In

the past, it has been difficult to find members able to participate on this committee and to serve on the board if nominated. It would be very helpful to have any member contact a trustee or the cooperative office to let us know you would like to be considered to serve on the committee &/or agree to serve as a board member if nominated.

The Annual Meeting for the Cooperative has been moved forward from recent years and will be held **MARCH 12, 2020**, at Cedar Vale.

Trustee Terms Expiring in 2020

DISTRICT 1
DON LAND
Cedar Vale

DISTRICT 2
DAVID EVANS
Howard

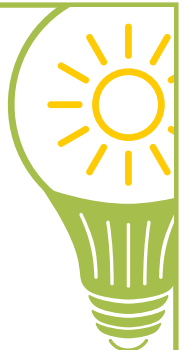
DISTRICT 3
DAN HUBERT
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March 2020						
S	M	T	W	U	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov





From left: Reagan Warburton, Nile Osburn and Mary Leniton at the 2019 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

Apply to Win a Free Trip of a Lifetime

Caney Valley Electric is sponsoring two all-expense-paid trips to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 10-16, 2020.

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. 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 made available to each contestant.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the form below and send by **JAN. 20, 2020**, 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, 2020

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 2020 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Policy on Power Theft

Due to problems with some cooperative members found tampering with a meter 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:

- ▶ Obtaining services from another by deception, threat, coercion, stealth, tampering or use of false token or device.

- ▶ “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.

“Tampering” within the meaning of this section includes, but is not limited to:

- ▶ Making a connection of any wire, conduit or device to any service or transmission line owned by a public or municipal utility ...;
- ▶ Defacing, puncturing, removing, reversing or altering any meter or any connections for the purpose of securing unauthorized or unmeasured electricity ...;
- ▶ Preventing any such meters from properly measuring or registering;
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Causing, procuring, permitting, aiding or abetting any person to do any of the preceding acts.
- ▶ 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.

Theft of services of the value of:

- ▶ Less than \$1,000 is a class A misdemeanor
- ▶ 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 \$100.00 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. 2019	Oct. 2018
Meters Billed	5,294	5,335
kWh Purchased	4,681,625	4,605,789
Cost per kWh	0.06258	0.08084
kWh Sold	5,423,120	4,632,005
Total Revenue	\$ 904,769	\$ 779,760
Purchased Power	\$ 293,927	\$ 372,876
Operating Expenses	\$ 228,197	\$ 212,673
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 68,060	\$ 67,314
Interest Expenses	\$ 48,380	\$ 45,253
Other Expenses	\$ 260	\$ 270
Operating Margins	\$ 265,945	\$ 81,375
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,917
Total Margins	\$ 267,960	\$ 83,292
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 487,144	\$ 433,092

Outages for November 2019

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

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
11/9	North of Cedar Vale	65	2 hr 35 min	Accident
11/11	Hoosier area	55	2 hr 5 min	High winds blew transformer over
11/26	Cedar Vale & Phillips substations	929	35 min	Energy lost 69 kV feed
11/26	Silverdale substation	174	2 hr 30 min	Energy lost 69 kV feed