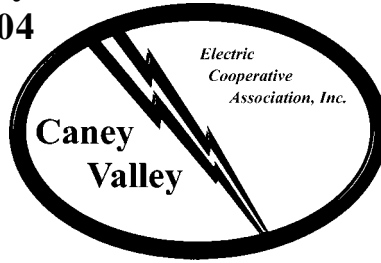


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From the Manager's Desk...

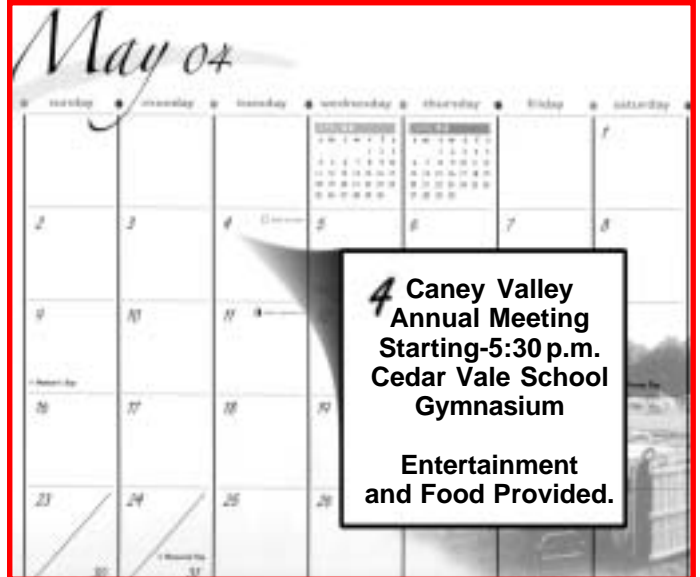
This month's newsletter will arrive near or soon after our annual meeting, May 4. We hope many of you were able to attend and cast your vote for your district's representative on Caney Valley ECA's Board of Trustees. Many of your neighbors and friends have faithfully served on the Board. Turnover on the Board is assured as the by-laws provide that a board member can serve a limit of three consecutive three-year terms, or nine consecutive years. Then the trustee must sit out at least one three-year term before being eligible to be re-elected to the Board.

Being eligible to serve again is an important feature of the by-laws as it affords cooperative members with board experience to be able to run for election again. On the other hand, the three-term limit assures the election of new board members who can bring new talents and expertise to the cooperative's governing body.

Persons who are bonafide members in good standing are eligible to run for election to the Board. The Board meets at least once a month, and board members may be asked to attend other electric cooperative training and educational events as representatives of Caney Valley ECA. Board members are compensated in the amount of \$75 per board meeting, and \$150 per day for other events. They are reimbursed \$.30 per mile for use of their personal vehicle, and for actual board and room expenses.

Caney Valley ECA is fortunate to have nine dedicated members looking after the best interests of the membership. They are continuing the fine traditions established by the previous board members who worked hard to help Caney Valley improve its operations and service to its members through the years.

Allen A. Zadorozny, Manager



NOTICE

Right-of-Way Maintenance

Caney Valley Electric has hired a contractor to do foliar spraying of utility right-of-way during late May, June and July of this year. Our plans are for crews to be spraying in the Chautauqua and Elgin areas. Our contractor will be contacting land owners and tenants, if at all possible, on property where we have line on private right-of-way.

Right-of-way clearing and spraying is a continuing effort by your cooperative to help keep our lines clear and safe of brush and trees that could cause extended outages for you and your neighbors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 758-2262 or 1-800-310-8911. Thanks for your continuing support.

Craig Lampson, Line Superintendent

Keeping You Informed...

Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. The following is a summary of the larger outages and their causes that occurred in March, 2004:

Date	Area	Consumers Affected	Duration	Cause
3/1/04	Chaut to Elgin	100	25 min	Tree on line
3/6/04	E of Chaut	40	1 hr 15 min	Bad OCR
3/15/04	Atlanta/Burden/Cambridge	235	40 min	KG&E off
3/16/04	N of Cedar Vale	20	1 hr	Reset OCR
3/17/04	N of Cedar Vale	20	1 hr 30 min	Oil crew ran over anchor
3/24/04	Chaut,Peru,Havana,Niotaze, Wayside and rural areas	1,553	30 min	KG&E off
3/27/04	S of Cambridge	25	2 hr 30 min	Primary burned down
3/27/04	Chaut,Peru,Havana,Niotaze, Wayside and rural areas	1,553	37 min	KG&E off
3/28/04	S of Havana	70	6 hr 45 min	Lost 6 poles-possible small twister

OPERATING STATISTICS

For Month Ending:	February, 2003	February, 2004
Customers Served (average)	5,165	5,194
kWh Sold	3,913,342	4,314,154
Revenue	\$ 440,033	\$ 491,059
Purchased Power	\$ 221,499	\$ 249,887
Operating Expenses	\$ 127,091	\$ 148,687
Depreciation Expenses	\$ 39,511	\$ 42,870
Interest Expenses	\$ 20,456	\$ 23,362
Other Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 680
Operating Margins	\$ 30,976	\$ 25,573
Non-operating Margins	\$ 6,738	\$ 3,747
Total Margins	\$ 37,714	\$ 29,320
Margins Year-to-Date	\$ 89,884	\$ 31,164

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for May is \$.00783. This calculates to an additional \$7.83 per 1,000 kilowatt hours used.



In Observance of Memorial Day Our Office Will Be Closed May 31

Pay Attention to Playground Safety

An estimated 200,000 children are sent to the emergency room for playground-related injuries each year according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). About a third of the children are under the age of 5. These tips for playground safety are to reduce those injuries.

Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface around the play equipment. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, or shredded rubber for play equipment up to 7 feet high. If sand or pea gravel is used, install at least a 9-inch layer for play equipment up to

5 feet high. Or, use surfacing mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like material.

Install protective surfacing at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.

Never attach—or allow children to attach—ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to play equipment; children can strangle on these.

Check for hardware, like open “S” hooks or protruding bolt ends, which can be hazardous.

Check for spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs; these spaces should measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

Make sure platforms and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls.

Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.

Remove tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.

Regularly check play equipment and surfacing to make sure both are in good condition.

Carefully supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.