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Memories, Friendships, and Leadership Skills Are Benefits of CVEC Youth Programs

Making fun memories and lifelong friendships, along with developing leadership skills, are some of the benefits of CVEC's Energy Camp and Washington Youth Tour programs.

Working with the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives

(OAE) Canadian Valley offers these programs to students in our service territory each year. Energy Camp is for 8th graders and Youth Tour is for high school juniors.

Energy Camp is held at Canyon Camp in Hinton, and not only teaches leadership skills, but also introduces campers to rural electrification, and the cooperative form of business.

Youth Tour is an all-expense paid week

touring Washington, D.C. Students get to visit renowned monuments, Arlington Cemetery, the U.S. Capitol, along with meeting with Oklahoma's Congressional delegation.

CVEC's Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis was excited to be a counselor at Energy Camp this year.

"Both Energy Camp and Youth Tour are amazing for building leadership skills, and I can promise you the stu-

dents who attended each trip learned so much! In the process, they also made lifelong friendships. Attending these trips as a counselor has been such a blessing, and seeing these kids grow and learn each day is what makes it all worthwhile," she says.



Youth Tour winners are (left) Madison McCaughey, Prague Public Schools, and Brooklyn Johnson, Konowa Public Schools. Energy Camp winners are Jentry Terrell and Ian Greenlee, both students at Prague Public Schools.





A Message from

Canadian Valley Electric CEO

Gary Highley

Cooperatives Move Forward as Governments Stall

In March 2020, the world received a wake-up call on the crucial role of broadband services in driving economies. By June of that year, Canadian Valley Electric began exploring how the cooperative business model could help bridge the digital divide. By July, we took action to establish a new subsidiary, and by early fall, CVEC Fiber was formed, setting the wheels in motion for progress. Today, we have successfully connected over 6,500 rural members, and we are more than 60% complete in our mission to bring high-speed broadband to all Canadian Valley Electric members.

In response to the urgent need for improved connectivity, the federal government swiftly passed legislation for pandemic relief and made historic investments in broadband infrastructure. The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) allocated over \$3 billion of funding to Oklahoma, with \$382 million designated for broadband initiatives. The Department of Treasury also earmarked an extra \$167 million through the Capital Projects Fund for broadband in Oklahoma. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) awarded over \$212 million for broadband projects in tribal nations within the state. Most recently, the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program has allocated over \$797 million to Oklahoma for broadband infrastructure. In total, there is over \$1.5 billion in available funding dedicated to broadband infrastructure across Oklahoma, enough to bring fiber to every corner of the state.

Unfortunately, a significant portion of these allocated funds remains unutilized. The “emergency” funding programs like BEAD are unlikely to disburse any money before late 2024, and the utilization of ARPA funds is currently stalled at the state level. Witnessing such delays in addressing what was deemed an urgent matter is disheartening. Nevertheless, we remain committed to forging ahead.

In the 1940s, electric cooperatives stepped up to bring electricity to underserved areas. Today, several cooperatives in Oklahoma, including Canadian Valley Electric, are undertaking a similar mission with broadband. It is a story that echoes the past.

The challenge in broadband deployment lies outside of funding, as an ample amount is available. Instead, it is a matter of politics. Our elected officials should allocate funds to entities with a proven track record of capability and successful implementation.

We recommend reading “Farm Fresh Broadband: The Politics of Rural Connectivity” by Dr. Christopher Ali for more information.

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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

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Did You Know?

There are 30 electric co-ops in Oklahoma: 28 in Oklahoma and two Arkansas systems that have a portion of their membership residing in our state.



*Improve Life,
Serve Community*

WAYS TO PAY YOUR **CVEC** · F I B E R · **BILL OR REPORT A TECHNICAL ISSUE**



Easy Ways to Pay Your CVEC Fiber Bill or Report an Issue or Outage

There are several ways to pay your CVEC Fiber bill or submit a trouble ticket. CVEC Fiber’s Digital Marketing Associate Kelsey Scott states, “We strive to make accessing your bill and reaching technical support a quick and easy experience.”

1. **SmartHub App**

To make online payments, SmartHub is the place! The SmartHub App homepage shows your account overview with a red pay button. Click “Pay,” select your fiber account, choose the payment amount and the date, select your payment method, and click “Confirm.” You will receive a confirmation number. As of June 22, there is now a link to submit fiber trouble tickets in the SmartHub App! When you log in to SmartHub on the homepage, there are three links with icons. In order, the icons are the Canadian Valley Electric Outage Map (Map Icon), Report Fiber Issue (Computer Icon), and Electralite (Newspaper Icon). Clicking the “Report Fiber Issue” icon takes you directly to our CVEC Fiber Support Center. In the Support Center, you can submit a ticket that goes directly to our technicians or check the status of a ticket you submitted.

2. **CVEC Fiber Website**

The CVEC Fiber website at www.cvecfiber.com has tons of information and tools to help you! To pay your CVEC Fiber bill on our website, there is an account icon on the home page, and the link will take you to your SmartHub account to make a payment. If you need to submit a trouble ticket or report an outage on the top header of the CVEC Fiber website, there is a tab called Technical Support. The Technical Support page has an orange button labeled “Submit a Trouble Ticket.” When you click the button, it takes you to the CVEC Fiber Support Center. Also, on the Technical Support page, there are several common questions we have answered, so be sure to check them out!

3. **CVEC Fiber App**

Right now, you cannot make payments on the CVEC Fiber App. However, in the CVEC Fiber App, click on the settings button, then under the contact support tab, the CVEC Fiber contact information is listed, including the website URL to our CVEC Fiber support center. The CVEC Fiber app has many neat tools, such as setting up a guest network, parental controls, and monitoring devices. To learn more about the CVEC Fiber App, visit our website at cvecfiber.com/cvecfiberapp!

4. **Call Our Office**

Our member service and technical support team is available to help with any internet issues! They can also transfer you to our payment line to make a payment. Call our office today at (405) 382-3680.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads Must be Submitted to
<https://www.mycvec.coop/submit-an-ad>

Ads must be received by the first of each month



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

Motorcycle pull-behind trailer - aluminum box, 12" tires, mags, LED lights, independent suspension, all goodies, nice, ready to go, 405-200-5974.

FARM & RANCH

Registered Hereford bulls, 9-20 months old, both polled and horned, growthy, low birth weight, and out of productive, efficient, good milking dams, some replacement females available also, \$1,800-\$3,600, call or text 405-210-8794.

1963 Massey 65, runs good, \$3,800 OBO, 405-388-0029.

HOME & LAND

165 acres in Okfuskee Co., with 2 BDR, 1 BA cabin, central H&A, septic tank, well water, two stocked ponds, call Ron at 918-261-3099.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE - Kittens to good homes, will make excellent house or barn kittens, 580-421-4644.

2007 Durango 25' 5th wheel, one lg. slide-out, lg. kitchen, microwave, stove and oven, central H&A, tub and shower, queen bed, lots of storage, 405-333-2258.

Nine bundles of new asphalt shingles, desert tan color (light tan), \$27 each; four Michelin tires, 245-70-R17 good, \$15 each, 405-275-5673.

American leather couch, brown, no scratches, \$150; oak side, sofa, and coffee table with iron oak leaf trim, \$150; light solid oak roll-top computer desk, \$200; antique sideboard buffet, \$200; oak sleigh bed frame, queen, \$150; 405-640-4530, Prague.

Sashiko 2 Specialty sewing machine, \$1,800; side-by-side water in the door refrigerator, \$300; rocking chair, \$75; felting sewing machine, \$300, 405-740-9843.

Half-inch Milwaukee drill, \$40; half-inch heavy-duty Wole Hawg Milwaukee drill, \$40; Machinist cross vice, \$30; 24" rigid pipe wrench, \$25, 405-659-5047.

Professional seamstress ready to bring your creations to life, alterations, repairs, new construction, quilting and embroidery, 40+ years experience, located 7 miles north of Prague off Hwy. 99; home baked breads, pies, cookies and cakes made to order, 405-812-7152 or luckyscreations1@gmail.com.

WANTED - Need a 50'x50' piece of land along a federal highway or turnpike on which to erect a 60' flagpole. Also need an easement to access the flagpole for maintenance. Our organization will pay all legal fees and maintenance for the flag and pole. Call or text A. Harrison at 918-470-7450.



A PODCAST POWERED BY
 Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative

Listen in on Tuesday, August 22 when Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis discusses our CVEC Fiber program.

Energize Oklahoma can be found on our Facebook page or at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1906989> the last Tuesday of each month. It is also available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and iHeart Radio apps.

Canadian Valley Electric
 Annual Meeting &
 Member Appreciation Event

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
 Firelake Arena, 18145 Old Rangline Rd.
 Shawnee, OK. 74801

Registration: 9:30AM - 11AM Meeting: 11AM

Come and join us for a morning of
 prize drawings,
 a fun kids zone,
 and numerous vendor booths!

Remember...Registration is from 9:30 - 11 a.m.
 and the meeting begins at 11:00.