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For members of Choctaw Electric Cooperative | MAY 2025



Investing in Students, Powering the Future

CEC and WFEC tax dollars contribute \$1.8 million to local education

At Choctaw Electric Cooperative, supporting our local students isn't just a goal—it's built into the way we do business. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we're proud that our operations directly benefit 25 area school districts through the gross receipts tax.

In 2024 alone, CEC and our power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), provided \$1,881,015 in funding to local schools. That's real, tangible support—dollars that help fund classroom supplies, technology, extracurricular programs and more.

Here's how it works: Instead of paying traditional property taxes, Oklahoma's electric co-ops pay a 2% gross receipts tax on revenue. And here's the best part—95% of that tax goes straight to schools, based on how many miles of co-op power lines run through a district. On a percentage basis, co-ops give more to local schools than other utilities. The chart to the right shows 2024 tax disbursements to local schools from CEC and WFEC.

School	CEC	WFEC	Total
Antlers	\$99,321.11	\$67,742.70	\$167,063.81
Battiest	\$68,259.35	\$13,702.07	\$81,961.42
Bennington	\$7,393.39	\$33,007.78	\$40,401.17
Boswell	\$24,034.91	\$43,946.40	\$67,981.31
Broken Bow	\$103,075.86	\$89,773.45	\$192,849.31
Clayton	\$20,835.75		\$20,835.75
Denison	\$14,648.72	\$27,941.48	\$42,590.20
Eagletown	\$26,878.37	\$806.01	\$27,684.38
Forest Grove	\$20,269.66	\$30,167.57	\$50,437.23
Fort Towson	\$58,167.79	\$139,131.57	\$197,299.36
Glover	\$19,863.69		\$19,863.69
Haworth	\$81,185.54	\$2,993.72	\$84,179.26
Holly Creek	\$22,084.63	\$15,467.59	\$37,552.22
Hugo	\$94,112.64	\$72,732.22	\$166,844.86
Idabel	\$40,698.71	\$18,614.84	\$59,313.55
Lane	\$42,182.03	\$61,217.90	\$103,399.93
Lukfata	\$19,914.94	\$14,815.12	\$34,730.06
Moyers	\$34,475.02		\$34,475.02
Nashoba	\$24,268.84	\$307.04	\$24,575.88
Rattan	\$81,933.73	\$35,080.35	\$117,014.08
Smithville	\$54,138.01		\$54,138.01
Soper	\$45,623.37	\$32,585.58	\$78,208.95
Valliant	\$60,213.22	\$84,937.44	\$145,150.66
Whitesboro	\$3,641.19		\$3,641.19
Wright City	\$28,823.98		\$28,823.98
TOTAL	\$1,096,044.45	\$783,738.73	\$1,881,015.28



Choctaw Electric Cooperative

Serving members in Choctaw, Pushmataha, Atoka, McCurtain, Bryan and LeFlore counties.

CONNECT WITH US

Monday-Friday | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

24 Hour Outage Line

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Connected at the Capitol

On April 7, I had the opportunity to attend Cooperative Day at the state Capitol alongside nearly 200 other electric co-op leaders from across Oklahoma. It was a day filled with meaningful conversations, updates on pending legislation and—most importantly—a shared commitment to serving our members.

As demands on the electric grid increase, particularly with the rise of energy-intensive technologies like AI and the data centers that support them, staying connected to the legislative process becomes more critical than ever. These shifts place new pressures not only on distribution cooperatives like ours, but also on the generation and transmission cooperatives that help power our system. At the end of the day, what happens at the Capitol affects all of us.

We're proud to work in partnership with the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, our statewide trade organization. OAEC is at the Capitol daily, keeping a close watch on

legislation, sharing information and serving as a trusted point of contact for lawmakers. That consistent presence matters. When legislators have questions about how new policies might affect rural Oklahoma, they often reach out—and we're grateful for the relationships that make those conversations possible.

Electric co-ops serve 97% of Oklahoma's land mass, which means decisions made in Oklahoma City have a wide-reaching impact. Even legislation that doesn't directly apply to

Choctaw Electric Cooperative may have implications for how energy is generated, delivered or regulated in the future.

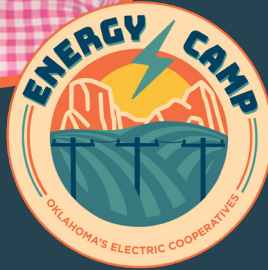
While CEC doesn't get involved in partisan politics, we remain committed to advocating for our members. Legislators from both sides of the aisle continue to recognize the importance of the cooperative model—a model that began more than 80 years ago and remains just as strong today. That's a legacy we're proud of—and one we will continue to advance.



CEO Kooney Duncan



Above: Nearly 200 representatives from Oklahoma's electric cooperatives gathered at the state Capitol on April 7, 2025. Photo courtesy of OAEC.



Congratulations, Energy Camp Winners!

In March, Choctaw Electric Cooperative selected the winners for the Energy Camp student essay contest: Jalen Lundry of Hawthorn (above left); Danielle Kemp of Wright City (right); and Harper McElroy of Idabel (center). These eighth-graders will represent CEC at Energy Camp, held at Canyon Camp in Hinton, May 27-30. Students will spend the week developing leadership skills, having summertime fun, and at the same time learning about one of rural America's most important industries—rural electrification. Congratulations!

2025 Annual Meeting Vendor Booth Reservation Form

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | Pushmataha County Fairgrounds

Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Products to be displayed/sold: _____

Number of booth spaces: _____

Booth spaces are available first come, first serve. Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs and electrical cords. **Deadline to reserve booth: September 19, 2025**

Send booth reservation form to: Jia Johnson
Choctaw Electric Cooperative | PO Box 758, Hugo, OK 74743

Office Closure

Choctaw Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed Monday, May 26, in honor of Memorial Day. In case of an outage, please call our 24-hour outage line.

Go Paperless!

Sign up for paperless billing via the SmartHub app or call Choctaw Electric Cooperative at 800-780-6486. One lucky member will win two CEC T-shirts and two CEC caps.

Preserve Our Legacy

This year, Choctaw Electric Cooperative is celebrating 85 years of service. We're marking this milestone with a special project to preserve the co-op's rich history. The project will gather, organize and digitize a collection of photos and memorabilia that tell the story of CEC and the communities we serve. To contribute stories, photos, recipes or other memorabilia, please contact Jia Johnson at 800-780-6486, ext. 241.

Youth Tour 2025

Washington Youth Tour will take place June 13 -19, 2025.

Clean Coils for Cool Savings

Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home. When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance. *Source: energy.gov*

Lucky Acct #38713200

If this is your account number, please contact CEC at 800-780-6486, ext. 241 by the 5th of the month to claim your \$25 bill credit. Unclaimed bill credits roll over each month by \$25 for a maximum credit of \$100.



You're invited to
Wired Up For Safety
Thursday, May 22 at 9 a.m.
CEC's Hugo headquarters



Please join us for the
Choctaw Electric Cooperative
Spring Blood Drive
Thursday, May 22
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Hugo
Visit obi.org to make an appointment.

Register now for Kilowatt and Megawatt Kids Camp

Join us this summer for camp! **Kilowatt Kids Camp** is for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The Idabel camp will be Tuesday, June 3 and the Hugo camp will be Thursday, June 5. Both camps run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Megawatt Kids Camp** is for students in 4th through 6th grades and will be Tuesday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register FREE by submitting the form below by **June 1**. Contact Jia Johnson or Brad Kendrick 800-786-6486 ext. 241, with questions.

Student Name (Print) _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) ____ - _____ Work Phone (____) ____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) ____ - _____

Allergies: _____ Medications: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle): Youth XS (4-6) Youth S (6-8) Youth M (8-10) Youth L (10-12) Adult S Adult M Adult L

Contact information in case of emergency: Name _____

Home phone (____) ____ - _____ Cell phone (____) ____ - _____

Kilowatt Kids Camp (students in Kindergarten-3rd grades)

Idabel Camp: June 3 (Tuesday) _____ Hugo Camp: June 5 (Thursday) _____

Megawatt Kids Camp (students in 4th-6th grades)

Hugo Camp: June 17 (Tuesday) _____

RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILDREN (Under 18)

I, (print name) _____, parent or official guardian of (child's name)

_____ hereby grant permission to Choctaw Electric Cooperative to take and use photographs and/or digital images of my child for use in news releases and/or educational materials as follows: printed publications or materials, electronic publications or websites. I agree that my child's name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints and digital reproductions shall be the property of Choctaw Electric Cooperative.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Save
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DATE

Please save the date for

Choctaw Electric Cooperative's 2025 Annual Meeting

September 27 | 8 a.m.

Pushmataha County
Fairgrounds in Antlers

OTHER NOTABLE DATES

June 27

Proposed bylaw amendments due at CEC by 5 p.m.

July 29

Trustee candidate filing for CEC Districts A, H, & I due at CEC by 5 p.m.

August 13

Revisions due to proposed amendments

August 28-September 2

Mail-in ballots delivered to members