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## The End of Summer

If you are a student you might want to stop reading right now.

Although most students know it's coming, they still don't want anyone to tell them that the beginning of August signals the approaching end of summer.

I'm no longer a student, but I certainly sympathize with the kids – I hate to see the end of summer too. I no longer have that three-month vacation – I still have to get up and go to work – but I enjoy the anticipation of freedom that accompanies summer.

I enjoy the sunshine, and yes, even the hot weather. Memorial Day, the 4th of July, Labor Day, family vacation, family members coming to visit, and the smell of freshly cut grass are all favorites of mine.

For many of you, the conclusion of this summer will bring about a new beginning. Like me, you have a child going off to college for the first time to be a student somewhere that isn't home. Although there are mixed emotions for both parent

and student, there's also the anticipation of a different type of freedom for both.

Keeping that in mind, you will want to read the article on page 12 about electrical safety in dorm rooms.

This issue also includes information on your capital credit refund, our Youth Tour winners' trip to Washington, D. C. and a feature story on the Bridle Creek Horse Ranch and Resort near Sperry. If you have a chance, drop by Bridle Creek and visit owners Kenny and Cheryl Jones. They're friendly folks who will be delighted to show you their place, and it's a place worth seeing.

And just to end the summer on a sweet note, take a look at this month's recipe. I think you'll agree it's fitting for our August, end-of-the-summer issue.

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## What to do if Your Power Goes Off

 Check your fuses or circuit breakers. Every service is different. You may have fuses or circuit breakers in your house, on the side of your house, under your meter, or all three places. Check to see if your neighbors have electricity.  Call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948 if the call is long distance for you. Have your account number, name as it appears on the account, and address handy to give to the dispatcher. If you should get a recording, please don't hang up; leave your information. It will be retrieved and given to the correct department. Every message is answered.



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## Improve Your Air Conditioner's Efficiency

Air conditioners use a lot of electricity, consuming the most in a summertime heat wave. Without regular service to your air conditioner, its efficiency can fall by as much as half, especially when it works overtime in the summer heat. However, proper maintenance and repair on your air conditioner will save

you money and can extend its life for roughly 15 years.

Air conditioners are complicated and require specialized tools to service them. It is best to hire an air-conditioning technician. An annual tuneup of your air conditioner averages approximately \$50 to \$100, but can reduce your cooling costs by 5 percent

or more.

Here are some maintenance tips that should be performed by a profes-

- Inspect the ductwork for loose joints and other leaks. Air leaks waste energy and should be sealed with duct mastic, not duct tape.
- · Check hose connections for leaks, and make sure the condensation tube is draining freely.
- Clean the blower so that it can move air more efficiently.
- Oil the motors, and check the belts for tightness and wear.
- Verify the airflow by measurement. Improper airflow can affect efficiency.
- Clean the indoor evaporator and outdoor condenser coil. If it doesn't have an access panel, have one installed.



- Check the refrigerant charge and adjust if needed. Remember that the law requires refrigerant to be recaptured when units are recharged.
- Straighten any bent films on the condenser and evaporator coils.
  - Inspect the electric terminals.
- Make sure to clean and tighten the connections.
- Inspect the thermostat to ensure that it provides a reliable reading.
- Install a programmable thermostat to adjust your home's temperature automatically. This thermostat increases the temperature setting while you're gone and then returns the home to a more comfortable setting before you return. 🕏

## ON THE COVER

Bridle Creek co-owner Mike Hall (left) on Whiskey, and partner Marissa Branson, on Tee, practice steer roping in Bridle Creek's indoor arena.

# August

Aug. 7-9 'Pass It On' Kids

& Maternity Consignment Sale, Claremore Elks Lodge

Will Rogers-Wiley Aug. 15-17

Post Fly-In Week end, Oologah

Allen Dickerson Aug. 16

Memorial Bullriding, Skiatook

Remember - Area schools start this month, so be watchful of kids going to and from school, and near bus stops.

If you have an event you would like to appear in the calendar, send written information to Power Circuit Editor, P.O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021. Include the date(s), time, location, and a telephone number. Information must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

**NEWS** 

## No Classified Ads in October Issue

The classified ads section of Power Circuit is a hugely popular portion of the newsletter, and that is why we want to remind you the ads will not be included in our October issue. That issue is our annual report and does not include any classified ads.

Please do not submit any ads between August 10 and September 10. The ads will resume in the November issue, so we will accept them from September 11 to October 10 and will include as many ads as space allows.

# Privilege of Membership

# Trustees Vote to Return \$500,000 in Capital Credits

For the sixth consecutive year, your board of trustees has approved returning \$500,000 in capital credits this year. The amount will appear as a credit on your October electric bill.

Capital credits are one of the benefits of cooperative ownership and are unique to the cooperative form of business. According to the co-op's auditing firm – Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby – one dollar in five of the co-op's equity has been returned to the members in the form of capital credit retirements.

Clyde Willard, VVEC director of finance, says about 62 percent of that amount, or about \$311,719, will be paid to members who were receiving electricity from the co-op in 2007. The remaining 38 percent, or about \$188,280, is being returned to members who were receiving power in 1979. Refund amounts are based on the usage of each member during 1979 and 2007.

As in the past, the credit will be identified as a 'patronage refund' and will be subtracted from the total amount due on your October bill.

Willard says members with multiple accounts will receive one credit on their membership account. That one credit will reflect the total accumulated capital credit refund from all of their accounts.

Willard says this is the fourteenth consecutive year capital credits have been returned, adding \$11, 593, 488 has been returned since VVEC was founded.

Former VVEC members will be sent a check for their refund if it is \$5 or more. Lesser amounts will be held in each individual's capital credit account until it reaches the \$5 minimum.

If you have questions about your capital credit refund, please call one of our consumer representatives at 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Only your local electric cooperative makes you an owner of the business.

Unlike other electric utilities, your co-op exists to make sure your needs are always met, not to make a profit.

As a member-owner, you share in the profits in the form of capital credit refunds.

## Members Owed Capital Credits Listed on Co-op Web Site

A list of members who have not collected their Capital Credits can now be found on our Web site – www.vvec.

Frequently, members don't give us a

forwarding address when they move off of co-op lines, so we don't know where to send their Capital Credit checks.

If you know a former member, please encourage him or her to visit the Web

site to see if their name is on the list.

Or call us if you have information on how to reach someone on the list.

# Youth Tour is 'Best Experience'

Sara Collins and Kendall Kurth returned from an eventful, fun-filled week in Washington, D. C. as winners of 2008 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour contest. The program is sponsored by VVEC, Oklahoma's other 25 electric co-ops and the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC.)

The 44th annual Youth Tour began June 13 with a 'Get Acquainted' banquet in Oklahoma City. The 69 young winners, representing 26 of the state's electric co-ops, departed for the nation's capital the next morning.

In addition to seeing historical monuments and taking photos at the White House, the group toured the Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol, U.S. Holocaust Museum, the Pentagon, Mount Vernon, and enjoyed a riverboat cruise on the Potomac River.

The group also hosted a Congressional Summit for the Oklahoma delegation, aides and guests, assisted by Congressman Frank Lucas and staff.

While traveling through Baltimore, the group spent time visiting the popular tourist area Inner Harbor, and toured Camden Yard - home of the Baltimore Orioles.





Oologah High School students Kendall Kurth (left) and Sara Collins pose in front of the U.S. Capitol during their week in Washington, D. C. As winners of VVEC's annual Youth Tour contest, they joined more than 69 other young people who were also Youth Tour winners from Oklahoma electric cooperatives.

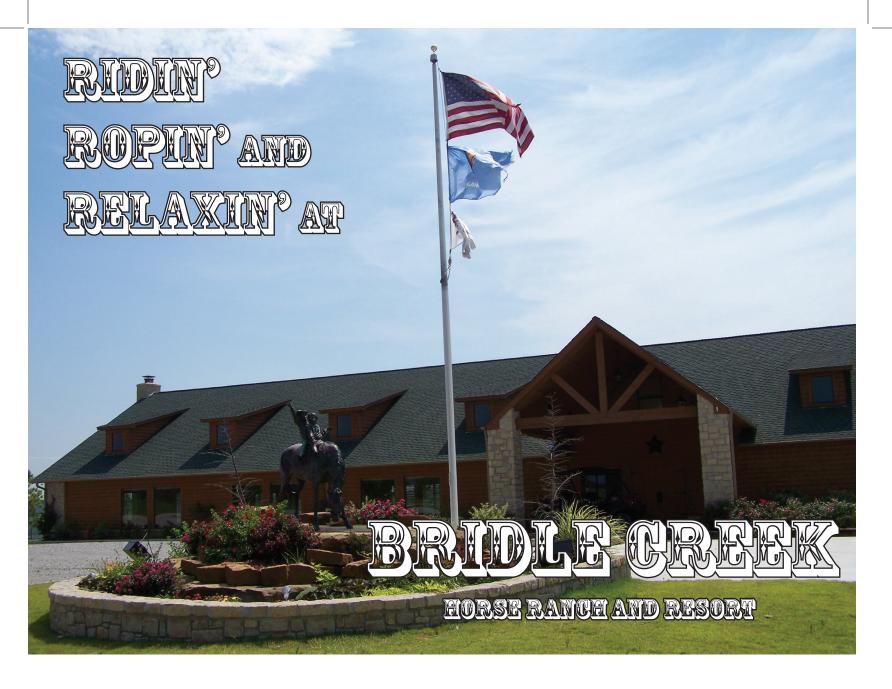
Toward the end of the week, Oklahoma's 69 Youth Tour winners met with the more than 1,500 Youth Tour winners from across the nation at a dinner-dance hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"In my opinion, the most exciting part of the trip was visiting the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool," says Collins. Kurth says experiencing D.C. with the other Youth Tour winners was the most rewarding for her. "Developing extraordinary connections that will last for the rest of my life," enhanced her experience, Kurth said.

The girls went on to talk about other highlights of the trip they enjoyed. Collins says she enjoyed visiting the Pentagon, the beautiful landscape at Mount Vernon, and the dance on the riverboat cruise down the Potomac River.

Kurth enjoyed visiting the Kennedy Performing Arts Center, the National Cathedral and the National Archives.

"I am extremely appreciative to VVEC for giving me such an incredible opportunity," says Kurth. "This was the best experience of my life.



oody Guthrie would have loved Bridle Creek.

The late Oklahoma songwriter used to sing about riding his pony through the draw, and the oak and black-jack trees playfully kissing the prairie breeze that dances along the lush, green Osage hills.

Understanding the love of his horse Guthrie sang about and the connection he felt to the land, owners Kenny and Cheryl Jones and Mike and Charlotte Hall envisioned Bridle Creek Horse Ranch and Resort to be all of that and more.

The lodge for the 128-acre resort rests atop one of those rolling Osage hills southwest of Sperry on 52nd W. Avenue. Rustic in it's design and Western in it's decor, the 6,500-square foot meeting hall offers breath-taking panoramic views of the area.

"There isn't a bad view anywhere in the building," says Cheryl.

Cascading down the hill are scattered 12 Outlaw cabins, so named because they each commemorate a famous...or infamous...Wild West legend.

At the bottom of the hill is a 54,000-square foot indoor arena which is surrounded by full-service stables, paddocks and small fenced pastures.

And finally, spreading out in the valley area immediately adjacent to Bridle Creek is Berrey Farms – an intimate housing development tailored to horse lovers who want to enjoy Bridle Creek's facilities and services.

As extensive as Bridle Creek is, it's



The Paint stallion is new to Bridle Creek but has already found a friend in Kenny.

actually fairly new having just opened in mid-2007. It is Kenny and Cheryl's vi-

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sion to offer area horsemen and women a clean, safe environment for stabling and riding horses, along with offering the area a unique venue for a variety of activities.

Bridle Creek's arena is state-of-the-art and was designed for equestrian events. Cheryl says there are events scheduled during the week and on weekends throughout the year.

"Right now it's a little too hot for certain activities like team ropings, but they'll resume when it begins to cool off," she says.

"The Arabian Horse Association has booked the arena in October for it's annual convention," she says, adding she and Kenny are marketing the resort in such a way to book more such events.

The arena has a soft-dirt floor and can seat up to 3,000 people. At the resort's grand opening the Jones set-up a concert stage and Country and Western star Earl Thomas Conley performed there. It has also been the location of corporate events such as Christmas parties that involve talent performances.

"We really can accommodate a lot of different types of activities in here," says Kenny, adding they are already booking 2008 Christmas events.

Adjacent to the arena are full-board 12'x12' matted stables for up to 25 horses. There are also 84 stalls in the event stable.

The 54,000-square foot indoor arena is the resort's crown jewel. It hosts a variety of events such as team ropings, barrel races, horse shows, concerts and corporate events. There are wooden bleachers running along one side of the arena, and an announcer's box at the end opposite the giant American flag.

Bridle Creek offers several levels of care for the horses in the clean, modern stables at

daily, monthly and yearly rates. Cheryl says ranch memberships are available to folks who don't board their animals here, but want access to the riding trails and

They also offer full-board and selfcare paddock services, and layover accommodations for people traveling with their horses.

The lodge is a beautiful stone and glass 6,500-square foot building that is gaining in popularity for everything from weddings to high school proms to corporate events and family reunions.

The south end accommodates up to 300 people, while the north end accommodates up to 75, and they can be rented individually or together. The lodge also has audio-visual equipment for corporate meetings or retreats.

The white pine interior and decorations are in keeping with the Western theme, but the decorations are discreet enough brides can still transform the lodge into the magical place they desire for their wed-

Upstairs is

ding.

memorable, unique, photos.

Kenny and Cheryl are anxious to make the Bridle Creek experience all the client wants it to be, so they work closely with area businesses to furnish a variety of services for everything from catering to photography.

For those wanting a longer Bridle Creek experience, they can stay in one of the Outlaw log cabins. Each unit features a queen-size bed, twin sleeper sofa, full bath, kitchenette, dining area, living area and deck out the back door. Six units are duplex formats with adjoining doors, and the remaining six are single units. They all offer TVs with DVD players and guests can rent movies.

Kenny and Cheryl aren't yet finished with the ranch and resort - a steak house, which Cheryl is naming Saddle Tramps, is in the works for a location just south of the lodge.

Bridle Creek Horse Ranch and Resort is a facility unlike anything else in area, and is popular because of it's beauty and the many services it offers. But the key to its success is the Jones' understanding of two strong Oklahoma principles - a love of horses and a love of the land. 5

Visit Bridle Creek at 5811 Roper Rd, Sperry, or call 288-2882, and visit the Web site at www.bridlecreekok.com

a conference room and bridal party dressing area, and brides descending the wooden staircase make





## From a Friend's Kitchen

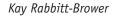
## Cool, Refreshing Watermelon

There are a lot of things I like about summer; not the least of them being the food we enjoy. Each year I look forward to blackberries, corn on the cob, fried okra, and cold, sweet watermelon. I think watermelon represents summer most of all to me.

When I was a little girl it was a big occasion when my Dad or Granddad brought home a watermelon. When it was properly chilled, my little brother and I, along with whatever cousins were home visiting my grandparents at the time, would get a thick slice of watermelon on a plastic plate, a fork and the salt shaker and sit outside.

We devoured our watermelon, fed the rinds to the horses and then tried to see who could spit the seeds the farthest. We made sure we didn't eat any of the seeds though, because Daddy said if we did, we would have watermelon vines growing out of our ears.

This month's recipe is a delicious, refreshing way to enjoy watermelon. And you don't have to worry about any vines growing out of your ears.





## **Watermelonade**

1 (12-lb.) watermelon (preferably seedless) 1/4 cup sugar, divided 4 tsp. fresh lemon juice, divided 16 cups ice cubes, divided

Cut watermelon flesh into 2-inch chunks and discard rind. Purée one fourth of watermelon in a blender with 1 Tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 4 cups ice, and a pinch of salt. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a large bowl, discarding solids. Make 3 more batches. Add sugar to taste if desired and serve over ice.

Garnish with lemon slices or mint sprigs, if desired.

Cook's note: Watermelonade can be made 1 day ahead and chilled, covered. Drink will separate; re-blend before serving.

## **Everything Goes**

Remington 1100 12-ga. shotgun, wood stock, 2 barrels 30" fc, 26" mc, \$475, 333-1714.

Lift chair, \$100, 371-3504.

4:80x8 new tire & wheel, for small trailer or boat trailer, \$20, 333-4011.

Electronic GE window AC, 18K BTU, 9.7 EER, \$200 OBO; propane, vent-free heater, 30K BTU, \$50; 4x1000-Watt baseboard heaters, \$10 ea., 371-3003.

Wooden baby crib w/mattress, EC, \$150, 609-5497.

Older model Zenith chest-type freezer, \$50 OBO, 341-1287.

Two side-by-side lots in Woodland Park Memorial Cemetery, Sand Springs, \$2,900, includes openings & closings, 396-4464.

Full-size fiberglass camper, \$200 OBO, 371-5070

Party King tailgate barbecue grill assembly, model #MVP 920D, never used, \$500, www.partykinggrills.com, 607-4441

Firewood - pecan, \$25/rick, 288-6543.

Sleigh-style daybed frame, head & footboard, \$50; electric organ, has a short, free, 698-4961.

Horse hay - pure, clean bluestem, barn-stored, 1,000-lb. bales, can deliver, 724-4674.

Above-ground steel safe rooms,

Full-size futon, used twice, wood frame w/burgundy cover, \$125; new banjo in hard leather case, \$500,

Antique barn wood cabinet, \$75; air hockey table, \$25; Avon & various bottle collection, clay pigeon thrower, 300 rounds, 12 ga., 724-5735

Two small Weed Eaters, \$50 ea.; lg. Weed Eater, \$70, 468-2269.

Black metal loft bed w/shelf, \$150; Ig. pedestal sink, \$75, 342-1955.

Dorm refrigerator, \$25; dishes & silverware, \$50, 341-1418.

50-gal. natural gas water heater, 3 yrs. old, \$115; Maytag washer w/natural gas dryer, 20 yrs. old, both work, \$100/pr., 273-3048.

Pasture needs baling, you bale it & I get \$25/bale, great horse, bermuda hay, 25 acres in Oologah area, ready to cut now, 697-6260.

Table, 36"x72", doesn't fold, \$35; 2 4-file drawers, 28"Hx30"L, \$45 ea., 536-4445.

Magic Chef propane range, 4 yrs. old, \$75; 1984 Coca-Cola 26" bike, \$350; 1950s cream separator, \$300; mountain bike, EC, \$100; natural gas floor furnace, \$150; tail gate for 1986-1990 Chevy 3/4-ton truck, \$75; homemade calf table for working calves, \$40; 3 telephone poles, free, 287-4859

English saddle, 17", EC, \$150, 845-

Hunters tent & stove, \$350, 284-9404.

75 high grade railroad ties, \$7 ea.; cross-arms, \$1 per linear foot; new 236 linear feet of 1"x10" Bevel cut rough Cedar siding, \$2.50 per linear foot; 3 6"x7" & 2 5"x7" steel pipes, \$15 ea.; Total Gym 1000, EC, \$50; dual action Ergometer exercise bike, GC, \$25; 2 Body by Jake Ab & Back Plus machines, GC, \$25; Amerec Precision rowing machine, GC, \$20; Bio-Dyne weight bench w/about 350-lb. weights, \$75, 242-3872.

Fiesta china, 2000 pitcher & 4 tumblers, collectors items, \$125; Coca-Cola collector bottles (full) & cases, many to choose from, prices vary, 341-6755.

Hay - square bales, C'ville area, you load, \$3/bale, 504-6264.

5 hp push mower, 22" cut, runs great, \$50. \$55 w/electric weed eater; Echo SRM 2100 weed eater, w/manual, runs great, \$75, 272-9941.

Tornado foosball table, GC, \$350, 645-0702.

All leather roping saddle, by Cheyenne Saddlery, 16" seat, EC, \$600, 536-2124.

PAC 2500 wall-mount work out machine, \$25; GM 14" Ralley wheels x4, \$50; RCA 60" big screen TV, needs adjustment, \$400, 639-6823.

Used 3-ton central H&AC, 10 SEER, \$300, 576-8490.

Four flue pipe joints for wood stove, \$3.50 ea.; aluminum windows LN, \$3.50 ea.; one 7:50x20" truck tire, GC, \$30, 494-2920.

Hay-lg. net-wrapped & sm. sq. bales;13" color TVs, \$25 & \$45; Jack Nicklaus golf clubs & bag, \$150, 283-2777.

Ivory wrought-iron bed, w/brass accents, full-size, \$195; antique vanity w/full-length mirror, 4 drawers, \$125; walnut-finish desk w/keyboard tray & hutch, \$40, 706-4564.

**Church pews –** 14 4' pews, \$50 ea.; 7 8' pews, \$75 ea.; 9 14' pews, \$100 ea.; pulpit, \$125; Baldwin organ, \$175, photos viewed online at Craigslist, under Tulsa-Furniture, 857-7451

5 bags of llama hair, straight from the llamas, \$25/bag, 535-2680 after 6 p.m.

Whirlpool electric dryer, EC, \$100; metal wagon wheels, \$75 - \$100; Graco navy blue 3-pc. stroller set, \$15, 371-4569.

Electric wheel chair, used 2 mos., \$1,500 OBO; Kohler porcelain doublesink, extra lg., bisque color, still in box, \$200; standard-size used porcelain double sink, bisque color, \$50, 341-2827.

Bears Den membership, w/coast to coast deluxe, \$900 + transfer fee, 341-6668

Hay - big, round bales, prairie or mixed grasses, 396-2206.

Infant crib, \$25; swivel TV stand, \$10; charcoal grill w/bottle, used once, EC, \$45; assorted paper weights, 341-2340.

Jeep hardtop, fits '95 or later, beige, needs rear glass & fiberglass repair, \$200, 695-2357.

Arkansas-Tennessee stone hearth & mantle fireplace slabs, both 6' long, also misc. stone 'brick,' all for \$550, 272-4717, no Friday night or Saturday calls, please.

St. Croix pellet stove, \$800, 408-

2 red bar stool w/backs, chrome base, \$85, 342-4592

#### **Business for Sale**

Commercial embroidery business, all assets sold together, 2 Brother 3-head commercial embroidery machines, all hoops, thread, hardware computer & software, lots of artwork, including 100s of local ones & all supplies, will transport machines within 200 miles of Tulsa metro area, training and set-up available, \$48,500 OBO, 342-4435.

## Cars & Trucks

1994 Pontiac Bonneville SE, 282K miles, runs good, \$600, 275-4482.

2003 Dodge pickup, long bed, w/rear bumper & receiver hitch, GC, \$500; 1979 Datsun pickup, 4 cyl. w/tool bed, runs good, \$950, 335-2337.

**1965 Nova SS,** 383 Stroker 700RA, 4:10 posi, Heidt's front clip, \$16,500, 288-6802.

1978 GMC 1-ton flatbed truck, 454 V8 engine, 50,425 miles, \$1,500, 342-0878.

2000 Ford Windstar LX, 3.8L, rear air, PW, PL, PM, keyless entry, cassette & CD player, very clean, 105K miles, GC, \$3,900, 543-6200.

2001 Suburban 4x4 LT, loaded, \$9,500, 697-6082.

1991 Ford Ranger, ext. cab, new tires on front, \$1,000 OBO, 638-7867.

1996 Dodge Caravan, runs sometimes, body in EC, \$1,500; 1993 Plymouth, runs good, body needs work, \$900; 1989 Chevy conversion van, runs good, transmission needs work, \$850: 1985 Ford Crown Victoria, runs, but needs work, \$450, 341-3504.

1998 Pontiac Firebird V6, 2-dr. coupe, auto, PS & PW, 83K miles, low mile tires, GC; 1993 Chevy Camero, V6, 2-dr. coupe, auto, tires in GC, front-end damage, 139K miles, parts car, 808-9051.

1995 Dodge Intrepid, runs but needs work, \$1,500, 272-1947.

1983 Jeep Wagoneer Limited, runs well, GC, \$4,500, 341-6950.

1993 Ford ext. cab, needs transmission, \$1,000 OBO; 1976 Chevy Luv custom pickup, 4-sp. convertible, 4 cyl., 71K miles, runs great, 232-8665.

1941 Chevy 2-dr., nice car needs very little work, new tires, paint, interior, \$5,250; 1967 Ranchero, good rebuilder, good body, \$1,095, 260-3646.

1988 Ford Ranger supercab, 2WD, 5-sp., V6, short bed, 98K miles, \$1,000, 396-1868.

1993 Lexus SC300, coupe, auto, sunroof, leather, all power, ABS, EC, \$7,500 after 7 p.m. 336-0949.

1971 Ford F250 Ranger, starts & runs, needs some work, C6 auto, \$1,425, 706-1925.

1991 Acura Legend, auto, sunroof, loaded, \$3,100 OBO; 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4, reg. cab, short bed, auto, clean, fresh tires, 107,500 miles, \$6,975 OBO; 1972 Chevy pickup C-10, 350 auto, long bed, 2 WD, runs great, good body, \$5,000 OBO, 637-2980.

Two 1989 Nissan Sentras, package deal, 35 mpg, cold AC, \$1,400, 576-8490.

1984 Chevy Corvette, silver, car cover, 80K miles, GC, \$6,500, 396-0787.

1985 Dodge 1-ton flatbed pickup, runs & drives great, body in GC, 15-20 mpg., \$5,000 OBO, 948-3756.

2001 Ford Windstar SEL van, leather, quad bucket seats, seats 7, loaded, garage kept, keyless & remote entry, cold rear air, 6-disc CD player, 98K miles, EC, \$7,000, photos available, 695-2357.

1989 Ford E-150 custom van, 302 EFI V8, 4 captains chairs, electric bench seat converts to bed, rear H&AC, dual tanks, \$1,995, 272-4717, no Friday night or Saturday calls, please.

## Equipment

New Schaben Industries 55-gal. 3-pt. sprayer w/boom, \$600, 288-7093.

Pecan cleaner w/inspection table, low hr. Honda engine, 2" hitch for field use, \$3,000, 331-8581.

2006 Exiss Sport trailer, 3-horse slant w/living grtrs., EC, \$27,500, 724-9589.

1965 John Deere 400D diesel backhoe, front bucket bleeds off slowly, all hydraulics work & don't bleed off, runs, but rod knocks, \$4,500, 697-4409.

2006 Massey Ferguson 1528, 4x4 w/ loader, 280 hrs., 5' finish mower, 5' brush hog, EC, \$14,000, 344-9336.

2008 gooseneck stock trailer, 3 cut gates, 6.8' wide x 32' long, 639-8221.

Allison D-17 tractor & Vicon disc mower, \$4,200; side delivery hay rake, \$600; New Holland baler - sq. wire tie, \$800, or all for \$5,000; 1 pr. rear fenders for Ford 9N or 3000 tractor, \$150; Ford brush guard, \$90; steel drum yard roller, can be filled w/liquid, \$65; 3-pt. scoop/box blade combo, \$125; 3-pt. seeder/fertilizer, 50#, \$50; 2 rolls horse wire, \$75; Delta thickness planer, \$200; Craftsman belt-driven table saw, EC, \$200, 371-9352.

Mahindra 3510 tractor, 35 hp, 4 WD, front loader, box blade, used less than 200 hr., w/manual, EC, 396-7437.

10" ridged table saw, \$250; Sinco framing nailer w/extra nails, \$100,

2750 John Deere tractor w/loader, \$10,000; 4-wheel rubber-tired wagon, \$100; wagon hoist, \$75; Ford 314 plow, \$200; 6' brush hog, \$250; Great Bend 440 tractor loader, \$2,500; 500-gal. propane tank, \$500, 475-2341.

International 430 sq. baler, wire tie, 273-3154.

25' Starlight dove-tail gooseneck trailer, spring-loaded ramps, EC, \$3,000, 629-2707.

New 32' hay wagon, tandem-axle, gooseneck w/brakes, self-dumping, 371-9264.

16' 5th-wheel stock trailer, center divider panel & side door, \$2,000,

2006 enclosed trailer/hauler, EC, \$5,500, 341-6755.

1975 Ford diesel tractor, w/6' brush hog, dirt slip, runs good, \$4,900, 440-0531.

Misc. farm equipment & supplies, including fuel tank, bale rings, brush hog, plows, spreader, much more, 724-8286.

Craftsman 10" radial arm saw, \$65; heavy 1/2" electric drill, \$18, 494-2920

Mahindra 27 hp tractor, used only 40 hrs. w/5' brush hog, 4' tiller, 4' box blade, \$9,500; 4' Flail mower, 3 pt., \$400, 260-3646.

2005 Polaris Ranger 2x4, low hrs., windshield & top, EC, \$5,400 OBO, 269-0206.

1955 Ferguson gas-powered tractor, 30 hp, box blade, brush hog, plow & sickle, GC, \$1850 OBO, 371-4065.

Heavy-duty 3-prong bale spear, \$250, 272-9941.

Craftsman 5 hp leaf/limb shredder, \$175, 396-1868.

Fertilizer spreader/3 pt., \$50; 9,000-lb. Warn winch, \$300; cattle feeder/600 lb. \$300, 284-9404.

Honda garden tiller, 36" wide, 3 hp, \$200; furniture moving dolly, \$20, 283-2777

Yanmar 2200 2-cyl. diesel tractor w/dirt bucket, 4-sp. pto, 25 hp, GC, \$2,200 OBO, 274-0408.

1939 Delta 100 shaper, \$100; Miller -225 ACDC welder, low hrs., \$150; Sears radial arm saw, \$75, 230-7461.

Tiller, \$125; 150' of new air hose, \$20; 4' fencing, \$25, 341-2340.

New 8" bench grinder w/light, still in box, \$25, 272-4717, no Friday night or Saturday calls, please.

Enclosed cargo trailer, Iron 0x, 10.5', good tires, \$1,300, 342-4592.

Livestock

Beautiful, brown & white Paint mare, very gentle, 8 yrs. old, pleasure riding & works cattle w/papers, saddle & bridle, \$2,500, 342-3112.

3-yr.-old gelding, 41" tall, chocolate & white spotted, green broke, \$400, 520-2755.

Pygmy goats, all ages, males & females, 396-1254.

Llamas & goats, \$50-\$250, 371-7690.

Angus bull, 3 yrs. old; Limousin bull, 1 yr. old, 371-3853.

Baby doll sheep, 2 reg. black ram lambs, 2 reg. black ewe lambs, born May 2008, 637-3346.

Longhorn cows, calves, cow/calf pairs, 1-yr.-old Foundation bred buckskins, duns, chestnuts, excellent conformation & disposition, \$225 and up, 698-0072.

AQHA red roan colt, flashy, excellent conformation & bloodlines, halter prospect \$400: AOHA brood mare excellent bloodlines, gives wonderful foals, \$200, 845-5978.

2-yr.-old AQHA quarter pony-type filly, \$550; 3-yr.-old AQHA filly, broke to ride, very gentle, \$1,550, 706-1931.

Registered APHA, APtHA, black & white stud colt, 2 yrs. old, blue eyes, gentle disposition, ready to start under saddle, \$2,500; 1995 APHA bay/ white mare, broke & used on trails, easy keeper, gentle, great brood mare, \$3,000 or trade for comparable mare, 536-2124

Paint mare, 15.2 hands high, beautiful markings, gentle, great disposition, kid broke, \$1,500, 724-8286.

Beautiful Pinto gelding, 4 yrs. old, green broke, lots of color, great barrel prospect, 12-yr.-old APHA mare, gray w/roan specs, broke but hasn't been ridden in past year, beautiful Hereford saddle & all tack, \$1,250 for all, 948-

Cinnamon Queens laying hens, ready middle of September, 396-2206

Finnsheep ewe & ram lambs, 519-

Brangus bulls, fertility tested, very gentle, nice replacement heifers, delivery availalbe, 695-2357.

## Pets

Kittens - 13 wks. old, 1st shots, wormed, litter trained, orange, tabby & black, 331-9681.

Adult cats, spayed, neutered, shots, assorted colors, shy, \$25, 381-2029. Free - kittens, variety of colors, 371-

PomaPoos & Poms, shots & wormed, \$250 & up. 812-4831.

Male wolf, used for breeding, shots current, loves children, \$600, 845-

Registered Australian Shepherds, 706-1931, www.fifteenacrefarms.com.

Great Pyrenees, puppies & adults,

German Shepard & Chihuahua puppies, \$200, 520-2755.

## Real Estate

3 BDR double-wide mobile home, 10'x19' screened-in porch, storm cellar, barn, 2-car garage, catfish-stocked pond, 7.5 acres, \$127,500, 396-3829.

Lease - Fenced 5 acres w/pond, \$250/month, 18216 E. 11th, St., Tulsa, 371-0949.

Rent - 3 BDR, 1.5 BA, washer & dryer hook up, ceramic tile, carpet in bedrooms, carport w/shed, fenced yard, no pets, \$765, plus \$765 deposit, 371-4246.

45 acres, 5 miles west of Oologah, 371-5211.

5 acres by Skiatook Lake, \$42,000, 645-0702.

8.88 acres in Owasso, 1.75 miles from Wal-Mart, 3 BDR house, \$125,000, 260-3546.

2.5 acres, 2.5 miles east of Hwy. 169 on 106th N. in Owasso, utilities, no trailers, \$95,000, 232-8665.

Claremore Colonial 2-story house, 3,000 sq. ft., 2-stall garage, 1.5 acre yard, 5 BDR, 3 BA, new carpet, \$195,000, 283-2777.

## **RVs & Boats**

2006 Palamino Colt pop-up trailer, double bed, slide-outs, awning, refrigerator. GC. \$2.500. 371-1858.

1997 29' Nu-Way Hitch Hiker II 5th wheel, very clean, \$17,900, 269-8035.

2004 34' Gulf Stream, hail damaged, exterior damage only, nicely priced, \$7,000, 440-2113.

2006 Honda VTX 1300R, added windshield & back rest, 2,500 miles, EC, \$7,600, 342-1267.

2004 Tab (tear drop) camper, H&AC unit, 3-way refrigerator, stove, sink, light weight, 343-8787.

1984 21' Shasta camper, hitch pull, H&AC unit, full kitchen, full bath, queen bed, GC, 371-4292.

AMF Sunfish sailboat, 12' long, 1 man, new sail, \$400, 536-4023

1981 Glastron 16' boat, w/1972 Johnson motor, trailer, GC, \$1,000 OBO, 378-6989.

New Paddle boat, never in water, \$300, 497-0483.

1969 15' Glastron tri-hull boat, w/ walk-thru, & 1969 55 hp Johnson motor & trailer, locator & trolling motor, \$875 OBO, 607-4441.

1997 30' 5th wheel Wilderness by Fleetwood, w/12' slide, rear kitchen, new tires & jacks, ready to camp, EC, \$8,750 OBO, 269-0206

1986 KX 80, runs great, \$650; 2-seater go-cart, 60 hp, runs great, \$300, 645-0702.

2003 Honda clean dirt bike, CRX 150, \$1,475, 697-6112

2007 GSXR Suzuki 600 motorcycle, 4K miles, helmet, jacket, gloves included, \$7,000, 396-4259.

2006 aluminum-weld Lowe boat, 60 hp, 4-stroke Mercury, stainless-steel prop, locator, 2-live wells, low hrs., 333-8471.

#### Services

Storm cellars, 396-3080.

Install siding & windows, and general handyman work, accept Visa and Mastercard, 263-3610.

Lawn mowing, brush hogging, free estimates, reasonable rates, 408-5040. Mary Kay cosmetics, 371-3501, www. marykay.com/tjohnson8303.

RV service & repair, mobile RV service - we come to you, 704-8329.

Economic residential and commercial filterless electronic air purifiers, in many sizes & models, try 1 FREE for 3 days, 639-4356.

Maid service for residential, commercial & apartments, free estimates, 859-5832.

Carpet installation & repair, 40 yrs. experience, vinyl, faux wood, 343-1845.

**Commercial & residential tractor** work, bucket, box blade, brush hog & mowing services available, 695-1943.

Auction service, for fund-raising, estate, farm & liquidation, consignment auction 2nd Saturday of each month @ 10 a.m., 371-5211.

Diesel & auto diagnostics & repair, heavy equipment, trucks, tractors, hay equipment, hydraulics, brakes, roadside, assistance, pickup & delivery if needed, references available, 706-

Auto detailing & stereo installation, by appt., 706-5427.

Brick & rock work, new or repair, mailboxes, settling, cracks, flowerbeds, etc., 35 yrs. experience, 282-9927.

Brush hog, gravel work, Ditch Witch, chainsaw sharpening, 639-6823.

Home remodeling, fences, decks, roofs, dirt work, patios, experienced, insured, reliable, 637-2980.

Custom home design, computeraided, 30¢ per foot, 28 yrs. experience, 371-4065.

Tractor work, box blade, brush hog, backhoe, front loader, will haul off 'dead' tractors, trucks, cars, and junk, 536-4215.

Brick mason, rock work & repair, chimney sweep, mailboxes, specializing in fireplace repair, outside fireplace, responsible rates, 697-6112.

House cleaning, free estimates, references available, 519-4140.

Lawn mowing, brush hogging, reasonable rates, free estimates, 408-5040.

Funeral advantage program now available in Oklahoma, 231-1433.

Attic insulation, lower your energy bill, free estimates, quality work, competitive prices, guaranteed workmanship, 706-4567.

## Wanted

Camper shell, w/side work doors to fit 1988 to 1998 Chevy short wide full-size pickup, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

One nice loving granny to babysit, a 16-mo.-old girl and a 3-mo.-old boy in her home, preferably someone who stays home & has no inside pets. needed by mid-Dec., 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., will discuss salary, 637-6940.

Items needed for school plays/programs, such as square dance outfits for both males & females, pioneer-type skirts & dresses, western hats, bonnets, etc., 671-0122.

Old hay, not fit for feeding, about 200 small square bales, reasonable price, will haul. 435-4567.

Old costume jewelry, rhinestone-type, 536-4215.

Bottle baby goats, stock trailer, stock panels, Buffalo calf, 845-5978.

Tilted-handle out-board motor, any size, 637-0256

Old bricks, patio, stone, architectural salvage, 283-1233.

## **Classified Ads**

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for all ads is the 10th of each month. Ads will be accepted in writing only and are a free service to VVEC members only. Send them to the attention of Power Circuit Editor, P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021.

Your account number, name, address, and a phone number is required on all ads.

As many ads as space allows will be included in each issue. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.

# E-Bill Coming Soon

Soon you will have the ability to view information about your bill from your home or office, or anywhere you have Internet access.

The program is called E-Bill and it allows you to view your account, enter meter readings, and pay your bill online through a secured Web site.

You can also look at your current bill, previous months' bills and check your payment history.

Charts showing kWh usage and charges will be available.

E-Bill gives you three payment options:

- Automatic withdrawal from a designated checking or saving account
  - Electronic bank draft
  - Credit Card

Continue to read your Power Circuit; we'll keep you informed about the program and when you can begin participating. 5

## **Electrical Safety in the Dorm Room**

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 3,300 structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and barracks from 2002 to 2005. The group Campus Firewatch has identified 129 student-related fire deaths across the nation since 1999.

A lack of automatic sprinkler systems, disabled smoke alarms, careless smoking, unattended candles, and cooking, as well as overloaded extension cords and power outlets are among the most common causes of campus fires. Because many residences halls were built before students arrived with computers, CD players, microwaves, and refrigerators, wiring in dorms sometimes can't handle the increased electrical load. This makes it especially important not to overload circuits and follow university rules with regard to electricity use.

The following tips will help college students and others stay safe this fall:

- Do not overload extension cords, power strips, or outlets. Overloading these can cause overheating and deterioration, resulting in a shock or fire hazard.
- Use adaptors in rooms with old-fashioned, two-prong outlets.
- Buy a power strip with an overcurrent protector. It will shut off power automatically if too much power gets drawn.
  - If an outlet is hot to the touch,



unplug appliances immediately and notify the resident assistant. It could be a potential fire hazard.

- Do not connect multiple extension cords together.
- Extension cords are only for tempoary use.
- Do not route extension cords under carpet or doors. Do not staple or puncture through extension cords.
- Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) mark on any electrical product you use.
- Use light bulbs with the correct wattage for lamps. The wattage specification should be indicated near the bulb socket.

• Always supervise the use of hot plates. They can easily start a fire if left unattended.

