

Thank you for your service

It is once again time to gather with our friends and families to give thanks for our many blessings. And one of the greatest blessings we have as a nation are our veterans, which we honor each Nov. 11. This year's Veterans Day is extra special in that it marks the 100th anniversary of the holiday, which was originally known as Armistice Day. (See this month's cover story on page 8 to learn more about this special tradition.)

It goes without saying that without our veterans, we would not have all the blessings we give thanks for; we would not have our great country where we can live freely and exercise our right to vote. In addition to serving in the military, these veterans came back home from wars to help build our state and nation.

This is especially true for the rural electrification movement, which began in the 1930s, but slowed during World War II. In 1946, as veterans returned home to their businesses and farms, momentum for rural electrification was restored. The movement gained even more strength with the formation 72 years ago this month of the *Arkansas REA News*, an eight-page tabloid newspaper. The newspaper was mailed monthly to electric co-op members as part of their membership, a tradition that remains to this day. The publication, now known as *Arkansas Living*, was designed to keep electric co-op members informed of the growth of the



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program, as well as the political challenges the co-ops faced.

We are proud to honor our veterans this Nov. 11, as well as commemorate our electric co-op publication and the program as a whole. As we give thanks and pause to remember our heritage, we are inspired by those who fought for our freedom and came before us to build this program and our nation. We will do our best to continue the traditions that have made the electric co-ops, and our state and nation strong.

We wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

C & L is thankful to be able to serve you and your family.

We will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with our families.

Our business office will reopen on Monday, November 26 at 8:00 a.m.

In case of an outage, please call us at 870-628-4221.



Bill payment options to fit any lifestyle

- **Pay by mail.** Please include your bill stub and write your C & L account number(s) on your check or money order.

- **Pay in person during regular business hours.** Please bring your payment and entire bill to either our Star City, Sheridan or Dumas offices any weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- **Use our night deposit after regular business hours.** Drop your payment by check or money order, NO CASH, in the night deposit at our Star City, Sheridan or Dumas office after hours. Please include your bill stub and write your account number on your check or money order.

- **Pay at a bank.** C & L payments are accepted at the following banks: Fordyce – Fordyce Bank & Trust, White Hall and Watson Chapel branches, Monticello – Commercial & Union, Pine Bluff – all Simmons branches including Watson

Chapel & White Hall, Rison – Fordyce Bank & Trust, Warren – 1st State, Warren Bank & Trust, & Union. Payments made at a bank are then mailed to C & L's main office and are not posted to your account until received by mail.

- **Pay by phone.** Dial (870) 628-5522 or (870) 628-5492 and follow the automated instructions. Payment must be made using a Visa, Mastercard or Discover brand credit or debit card. There is a \$4.25 transaction fee per C & L account for this service. Payments by phone are posted to your C & L account immediately.

- **Pay online.** You may go to <http://www.clelectric.com> using a Visa, Mastercard or Discover brand credit or debit card. You may pay all C & L accounts with the same member number for one \$4.25 transaction fee. Online payments are posted immediately to your C & L account.

Your electric cooperative pays property taxes too!

Just as everyone who owns property pays property taxes in the month of October, C & L Electric is no exception. The Cooperative pays taxes on its various properties such as office buildings, overhead power lines, and substations.

These tax payments are used to support such things as schools, roads, law enforcement and local governments. This year C & L paid a total of \$851,598.75 to the eight Arkansas counties in which we have members. Here's what your cooperative paid to each county:



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Bradley	\$ 83,166.53	C & L PAID OVER \$ 800,000.00 IN PROPERTY TAXES IN 2018.
Cleveland	\$ 110,305.67	
Dallas	\$ 3,463.27	
Desha	\$ 119,379.50	
Drew	\$ 150,981.49	
Grant	\$ 66,806.28	
Jefferson	\$ 48,808.71	
Lincoln	\$ 267,426.52	



Don't forget to set your clocks back!

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3rd. Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4th.

This is also a good time to put new batteries in your smoke alarms.