



cve@caneyvalley.com

www.caneyvalley.com

For emergency outages please call 800-310-8911



THE CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

# TheVoice

## Caney Valley Electric Co-op, Inc.

### Board of Trustees

**Chris Kelly**

President

**Steve Clark**

Vice President

**Don Land**

Secretary/Treasurer

**Kenneth Bates**

Trustee

**Alex Fulsom**

Trustee

**Dan Hubert**

Trustee

**Charles McMillan**

Trustee

**Stephanie Ollenborger**

Trustee

**Steve Warburton**

Trustee

### Contact Us

401 Lawrence, P.O. Box 308

Cedar Vale, KS 67024

620-758-2262, Fax: 620-758-2926

cve@caneyvalley.com

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Power Cost Adjustment

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for December is \$0.01613/kilowatt-hour. This amounts to an additional \$16.13 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

# Your Cooperative Holiday Wish List

With the Christmas season upon us, there are "presents" that would be very useful and appreciated on behalf of the cooperative.

A brief, but important, "wish list" could include the following, some of which would be continued as presently done:

- ▶ Provide the best electric service possible at a reasonable cost to the members.
- ▶ Open and accountable communications between cooperative members, the board of trustees, management and staff.
- ▶ Safety practices and awareness involving electric utility lines and equipment are followed so well that no accidents are experienced by line workers and the general public.
- ▶ Potential effects of new federal regulations on generating electricity with or without coal are not too costly or disruptive to the industry.
- ▶ Have federal, state, and local government officials find ways to effectively operate and administer in an acceptable manner.
- ▶ Improvement of the economic conditions in the cooperative's service territory led by the oil and gas industry, ranching, and farming.
- ▶ Have no ice storms this winter.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas season and successful New Year!

**ALLEN A. ZADOROZNY, GENERAL MANAGER**



## 2022 Annual Meeting Trustee Elections

Caney Valley Electric is required to give a summary of the bylaws section on the election process prior to the nominating committee meeting selecting individuals for board of trustee positions.

The following is taken from Article III (Trustees), Section 3 (Nominations) of Caney Valley's current bylaws:

*"It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting at which Trustees are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 members, who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation to the area served or to be served by the cooperative."*

*No officer or member of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed a member of such committee. Said committee shall nominate at least two members as candidates for each Trustee position to be elected at any annual meeting. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least 25 days before*

### Trustee Terms Expiring in 2022

- District 1  
**KENNY BATES**, Cedar Vale
- District 2  
**STEPHANIE OLLENBORGER**, Grenola
- District 3  
**STEVE CLARK**, Havana

*less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted... Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations be made from the floor at the meeting of the members."*

The Caney Valley Board of Trustees will be selecting a nominating committee at their Jan. 11, 2022, 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 and/or agree to serve as a board member if nominated. The annual meeting for the cooperative will be held March 17, 2022, at Cedar Vale.

*the meeting, a list of nominations for Trustees; but any 15 or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not*

### Beware of Third-Party Bill Payment Services

Caney Valley Electric **DOES NOT** charge members to make payments through the view/pay bill option at [www.caneyvalley.com](http://www.caneyvalley.com) or by phone. Third-party payment locations and websites are **NOT** affiliated with Caney Valley Electric, and payments made through these sources cannot be guaranteed or guaranteed to be received in our office in a timely manner.

### New Apprentice Lineman

#### BRAIDEN MATTOCKS

accepted a full-time position with Caney Valley Electric as an apprentice lineman on Oct.

18. He started as a summer intern for Caney Valley Electric in May 2021. He earned his certificate in electrical power technology from Pratt Community College.

Welcome to the cooperative family, Braiden!



## MERRY AND BRIGHT

Don't add stress to your holiday season. Knowing how to properly use and hang lights could prevent injury or fire. Consider LED lights when replacing old strands. LEDs use 80-90% less energy than incandescent bulbs.



Make sure your home's electrical system can handle the load.



Do not use cords or plugs that are frayed or cracked.



Unplug light strands before changing a bulb or string fuse.



Only use lights certified by a reputable testing lab (UL).



# Apply to Win a **FREE** Leadership Experience

The Caney Valley Electric Cooperative is sponsoring two students to an all-expenses-paid trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in July. Winners will also receive a \$250 scholarship after college enrollment following high school graduation.

This trip is part of a four-state Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by rural electric cooperatives in Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Contest winners will learn about electrification, cooperatives, energy problems, safety and interpersonal communications.

The contest is open to all current high school juniors in Caney Valley's service area, whose residence is served by Caney Valley Electric.

If you are a high school junior and are interested in this trip, please complete the application form below and send **BY JAN. 20** to:

**CANEY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
**ATTN: LEADERSHIP CAMP REP**  
**PO BOX 308**  
**CEDAR VALE, KS 67024-0308**

**PLEASE NOTE POSSIBLE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19:** Should COVID-19 requirements warrant it, winners may be required to submit to COVID-19 testing and/or proof of vaccination prior to boarding the bus, as some of the venues that are visited during camp may require it. Also, an online leadership conference or an in-person statewide conference in Topeka may be held in lieu of camp.

SCAN TO  
FIND  
OUT MORE  
ABOUT  
CAMP



Each year, campers go rafting during Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, which is scheduled for July 15-21, 2022.

## Contest Application for Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp — Due Jan. 20, 2022

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 2022 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp sponsored by Caney Valley Electric.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES IS OUR TOP PRIORITY. IF THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR OR COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP ORGANIZERS BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL IS UNSAFE DUE TO CONCERNS WITH THE CORONAVIRUS (OR ANY OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM, DISASTER, CIVIL DISORDER, OR CURTAILMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES), THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELED.

## 4 Energy-Wise Ways to Decorate Your Home

Whether you've already decked your halls or you're just getting started, there's still time to incorporate energy savings into your holiday décor planning.

If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons. They're also safer because they're made with epoxy lenses, not glass, making them more resistant to breaking — and they're cool to the touch, so no burnt fingers!

If you missed Santa's memo about energy-saving LEDs and your holiday lights are already up, you can still save on lighting costs. All you need is a programmable light timer. Most models cost between \$10-\$25 and can be purchased at your local hardware store. With a light timer, you can easily program when you want your holiday lights turned on and off, which will save you time, money and energy. If you're using a timer for exterior lighting, make sure it's weatherproof and intended for outdoor use.

For a more natural approach to decorating, many Christmas tree farms,



If you haven't strung your twinkle lights, be sure to use LED light strands. LEDs consume far less energy than incandescent lights and they can last 40 holiday seasons.

and even retailers give away greenery clippings from recently trimmed trees. With a little twine, extra ornaments and sparkly ribbon, you can create beautiful garlands and wreaths to hang over your front door or windows.

To add extra twinkle at night, you can install solar-powered spotlights to illuminate your new (essentially free!) greenery. Solar spotlights can vary in price, but you should be able to purchase a quality set of four for about \$30 — and because they run on natural energy from the sun, there's no additional cost to your energy bill.

Regardless of how you decorate your home for the holidays, there are plenty of ways to save energy throughout the season. Visit Caney Valley's website — [www.caneyvalley.com](http://www.caneyvalley.com) — for additional energy-saving tips.

## Outages for October 2021

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Following are the larger outages that occurred during October 2021.

Date	Area	Members Affected	Duration	Cause
10/10	Caney sub west circuit	300	6 hr 15 min	Tree in line at Niotaze
10/11	Longton area	60	1 hr 15 min	Hotline clamp burned up
10/23	Caney sub northeast feed	85	6 hrs	Phase in trees

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
APPLY BY  
**FEB. 20, 2022**

Caney Valley Electric Cooperative has scholarships available for high school seniors going to college, vocational or technical school. Application deadline for August enrollment is **FEB. 20, 2022**.

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

Award recipients will be announced at our annual meeting on March 17, 2022.

## Caney Valley's Operating Statistics

For Month Ending	Sept 2021	Sept 2020
Meters Billed	5,267	5,238
kWh Purchased	5,722,149	4,824,705
Cost Per kWh	0.09245	0.08641
kWh Sold	6,253,322	5,733,848
Total Revenue	\$ 1,049,418	\$ 900,283
Purchased Power	\$ 530,468	\$ 418,477
Operating Expenses	\$ 242,149	\$ 208,309
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 70,407	\$ 69,035
Interest Expenses	\$ 41,574	\$ 42,952
Other Expenses	\$ 113	\$ 113
Operating Margins	\$ 164,707	\$ 161,397
Non-operating Margins	\$ 2,877	\$ 22,994
Total Working Margins	\$ 167,585	\$ 184,391
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 687,525	\$ 211,524