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Higher Wholesale Power Costs Ahead

New power plant, fuel costs and environmental regs force AECI to raise rates

there's no sugarcoating the truth. In March, VVEC members will pay more for wholesale power generated by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI.) The Missouri-based utility generates electricity for 51 electric co-ops and six transmission facilities in Missouri, Oklahoma and Iowa.

Alice Houston, VVEC general manager, says the increase in wholesale power rates will add around \$4.7 million to the co-op's power costs in 2008 – an increase of 23 percent.

For VVEC members, the AECI increase will appear in the monthly power cost adjustment (PCA.) Beginning in March, the PCA will begin to gradually increase up to 1-cent or more per kiloWatt-hour. While PCA fluctuations and household usage patterns make precise figures impossible, the average co-op member's bill will increase by approximately \$16 per month.

Houston points out this isn't an increase in rates set by VVEC, but an increase in the adjustment charged monthly by AECI for generating expenses that exceed baseline rates. This is the only co-op expense not included in VVEC's rates.

"This isn't news anyone wants to hear," says Houston. 'Neither the co-op nor the members want to pay higher utility bills. But we can't say the increase is a surprise, given the current energy situation."

Rising power costs continue to grab

front-page headlines across the country. VVEC members have been reading similar reports in the co-op newsletter, annual report, *Oklahoma Living*, and hearing about it at annual meeting. All sources acknowledge key factors such as rising fuel prices, growing demand, the need for new power plants, and increasingly costly environmental regulations.

According to AECI, the cost for fuels

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What is the PCA?

The power cost adjustment (PCA) is paid directly to your co-op's wholesale power supplier for generating expenses that exceed the baseline rate. Because unstable fuel prices make it extremely difficult for power suppliers to predict generating costs, the PCA was established to accurately reflect the difference in projected costs and actual generating costs. When generating costs dip below the baseline rate, the PCA appears as a credit on your electric bill. The PCA has has appeared as zero, or a credit, on your bills since August 2004.

The method of calculating the PCA has been the same since the early 1970s.

Calendar of Events

March 9 Daylight Savings Time begins

March 16 Palm Sunday

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 **Spring begins!**

March 21 Good Friday - VVEC offices closed

March 23 Easter

April 1 April Fool's Day

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.

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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.

Winter Residential Rates

October through March usage, November through April billing

Consumer Charge

\$12.00

1st 1,000 kWhs 2nd 1,000 kWhs 2,000+ kWhs 6.170 cents/kWh 5.570 cent/kWh 3.070 cents/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) is applied monthly to all bills when the average cost of power the cooperative buys is less than or more than 40.00 mills/kWh.



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When to Turn Off Personal Computers

If you're wondering when to turn off personal computers for energy savings, here are some general guidelines.

While a small surge in energy consumption occurs when a computer starts up, this hardly compares to the amount used when a computer runs for a long time. For energy savings and convenience, consider turning off the monitor if you aren't going to use your PC for more than 20 minutes, and switch off both the CPU and monitor if you're not going to use your PC for more than two hours.

Make sure monitors, printers, and other accessories are plugged in to a power strip/surge protector. When not using equipment for extended periods,

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used to generate electricity increased 94 percent in the last 10 years. While a new coal-fired power plant under construction in Missouri will enable AECI to meet its projected system growth of 2.3 percent per year, the price, at \$1.3 billion, is steep.

Meanwhile federally mandated environmental standards require the utility to modify its existing coalfired plants. Cost of these modifications: \$330 million.

"These are serious issues for VVEC, and all co-ops, in fact," says Houston. "We want our members to know the increase is coming, what issues are causing it, how it is going to affect them, and what actions they can take to have some control over their monthly usage, and ultimately, their monthly bills."

turn off the switch on the power strip to prevent any power drain. If you don't use a power strip, unplug extra equipment when it's not in use.

Most PCs today reach the end of their useful life due to advances in technology long before any negative effects of being switched on and off multiple times can be seen. But as a general rule of thumb, the less time a PC is on, the longer it will "last." PCs also produce heat, so turning them off reduces the need for air conditioning.

Power-Down or Sleep Mode Features

Many PCs come with a power-down or sleep mode feature for the CPU and monitor. ENERGY STAR® computers consume 15 Watts or less in this mode – around 70 percent less electricity than a computer without power management features. ENERGY STAR monitors also have the capability to power down into two successive sleep modes, first to 15 Watts and then to 8 Watts – less than 10 percent of its operating power consumption.

Keep in mind that screen savers are not energy savers. Using a screen saver may in fact require more energy than not using one, and your power-



down feature may not work if you have a screen saver activated. In fact, modern LCD color monitors do not need screen savers.

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.com.

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.

A Pat on the Back!

Owasso FFA President, and VVEC's 2007 Youth Tour delegate, Michael Harvey was featured on KTUL's Good Day Tulsa Monday, Feb. 19 during National FFA Week.

Harvey was accompanied by members of the Owasso FFA chapter and the chapter advisor as they visited with Channel 8 personality Keith Taylor about the impact agriculture has on the national economy and the role FFA plays in that impact.

Congratulations to Harvey for being such an excellent representative for both VVEC and FFA.

How do I Figure my Electric Bill?

There is a lot of information on your monthly electric bill. Do you know what it all means?

It can be a little overwhelming at first glance. But when you know what that information means, then you can learn what it tells you about the energy you use and how you are paying for it.

Trying to figure your electric bill can be intimidating at first, but once you become familiar with the formula, you will find it easier to calculate.

The portion of the bill you want to pay particular attention to is the box showing how many kiloWatt-hours (kWh) were used during the billing cycle.

In this sample bill (right), 2,924 kiloWatt-hours of electricity were used. This bill is for an account on our Residential 1 rate.

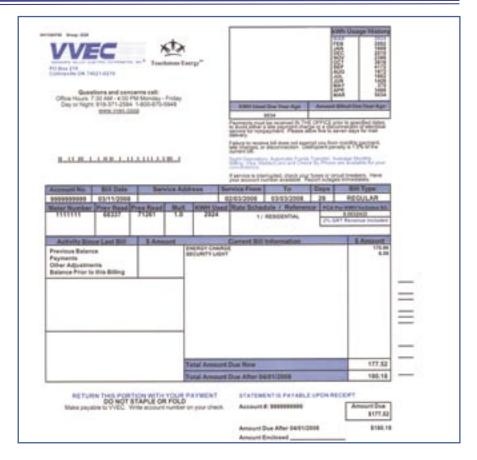
Using as your guide the rates printed every month on page 2 of the newsletter, you can see that the first 1,000 kWh are billed at a rate of \$0.061700 for a total of \$61.70. The second 1,000 kWh are billed at \$0.055700 for \$55.70, and the remaining 924 kWh are billed at \$0.030700 or \$28.37.

The sample bill also shows this account is billed for a security light. Base charge for the equipment is \$6.56. We estimate security lights use 70 kWh each month.

The bill indicates the PCA at this time is \$0.0032433. The 2,994 kWh (2,924 kWh plus 70 kWh for the security light) are multiplied by the PCA for a charge of \$9.71.

There is also a \$12 customer charge.

The total is now \$174.04. A 2 percent gross receipts tax (\$3.48) is ap-



plied to that amount, bringing the total bill to \$177.52.

Your bill also tells you how many days are included in this billing cycle, which is important. If you feel a bill is higher than normal, check to see how many days are in this section. Just one or two days can have an impact.

Your bill can show you how many kWh were used for the same period one year ago and what you were billed for that period.

You can see when your payment is due and how much it will be should you pay after the due date. You can learn what credit cards we accept and what additional payment methods are available. There is information about what to do if your service is interrupted, along with our office hours and how to contact us.

Of course, some of the information doesn't require an explanation, but you

still need to pay attention to it.

The name on the bill is the name we show on your account, and the address we have for you. Check to see they are correct.

Your 10-digit account number identifies the specific account set up under your membership for the meter associated with this bill. Many of you have more than one meter (house, barn, oil well, water well, etc.) and therefore have more than one account number. It is important you provide the account number any time you need information on your account or to report a concern. This allows us to address the specific meter.

If you have questions about calculating your bill or the information listed on it, please call our customer service representatives at (918) 371-3584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Possible Reasons for a High Bill

It's not unusual for us to get calls from members saying they think their electric bill is high; higher than it is normally.

Usually, the explanation is something simple such as usage being high due to seasonal activities, or having more people in the house using more electricity.

But there are several reasons a bill could be high.

One reason is the number of appliances and electronic equipment that run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Consider all the televisions, VCRs and DVD players, cordless telephones and answering machines, battery chargers for your cell phone or digital camera, computers, water bed heater, the garage door opener, and your home's security system. Several of these have a warm-up feature that provides an 'instant on' option.

And remember your furnace, water heater, and kitchen appliances such as the microwave oven. Don't overlook appliances such as the extra refrigerator or freezer in the garage. These use electricity all the time, even when you may not consider them as being 'on.' And they don't all use the same amount of electricity.

Electric heat in winter

(central furnace 20 kWh per hour) (portable 1.5 kWh per hour)

Heat pump

(6.2 kWh per hour to heat) (4.5 kWh per hour to cool)

Air conditioner

(window 2.5 kWh per hour) (central 4.5 kWh per hour)

Electric water heater

(4 persons 400 kWh per month)

Well pump

(1 kwh per hour running)

Freezer (200 kWh per month)

Refrigerator (180 kWh per month)

Dryer (100 kWh per month)

Water bed (120 kWh per month)

(more in winter if uncovered)

Fan on gas furnace

(30 kWh per month)

Take into consideration the age of your appliances. Older models, which are usually what the extra ones in the garage are, use more electricity than newer models. Plus, the ones in the garage aren't normally kept as clean as the one in the kitchen. This affects their efficiency. It's a good idea to pull your refrigerator away from the wall every six months and clean under and behind it.

The weather in Oklahoma can affect how much electricity you use. It's not unusual to have a cold spell arrive before winter, or a heat wave strike before summer. This can cause you to use your furnace or air conditioner before you would normally.

During the cold months, many of us use space heaters, heat lamps, stock tank heaters or heat tape. And don't forget the drop light you hang near the back of the washing machine or other water pipes to keep them from freezing. Try to disconnect those heaters during the periods when the weather is warmer and use them only as needed. Most of those will not be needed during the day.

When warmer weather arrives, check your air conditioner. It pays to have it serviced at the beginning of the cooling season to assure it's functioning properly.

Many residences have at least one outside light that is supposed to come on at dusk and goes out when it gets light in the morning. These lights can be contributors to a higher than normal bill. Check those lights in the daylight and make sure they are off.

Heating and cooling your home typically is about 45 percent of your electric bill. Insulation and good windows and doors are important in the summer as well as in the winter. One of the quickest dollar-saving tasks you can do is to caulk, seal and weatherstrip. You can save as much as 10 percent on your heating bill by reducing air leaks.

Check the number of days that are billed for your electric use. This varies from bill to bill due to the number of days in a month. But it only stands to reason that more days in the billing cycle will result in higher bills.

If you have all these items in consideration, checked and cleaned your equipment and appliances, but still feel your bill is higher than it should be, the please give us a call.

We can come to your location, conduct an energy audit to help you learn how you and your family are using electricity, and discuss your bill with you.

Updated Phone Numbers

Information in the February Power Circuit on where to get assistance with paying high electric bills included an incorrect phone number for Washington County DHS. The updated numbers are (918) 338-5700 and 1-800-734-7512.

Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives

Annual Meeting

Just as VVEC holds an annual meeting to share information with you, the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives – our statewide association – holds an annual meeting for its 27 member-owner cooperatives.

Trustees, managers and key staff persons from across the state attend the meeting held in Oklahoma City each year. They hear from speakers who are at the top of their field and who share knowledge and experience on a variety of topics pertaining to cooperatives or the electric utility industry. Oklahoma Lt. Go-

venor Jari Askins and Corporation Commissioner Bob Anthony were also in attendance, as was newlyelected Speaker of the House Chris Benge.

Accomplishments in employee and public safety and loss control are recognized, as well as excellence in communica-

tions, and achievement in the journeyman lineman certification program.

After the meeting's conclusion, co-op representatives head to the State Capitol where they visit with legislators from their service territorities during the first day of the legislative session. They discuss upcoming legislation and how it could affect co-op members and the cooperatives.

"We feel it is our responsibility to be knowledgeable on issues that can impact the lives of co-op members, and to be the front line of co-op representation to state senators and representatives," says Vernon Lewis, president of VVEC's board of trustees.



Representative Rex Duncan (left) discusses where his area overlaps VVEC's service territory with VVEC General Manager Alice Houston, and VVEC Director of Operations Services, Engineering and Purchasing Mike Hall.

Lineman Kyle Sears (below, second from left) was recognized for completing the four-year journeyman lineman certification program. Congratulating him are (left to right) Randy Riddle, VVEC manager of operations and technical services, Bill Gillespie, job training and loss control coordinator, and Mike Hall.



From A Friend's Kitchen

Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day

Blarney Stone-Kissed Cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened

1 cup sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa

1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

QUICK COOKIE GLAZE (recipe follows)

HERSHEY'S KISSES Brand Milk Chocolates or HERSHEY'S

HUGS Brand Chocolates

Beat butter, sugar, egg and vanilla in large bowl until well blended. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to butter mixture, beating until well blended. Divide dough in half; place each half on separate sheet of wax paper.

Shape each half into log with squared sides, about 7 inches long and 2-1/4 inches wide. Wrap each log in wax paper or plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, at least 8 hours.

Heat oven to 325°F. Cut logs into 3/8-inch thick slices. Place onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 15 minutes or until set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Remove wrappers from chocolate pieces. Prepare QUICK COOKIE GLAZE; drizzle cookies. Immediately place a chocolate piece on each cookie.

YIELD: About 3 dozen cookies.

QUICK COOKIE GLAZE: Stir together 3/4 cup powdered sugar, 3 to 4 teaspoons milk, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract and 3 or 4 drops green food color, if desired, in small bowl until of drizzling consistency.



No matter what your heritage the rest of the year, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

The cookie recipe I'm sharing this month not only pays tribute to one of Ireland's most famous traditions, but it also includes chocolate! You gotta love those Irish!

The Blarney Stone is situated high up in the battlements of Blarney Castle near Cork, Ireland. It rests on the inside of an outside wall of the Castle.

To kiss the Blarney Stone you must lie on your back and bend your head backward over a huge gap, and look backward over the ground below.

They say kissing the Blarney Stone will give you the gift of eloquence...or Blarney as some might put it!

Another St. Patrick's Day tradition requires that everyone wear green or run the risk of being pinched. So, enjoy the cookies, celebrate being lrish and don't forget your green.

> Kay Rabbitt-Brower Power Circuit Editor

Everything Goes

Hay – 4' x 5' bermuda, 4' x 5' bluestem, new wrapped, bale wt. 950, \$25/bale, 232-1657, 275-4215.

Matching GE Profile washer & dryer, EC, \$100 ea., 697-5792.

Hay – 4'x5' mixed, rnd. bales, fescue-bermuda, \$20, 639-9634.

IBM Selectric correcting typewriter, long carriage, correcting tape & extra ribbon, GC, \$50; Martin bird house, 12 apts., \$25, 443-2353.

Kenmore Gold Seal Roll-A-Press electric ironer, GC, \$45, 342-5733.

Split, green firewood, \$50/rick, no delivery, will load, 698-7285.

Candle molds, fragrances, shelving, storage containers, glassware, sold individually or as a group, 371-5998, 808-3166.

100 prs. harness hames, \$18 ea., 695-0344.

Soft-sided waterbed mattress, liner & heaters, GC, \$100; rear window for 1995 Jeep Wrangler hardtop, \$80, 381-2113.

Gibson freezer, \$100, 341-2187.

Browning model 12 20ga. shotgun, 333-8495.

Computer, monitor & desk, \$100; new printer, \$65; 3-drawer maple desk, \$25, 371-4880.

Four-wheel mobility scooter w/charger, swivel seat, flip-up arm rests, holds up to 300 lbs., used 6 mos., \$2,800; Aladdin Rainbow eye magnifying machine, great for people with macular degeneration or vison problems, \$3,000, 346-5601.

Bakers rack, \$40; Antique toy – 1927 Ford pickup, mint condition, tag on bottom, T. Buddy "L" Lee quality toy, built by Line-pressed Steel Co., \$15,000; antique Winchester pump 22, short, gallery special, \$550; firewood, \$35/rick, 443-2225,

261-4514.

Maytag electric heavyduty washer, Kenmore electric dryer, \$75 ea. OBO, 263-3610.

Hay – square bales, \$4/ bale, C'ville area, 504-6264; 6' rnd. bales, \$20, Haskell area, 906-4770.

Fiberglass camper shell, w/slider window, for 1988-1998 short bed Chevy, \$100, 272-3113.

Boy's clothes, 12 mos. to 2T, \$1 ea. or \$2 for a set, EC; Lexmark X1100 all-in-1 printer, copier, scanner, EC, but not Vista compatible, \$25, 437-5753, 344-9019.

Hay – 40"x52" rnd. bales, about 500 lb. to 550 lb. 1st cutting, \$10, 2nd cutting, \$12, 341-4229.

Weight set w/lots of attachments & extras, \$200; stepper machine, GC, \$50; electric treadmill, GC, \$60; 2-ton central AC unit, GC, \$300, 341-3232, 398-3340.

Oak table w/6 chairs, GC, \$150; Nordic rider, \$75, 371-1705.

30-gal. metal barrels, 272-5796, 698-8877.

Remington 11-87 Premier 4-choke 12 ga. shotgun, \$500; Savage 110 Series 30-06 w/scope, \$300; Huglu over/under 12 ga. shotgun,\$600; Sile over/under, sporting clays, 410 ga., \$650; Knight T-Bolt 50. cal stainless rifle, \$200; Stevens 22, \$210; Remington 1100 12 ga., \$400; Helwan 9mm handgun, \$250, 274-7022.

Beautiful Avon porcelain Mrs. Albee Award dolls 1978-2004, 1976 first award doll, 28 total, mint & boxed, \$2,000, other Avon items, including steins; over 50 hardcover collectors price books on a variety of topics, EC, \$300, 342-5249, 694-5249.

Antique cherry twin bedroom suite – 2 beds w/new mattresses, box springs & Chenille coverings, dresser w/wall mirror, 6-drawer chest & night stand, \$2,000; antique blanket box, \$125; antique warming chair, \$75; antique library book file,

\$450; antique drop-leaf table \$195, antique Singer treddle sewing machine, \$250, antique Lane cedar chest, \$175, 371-2388.

Floral pattern, 3-cushion settee, \$75; wheelchair, walker w/seat, shower chair w/back, potty chair, \$100 for all; oak futon, 2 drawers for storage, \$225, 341-6755.

Hay – Ig. rnd. bales, net wrapped, \$20, 342-3905.

Horse hay – pure, clean bluestem, barn stored, 1,000 lb. bales, can deliver, \$30/bale, 724-4674.

Large refrigerator w/lg. freezer across bottom, EC, \$350; small dinette w/4 chairs, \$25; 1 yr. old propane dryer, \$150; electric charcoal grill, \$30, smoker, \$45, 468-2390.

Mounted 6-pt. deer head, \$100; big man arm chair, \$50; 2 6-panel wood doors, \$100; antique rnd. card table w/4 chairs, \$100; antique cherry phone chair, \$50; antique cherry buffet, \$100; youth English saddle, brindle, breast collar cinch & pad, \$150; restored 2-seat surrey w/fenders, black, \$1,600, 371-9744.

Gibson LGO acoustic guitar, \$550; Fostex VF160 multi-track recorder w/CD burner, \$680; Peavey 8-channel PA mixer w/EV speakers & stands \$450; Alvarez 5-string bass guitar, \$275; Yakima Space Cadet rooftop cargo carrier, \$200, 535-3675.

Never worn wedding dress, size 4, \$300, 695-8394, 695-8494.

Hay – 5'x6' bales, about 1,500 lbs. net wrapped, \$20, delivery available; oak entertainment center, 2 parts, glass doors, interior lights, 5' wide, 6' high, 36" TV behind wooden doors, all in GC, \$800 for all, TV can be sold separately, 342-8010.

Overhead camper, AC, stove, GC, \$300, 371-2235.

Banana trees, varied sizes, ready to plant around April 1, \$5 per foot, 341-2850.

Lifestyler 2000 multi-ac-

tion rower exercise machine, \$25 OBO; Phillips photo color enlarger PCS 2000 W/several books & attachments, \$40 OBO; Yamaha electric guitar RGX112, blue W/soft case & practice amp, \$150, 341-6280.

Saga fox coat, size medium, EC, \$300, 245-6530.

4'x6' steel safe room w/door, \$1,000, 396-2756.

Good prairie hay, small square bales, 333-3560.

Hay – 4'x5' rnd. bales, bermuda, prairie, mixed grass, net wrapped overedge, \$18/bale, 273-1098.

Exercise bike w/computer, \$35; walnut gun cabinet w/drawer, \$50; GI 1100 dummy tank, \$40; GL1100 L.H. exhaust pipes, \$25, 272-0341.

Two vintage rocking chairs, \$75 ea.; 8'2" x 11'6" plus fringe, area rug, floral, \$250, 232-1126.

OSU cookbooks, \$10 ea., 688-9602.

20 rnd. bales of good quality prairie hay, \$20/bale, 396-3202.

Amana 25 cu. ft. refrigerator, EC, \$350; new GE wall oven/wcleaning cycle, \$400; antique white twin iron bed, \$135; antique white metal top table \$55; 2 matching star pattern twin quilts w/matching sham, \$25 ea.; twin Gingham quilt set w/sham, skirt, \$100; 2 new comforter sets, 1 queen & 1 king, Western motif bed skirt, shams, extra bed pillows, \$175 ea.; metal & wood glider, EC, \$80; oak cabinet w/drop front, \$60; antique oak dresser w/mirror, EC, \$295; Ig. office desk w/top piece, EC, \$100; new cottage braided rug, room size, \$95, 396-7004.

Western leather saddle w/breast plate, used about 5 times, \$375; beautiful new wedding dress, veil, w/ pearls, train, slip, size 10-12, \$500, 698-3241.

Hay – small sq. bales of bluestem, \$5.50; lg. rnd. bales of bermuda, \$35, 283-2777. Leopold VX-11 3-9x40mm rifle scope, Duplex reticle new in box, \$285; big 2-seat go-cart w/roll cage, needs work, \$200; Craftsman lawn mower w/17 hp Kohler engine, hydrostatic drive, 50" cut, engine recently rebuilt, \$700, 638-2351.

Western 16" all leather saddle, EC, \$600, 536-2124.

FREE – 8' wood overhead door, vanity w/sink; saddle, \$100; 1989-1994 3/4-ton Chevy tailgate, \$100; 1984 Coca-Cola red & white 26" bike, \$350; 1950s cream separator chrome tubs, \$300; Hawes Sauer Montana Marshal 44 Magnum pistol \$500; new above refrigerator cabinet, \$25; dorm-size refrigerator, \$50, 287-4859.

Firewood – pecan, \$35/ rick and up, 636-6956.

Tailgate & hood for 1979 Chevy pickup, \$100, 520-2469.

Jacuzzi whirlpool bath tub, 724-3396.

Heavy-duty professionally made smoker, \$100; oak roll-top desk & commercial metal desk, \$50 ea.; 2 GQF stand-up incubator-hatchers w/humidity control, Power Wheels dune buggy, \$50, 341-4419.

Good horse & cattle hay, rnd. bales, net wrapped, 341-4103.

Antique oak couch, \$50; mat cutter w/cutter clamps & tools, \$100; oak headboard w/2 oak side columns, lighting & glass doors, \$100 OBO, 728-4801.

Four Jeep mud tires w/5-hole rims, N78-15LT, 90% tread, \$200; 200 net wrapped rnd. bales of hay, 4'x5.5', \$25/bale, 371-2747.

H20 vacuum sweeper, still in box, sofa, EC, 5468-2235, 706-6896.

Top soil, we load your pickup, \$20; cut your own firewood, also cut firewood for sale, 371-6238.

Hay – big, rnd. bales of prairie or mixed grasses, 396-2206.

Fiberglass camper top

for 1980-1996 Ford F150 LWB pickup, several good 16" truck tires, heavy-duty Atwood's bed mat for late model SWB Chevy pickup, 335-2558.

Color Gameboy, purple, w/case, detachable light & 6 games, GC, \$35; Sansa MP3 player, w/hard case, soft cover & Earbuds, GC, \$60; Ludwig bell kit includes bells w/mallets, drum pad w/sticks,

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.

stand for both & rolling carrying case, \$250; Oceanic women's XSM wetsuit, worn once, EC, \$75, 343-0969.

Brother PE1200 embroidery machine, w/lots of thread, \$325, 381-0456.

Fresh goat milk & cheese, 396-3192.

New Nordica snow ski boots, size27/10 mens, \$50; Metric Body GM race car cage, \$150; GM steel Ralley wheels, RWDx4, \$50; Dodge minivan rear seat, \$100; stock Chevy heads for 305 and 350, \$50/set; Gym-Pac 2500 upright workout machine, \$100; boys 20" off road bike, \$15; mechanical calf roping chute, EC, \$100; 100-lb. propane tank, GC, \$75, 639-6823.

Cars & Trucks

2000 Blazer, 107,500 miles, GC, \$6,000, 245-1015.

2006 Toyota Tundra, V8, 4-dr., Quad, 15,400 miles, \$22,000; 2006 Ford Mustang, V6, 9k miles, fully loaded, 24 mpg, \$18,500, 341-2162, 851-2601.

1991 Toyota pickup w/shell, \$2,000, 341-8799.

1994 High top Dodge conversion van, \$7,100; 1990 Chevy 1-ton, \$3,200, 396-1664.

1983 Ford Ranger, good body, H&AC, fancy wheels, needs motor work, 272-5619.

2001 Ford Mustang, 76,600 miles, EC, 335-2558.

1987 Lincoln Towncar, 99K miles, EC, \$1,500 or trade for good tractor, 242-3243.

2006 Dodge Mega Cab, V8, 5.7 liter Hemi, 4 WD, fully loaded, towing pkg., running boards, \$22,995, 341-1459, Spotfly@AOL.com.

1994 Pontiac Bonneville SE, 4 dr., power windows, GC, \$1,000, 275-4482.

1986 Ford F150 LXT Lariet, SWB, matching fiberglass cover, dual tanks, power windows & doors, new upholstery & battery, bedliner, chrome wheels, \$3,500 OBO, 607-4441.

2000 VW Bug, standard shift, yellow, 83K miles, \$6,300, 534-3004.

2004 Dodge Ram Quad cab, 6" lift, 35" tires, Rhino bedliner, fiberglass bed cover, 42,850 miles, \$18,500, 376-9664.

1999 Pontiac Grand Prix, V6, 4 dr., all power, CD player, regular maintenance w/records, 146K miles, EC, \$5,500 OBO, 275-4741.

1997 Plymouth Grand Voyager SE minivan, 64K miles, \$4,750, 728-9075 after 4 p.m.

1992 Ford Taurus, new starter, fuel pump, tires,

needs transmission work, \$1,200, 532-4725, 914-0797.

2002 GMC Sierra 1500 SE, ext. cab, tow pkg., 5.3 liter Vortec, 80K miles, GC, \$9,500 OBO, 342-8855, 798-4020.

2004 Chevy Suburban 1500 LS, 4x4, seats 9, rear H&AC controls, can use flex fuel E85, EC, \$17,500 OBO, 255-6428, (620) 515-0729.

2005 Ford Freestar SE minivan, rear AC, luggage rack, 38K miles, EC, \$11,700, 833-1133.

1964½ Ford Mustang coupe, 289, V4, auto, power steering, factory AC, red, \$12,000, 232-8642.

1995 Chevy 3500 diesel, flatbed, single cab, like new tires, brake controller, CB radio, 2 tool boxes, 76K miles, GC, 396-3202.

1998 Chevy 3/4-ton, ext. cab truck, 4x4, V8, longbed, all power, \$9,800; 1998 Chevy Astro LS van, seats 8, loaded, \$4,499, 283-2777.

1995 Chevy 1/2-ton, 5-sp. manual transmission, \$650; 1997 Chevy Cavalier, auto, GC, \$1,300, 520-2469.

1996 Geo Tracker, auto, AC, cruise, 4x4, 2 dr., removeable hard top, 130K miles, \$3,200 OBO, 341-9431.

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

1996 Lexus LS 400 sedan, loaded, slight hail damage, \$7,000; 1979 Jeep Cherokee Golden Eagle, new motor, needs flex plate, \$2,000, 341-4419.

1993 Mercury Villager, \$1,200, 335-3543, 815-2207.

1998 Chevy Tahoe, 724-3396.

1994 Chevy Corsica, EC, \$1,600; 1992 Isuzu Rodeo, EC, \$1,750; 2000 Chevy Impala, EC, \$5,600, 639-6823.

1994 Cougar, 4.6 liter, V8, power windows & locks, keyless entry, \$2,500 OBO, 343-0696.

1972 & 1979 MG Midgets, '79 is driveable, '72 was being rebuilt, but runs, new tires on both, lots of spare parts, \$3,000 for both; 1974 American-LeFrance ladder truck, 110' ladder, DT 466, Allison auto, \$3,000, 440-8408.

2002 Chevy Silverado LS crew cab, Duramax, Allison trans., 2500 HD; 2005 Chevy Malibu Maxx, sunroof, EC, 255-6508.

1990 T-Bird, \$450; 1969 Chevy pickup, 350 engine, \$2,500; 1963 Cadillac convertible, \$11,500, 371-2316.

Equipment

450 trac Case loader, \$12,500, 693-0020, 545-2270.

Woodworking tools, 855-9982, 847-2191.

2003 Barron & Brothers 16' PTO-driven litter wagon, EC, \$4,700; New Holland 272 sq. baler, \$3,300; New Holland 56, 9' bar rake, \$1,100; Gehl 160, 8' disc mower, \$1,700; Bush Hog pop-up loader, \$500, \$4,700 for all; Stihl Wood Boss chainsaw, \$150, 371-5267, 527-5185.

Coleman 5500-Watt generator w/10 hp Briggs & Stratton, 40 hrs. use, \$550, 275-4682.

David Brown 35 hp tractor, GC, 273-2515.

Black Tilt 14' boat trailer w/winch & spare, \$295; 3 rail motorcycle trailer, \$100; 14' long Lone Star skid loader, double-axle w/adj. hitch, ramps & spare, \$1,950; 6'Enco box blade, \$195; 2 disc plows, \$295, 695-0421.

1984 F250 flatbed, 4x4, w/Ranger 8 welder mounted w/bottles, hoses & gauges, 336-1043.

Slide-in stock cage w/divider, fits 16' trailer, \$500, Cat D7H dozer, cable blade, GC, \$9,000 OBO; Ford 861-D tractor w/loader, brush hog & box blade, diesel, 45 hp, \$2,950 OBO; 9' V-shape dozer saw, new teeth, \$1,250 OBO, 645-3225.

6' Grizzly jointer \$125; Delta benchtop drill press, \$65; shop sandblaster, \$65; hardwood drops, \$50; 605-2780.

New Holland 277 square baler, needs work, \$500, 639-6823.

WW stock trailer, 5'x12', new floor & paint, GC, \$1,600, 371-9094.

Used 1,600-gal. oil/water tank, 2 300-gal. tanks, 371-6238.

Lincoln 200 amp welder, EC, \$2,500, 371-2747.

John Deere 450C dozer, 341-4103.

Troy Bilt "Horse" tiller, new 8 hp motor, EC, \$500, 728-4801.

Ariens rear-tine tiller, 6 hp, GC, \$350 OBO, 341-9431.

22-ton, 5.5 hp log splitter, \$450, 520-2469.

PJ 14' gooseneck dump trailer, 14K GVW, EC, \$5,950, 636-6956.

3 pt. hay spear, \$65; trailer wheel rnd. bale over hand winch, \$275; 2 rnd. bale feeders, \$20 ea., 3 feed troughs, \$20, goat hauling cage fits sm. pickp, \$150, 443-2225, 261-4514.

New Holland 9' sickle mower, EC, \$900 OBO; oil Stihl chainsaw, GC, \$125, 341-3232, 298-3340.

Stihl D34 chainsaw, 16' bar w/extra chains, EC, \$175, 841-0070.

PJ gooseneck trailer, 36' flatbed, w/2 10K-lb. axles, vac/hydraulic brakes, GC; MRD limb chipper/shredder yard machines, 8 hp, never used, 760-5162.

Craftsman 23 hp 48" mower/garden tractor, 6 sp. Kohler engine, \$1,500, 625-4836.

2005 John Deere compact Gator CX, 33 hrs. EC, \$4,200, 637-3314, 371-6425.

2000 Starlight 18 + 2 flatbed trailer, 6K lb. axles, \$1,500, 697-4409.

New Powertrain 3,500-Watt generator, still in box, \$500; Troy-Bilt tiller, 16" width, 7 hp Briggs & Stratton OHV, \$350, 496-1768.

12-volt automotive heavy duty winch, \$50, 333-4011.

BW gooseneck hitch fits 2001-2006 Chevy & GMC short & long bed, new in box, \$350, plus \$295 shipping, 695-7278.

Craftsman 12" dual compound miter saw, \$135: Hitachi 1/2" router w/speed control, \$90; DeWalt framing nailer, \$180; DeWalt 2.5" 15 ga. finish nailer, \$120; DeWalt 2" 18 ga. brad nailer, \$60; Senco Pro 35 15 ga. finish fastener, \$170; all for \$680, 336-4977, 331-8208.

Craftsman 12" bandsaw w/stand & extra blades, \$100, 341-6775, 266-9644.

Craftsman BT 3000 garden tractor, 25 hp Kohler V-twin, auto, 48" deck, dirt & snows blades, tire chains, wheel weights, \$1,100, 443-2277.

Western Sun snow blade, hyd. & joy stick, light bar & bracket for F700 truck, \$3,500, 371-3736 after 5 p.m.

Livestock

Buffalo heifer & breed cows, \$575, 520-2755.

18-mo.-old Brangus bulls, semen tested, gentle, delivery available, \$1,600, 695-2357.

Standing Black Mammoth jack, gentle, good disposition, great confirmation, standing to mares & jennies, neg. Coggins required, \$275 fee, 341-8143.

Longhorn cattle – reg. proven bull, reg. & unreg. yearling bulls, unreg. older cows bred to reg. bull, due in late April, reg. cows due now, reg. yearling heifer, 396-4509, 636-8660.

Two fillies, 50", not broke, \$75 ea.; 40" filly, not broke, \$75; Sorrel gelding, 50" not broke, \$100; grey mule, 50", not broke, \$100, 396-3197.

Registered Angus bulls, 671-7273.

Baby chicks & ducks, 288-6543.

FREE – 3 healthy, tame older female part-pygmy goats, 396-4107.

Hancock bred 1 & 2 yr. old mares, 226-1043.

Grown turkeys & Bantams, taking chick orders for spring hatch, 273-2515.

White Paso Fina mare, gentle, loves to trail ride, 20 yrs. old, \$2,000, 698-3241.

Purebred Nubian kid goats, reg. Nubian buck, 396-3192.

2006 reg. Paint/Pinto, blk/wht, stud colt, blue eyes, \$2,000, 536-2124.

Female Royal/Whooper swan, 18 mos. old w/DNA certificate, \$225; 13 Bantam chicken, Old English & Blue quail, show winners & breeders, \$40 for all; rabbit & chicken cages & carriers, \$10 to \$40 ea., misc. chicken & rabbit feeders & waterers, 371-5267, 527-5185.

Pets

Canaries, 336-8498.

Dwarf rabbits, new hutches & cages, 273-2515.

AKC Mini-Dachshunds, 7 - 9 mos. old, 468-2235, 706-6896.

Selling out toy Rat Terrier puppies, \$75 - \$125, 468-2269.

Hand-fed, weaned Quarker parrot chicks, \$150 ea. or trade for poultry or gamebirds, Parrots@The Clays.com, 841-6066.

Bassett Hound puppies born to reg. parents, males - \$200, females - \$250, 371-2085.

FREE – female Yellow Labrador, about 6 yrs. old, spayed, vaccinations current, excellent kids dog, 671-0995.

Registered Border Collie puppies, \$200, 371-0352.

FREE – 2 female Anatolian puppies, 8 mos. old, need fenced yard, 263-2056.

Two Great Pyrenees goat dogs, 467-4158.

Real Estate

Two 40-acre tracts in Nowata Co., ponds, water tap, paved rd. access, \$3,400/acre, 273-1098.

Double-wall rock 3 BDR, 2 BA, 3-level home, new roof, windows, heat on 3 acres, west of B'ville, \$149,000, 336-1060.

16'x80' 3 BDR 2 BA mobile home, vaulted ceilings, CH∾ 10 acres at Birch Lake Estates, water, electricity, phone available, owner may carry, 810-5714.

RENT – homes in Owasso, C'ville, Verdigris, Broken Arrow; lots for sale in Shepherd Valley Estates, 120'x140' w/all utilities, \$21,950, 371-2316.

2 BDR, 1 BA home & 1 BDR, 1 BA apt. both remodeled on inside and on same lot in east Tulsa, \$59,900, 557-1520.

4 BDR, 2 BA, 2 car, 3K sq. ft home in Catoosa w/1,200 sq. ft. deck, & 4K sq. ft. shop, on 2.5 acres 2/pond, \$296,000 or lease for \$1,650 w/o shop, 693-1443.

1992 Fleetwood double-wide mobile home, 3 BDR, 2 BA, 2 living areas, fireplace needs work, \$18,000, you move, 814-6260, 273-5630.

55+ acre pecan grove, north of C'ville on Caney River, good hunting & fishing, gas well, water well & electric, \$175,000 OBO, owner financing possible, 645-3225.

Large shop/apt., zoned commercial, near Lake Oologah, 605-2780.

RENT – mobile home on 1 acre in Skiatook, 2+ BDR, covered car port, sun porch, \$500/month, 396-2875.

3 BDR, 2 BA home w/detached 2 car garage/shop, on 1.3+ wooded acres in Keetonville area, \$129,000, 810-2039, no realtors please.

3 BDR, 2 BA home w/garage & shop on 80 acres, 30'x50' barn, in Nowata Co., \$3,200/acre, 273-3746.

RVs & Boats

Seaswirl 18' open bow boat, 120 hp Evinrude, w/custom trailer, \$5,900; marine 2-port battery charger, \$95; 12-volt portable refrigerator, \$25; 2 camping toilets, \$15 ea., 283-2777.

Leer fiberglass camper shell for Toyota Tacoma pickup, wired for dome & tail light, \$625, 638-2351.

15' Trisonic fiberlgass boat w/trailer & lights, \$350, 271-1789.

1978 Aljo 25' travel trailer, sleeps 6, \$1,500; 14' V-bottom fishing boat, motor & trailer, \$750, 335-3543, 815-2207.

1998 33' Fleetwood Prowler, bumper pull, 1 slideout, EC, \$8,500, 847-2036.

1997 Suzuki RM 250, low hrs. original tires, Fox riding gear included, \$2,500; rare 1980 YZ50, 5 sp. w/clutch & power band, very powerful, \$1,000, 341-4419.

1993 Honda 80cc dirt bike, 4-stroke, new tires, \$900; 2003 Kawasaki KLX 125, \$1,500, 371-9094, 695-

2003 Lance model 815 truck camper, extra clean, 335-2558.

Glastron fish & ski boat, 65 hp Evinrude tilt motor, Bimini top, new tires, spare & prop, EC, \$2,000, 728-4801.

Escaper 5th wheel, 14' slide-out, 4 new 10-ply tires, \$8,000, 371-3410.

2006 Yamaha Fz6, 600cc, 2,250 miles, 46L Givi trunk, barbacks, 10" taller windscreen, \$4,995, 809-4489.

1989 VIP ski boat, 19' inboard/outboard V8 engine, 2-axle trailer, cover, GC, \$4,500, 691-3054.

1997 30' Wilderness 5th wheel, 12' slider, new tires, EC, \$9,850, 269-0206.

2005 Gulfstream Kingsport travel trailer, 2 slideouts, sleeps 8, EC, \$19,500, 847-2693 after 5 p.m.

Low mileage mountain bike, \$100; 1987 125cc 4-wheeler, pull start, \$900, 287-4859.

Services

Family or group health, life & dental insurance, 371-0265, KentJenkins1@AOL. com.

Free help with swarming bees, 371-9502.

Stump grinding, experienced, reasonable rates, min. \$36 covers up to 18", multiple stump discounts, 694-2297, 342-8866.

Need health insurance? Specializing in self-employed & individual coverage, hospitalization for Diabetics & other pre-existing conditions, major medical, dental, coverage for Seniors, no obligation, free quotes, 231-1433.

Riding lessons, Western & English, pleasure riding or show preparation, ages 8 to adult, \$25/hr. private, \$20/hr. group, indoor and outdoor arenas, 371-7009, 693-3202.

Welding – pipe fences & corners, truck hitches, honest, dependable, quality work, 272-2640.

Water purification system converts pond water to drinking water, complete operating system, \$2,000, 245-1208.

Sewing – alterations, prom dresses, wedding dresses, custom clothing, quilting, 532-5491.

Start your Sarah Coventry business free, 381-0456.

Brush hog, box blade, Ditch Witch, dump truck work, lawn service, 639-6823.

Brick, stone, block mason, sub-contractor, tractor work, grading, leveling, roads, removal, 636-6956.

Learn to correctly carry concealed guns, 694-2250.

Home repair, remodeling, add-ons & decks, free quotes, reasonable rates, all jobs include daily clean-up, references available, 396-2004, 396-2004.

Carpet installation & repair, 40 yrs. experience, excellent service, 343-1845.

Haul off old riding lawn mowers, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, aluminum & steel for metal, boats, some cars & pickups w/o title, 272-3362.

Tractor work, affordable bucket, blade & brush hog services, 695-1943.

Will haul off junk autos, trucks or tractors, will pay cash for older backhoe or dozer, 536-4215.

Wanted

Old costume colored stone or rhinestone jewelry, will pay cash, 526-4215.

Used RV, will pay cash, 344-3719.

Bumper-pull 2-horse or stock trailers, Welch ponies or kid horses, corral panels, 337-3784.

Buying cell phones, dish network, receivers, junk cars, yard sale leftovers, etc. 255-3223.

5' brush hog, 343-0157, 855-2635.

1989-94 Toyota pickup body less engine & transmission, must be in GC w/clear title, reasonable, 333-3974.

Hardtop for a 1995 Jeep a Wrangler w/full steel doors, 255-5334, (620) 252-8973.

Squeeze chute for cattle, 440-1096.

Plastic slide for a wooden outdoor playset, 697-1236, 697-5792.

Camper shell w/side doors for 1994 Chevy SWB pickup; portable chain link dog pen w/gate, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

Useable 250-gal. propane tank, 468-2269.

Composted horse manure for garden, 335-2558.

Ice Storm Damage Repairs Continue

Although the unpleasant memories of December's devastating ice storm are beginning to fade, we are still working to repair damages the storm inflicted on our system.

Naturally, our first priority during the storm was to restore electric service. But since the destruction was so widespread, many of our repairs had to be temporary. We have been working to remove those temporary repairs and replace them with more permanent fixtures.

"Recently, we have been picking up damaged material in the Ramona and Vera areas and plan to move to the Collinsville and Owasso areas," says Mike Hall, VVEC director of operations, engineering and purchasing.

"But it is probably going to be sometime this summer before our crews have all the work completed system-wide," adds Randy Riddle, manager of operations and technical services. "We are continuing to find and repair problems created by the storm," says Riddle. "Just recently we discovered a three-phase line out of sag near German Corner area. Believe it or not, the wind had to be blowing a certain direction for us to know there was a problem. When the wind blew from the west it caused the lines to touch, which resulted in blinking lights for the businesses and residences in that area. Without members calling to report the blinks, it might have been longer before we knew there was a problem."

"That is why we're asking members to call us if they are having blinking lights or if they see something that just doesn't look 'right' to them. Don't assume we know," adds Hall. "We had to change out a lot of electric poles that had security lights installed on them. If a member's security light isn't working, we need to know about it. They are being billed for the light, so of course, we want it to work."

Hall and Riddle say some of the problems didn't cause outages at the time, but they could if not repaired.

"Severe spring weather could bring some of these problems to our attention. We need to know about broken or leaning poles, or transformers that are leaking," he says.

VVEC no longer uses transformers filled with PCBs; they now contain mineral oil, which is safe, but leaking transformers need to be replaced.

"We want members to call us if they have ruts from our trucks, too," adds Hall.

"The storm was historic in the number of people it affected and the widespread damage it caused. What most people don't know, is how long it takes a utility to completely repair and rebound from something that catastrophic. We're working on it and will stick with it until the work is complete," he says.

