

## **Edmond Electric, builder team up for savings**

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EDMOND — People concerned with rising energy costs might want to pay close attention to the city's first Edmond Electric Energy Efficient Home.

Edmond Electric has partnered with Red Rock Builders after promoting the need to produce an advanced energy efficient home, said Bob Corff, Edmond Electric energy services manager. Construction began Wednesday morning on the E4 home at 3716 Bonaire Place in the Cottages at Stonebridge addition.

"Edmond is a growing community, and we see this as a way of helping homeowners grow smartly," said Charlie Burgett, Edmond Electric utility director. "Energy costs are continuing to rise and this is a way homeowners can fight against rising energy costs."

Savings will be with electricity and water. The ground source geothermal heat and air system to be used in the home are the most efficient heating units available, said Drake Rice, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority director of member services. An advanced insulation system and upgraded energy saving windows will save money for homeowners.

Red Rock Builders is owned by Bryan and Katie Turner and has been an established home builder for more than 20 years, Katie Turner said. The home will be open to the public for 90 days when construction is completed in January. Edmond Electric did not invest any money toward the 2,192-square-foot home's construction.

Energy efficiency will not make a visual impression on the homeowner, said Jennifer Lacy, Red Rock public relations director.

Bryan Turner said he hopes the home will help educate the public and builders about sustainable energy. Clients drive the market, Bryan said.

"We're seeing changes every year right now. The market in Edmond is changing with who it is and I think people are going to be focused on sustainable houses," Bryan said.

Going green has become part of the mindset of the American public, Bryan said.

"With the tip of it on everybody's tongue now, I think it's time to open it up and show them what we can do," he said.