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# New Beginnings

January is a month of beginnings. If you're like me, this is the month I resolve to make things happen. I resolve I'm going to get all my closets cleaned out. I resolve I'm going to lose weight (if only....) and start living a healthier lifestyle. And I resolve I'm going to start...and finish... some desired projects around the house and yard.

No matter what your politics, a new administration in Washington, D. C. means a new beginning also. A new administration can mean a new set of priorities, and those of us in the electric utility industry feel a national energy policy needs to be near the top of that priority list.


We are concerned that our country is needing more electricity than our current system can generate and provide.

We feel technology can offer some solutions to our energy problems, so naturally, we want to see Congressional support for the development and implementation of new technology that will go hand-in-hand

with national climate policy.

And we want to know how we are going to keep electricity affordable while keeping up with demand and balancing that demand with environmental goals.

VVEC, along with the rest of the co-ops around the country, are encouraging our members to begin a dialogue with Congressional representatives. Through "Our Energy, Our Future," we can help you tell your representatives that you want the nation's energy policy to be near the top of the new administration's priority list. Visit page 6 to see how to do that.

I hope you're successful in accomplishing each item on your personal priority list. And I hope you have a happy and healthy new year. 

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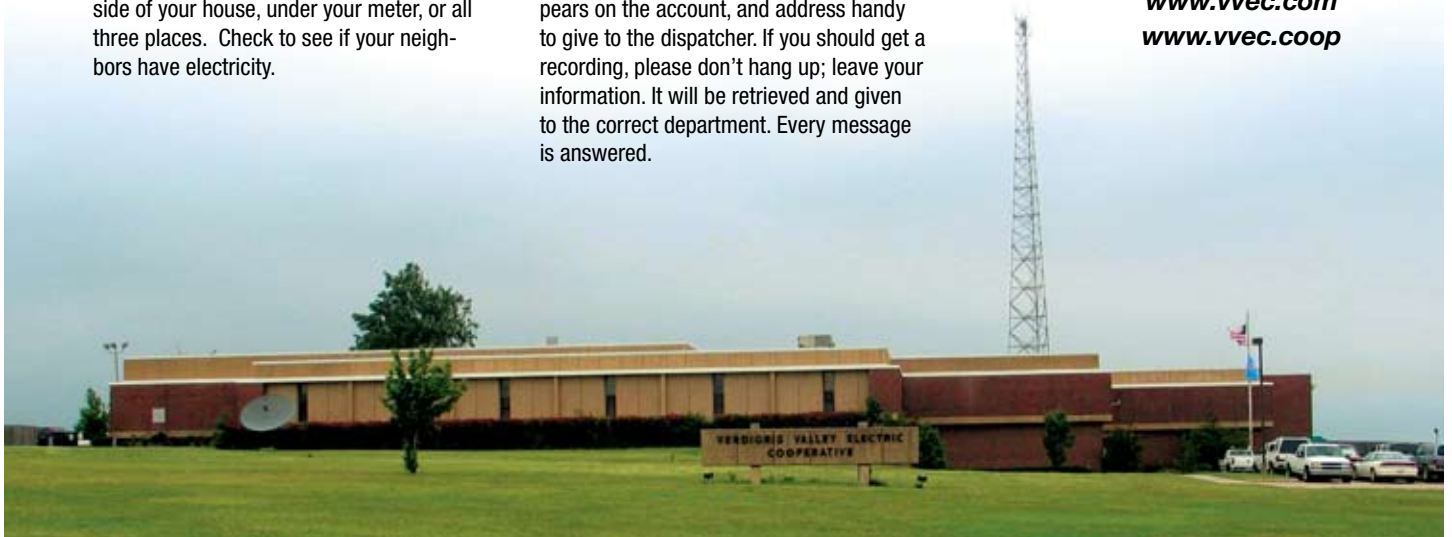
## What to do if Your Power Goes Off

1. 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.
2. 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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# Stay Safe and Warm During Winter Storms

Snow and ice storms are an inevitable part of the winter season in Oklahoma. As we well know, they can lead to downed power lines and outages. Remember the following tips to stay safe and warm should you find yourself in the dark after a severe winter event:


- Never touch a fallen power line, and assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. Call VVEC at (918) 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 to report it immediately. Avoid contact with overhead lines during cleanup and other activities.
- In the event of an outage, an alternate heating source – such as a fireplace, propane space heater, or wood stove – may be used. Extreme caution should be taken.
  - Plan to stay in an area of the



home where the alternate heat source is located.

- Fuel- and wood-burning heating sources should be vented. Be sure to follow manufacturer's directions.
- Make sure carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are working properly.
- Do not use a gas-powered oven for heating. A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use a gas or charcoal grill inside the home. Do not use charcoal briquettes in the fireplace.
- If you use a portable generator to power a heating source, be sure the generator is located outside your house for proper ventilation. Do not use a generator in an attached garage. Follow manufacturer's directions for operating the generator.
  - Take special care not to overload a generator. Use appropriately sized extension cords to carry the electric load. Make sure the cords have a grounded, three-pronged plug and are in good condition.
  - Never run cords under rugs or carpets.
  - Never connect generators to

power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Ideally, your family will stay warm until the power comes back on. But keep an eye on family members for signs of hypothermia, which include shivering, drowsiness, and mental and physical slowness. The elderly and young children are particularly vulnerable to hypothermia. Call 911 immediately if you notice these symptoms. At least one telephone in the house that does not depend on electricity should be available in the case of a power outage. 

## Long Continues as Trustee

Carl Long will continue representing VVEC members in district 1. Members in that district met Nov. 21, however, because there wasn't a quorum, no business could be conducted.

Long currently serves as president of the KAMO Power board of trustees. He has also held several positions, including president, on VVEC's board of trustees.

## JANUARY

### Calendar

- January 10** Mid-States Bit & Spur Swap Meet, Claremore
- January 19** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 20** Inauguration Day
- January 31** Claremore Chamber banquet & Annual Gridiron
- February 2** Ground Hog 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.


# Member Appreciation Day

We say thank you with festive cookies and warm cider

Each year during the holidays, we invite you to come by your cooperative and give us the opportunity to say thank you. With delicious Christmas cookies, and warm, spiced cider we want to express our gratitude for being able to serve you during the previous year.

You get a gift bag with co-op goodies, and can register for a \$50 bill credit.

During Member Appreciation Day on Friday, December 19, almost 400 members dropped by to enjoy the refreshments and spend a little time visiting with us and each other.

Winning the bill credit was John Antle of Skiatook. 



Helen and Glenn Stephens, Collinsville, enjoy their oatmeal and raisin cookies before getting a cup of spiced cider.



The smile on the faces of Dustin and Stephanie Hines (left) isn't coming from the cookies and cider, but from their 7-week-old twin daughters Nadia Alexandra (left) and Ayden Naomi.



Visiting with friends and neighbors is always a highlight of Member Appreciation Day.

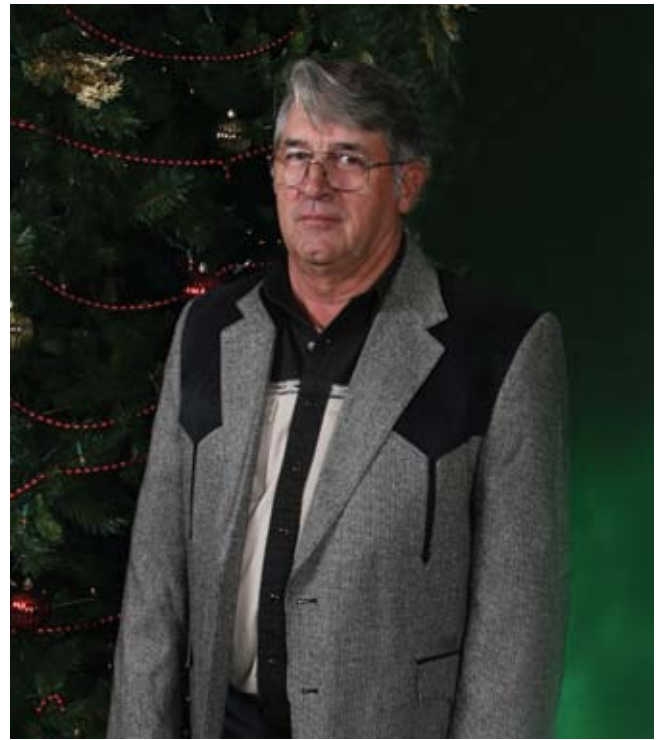
# Jobs Well Done

During our annual employee and family Christmas party, we take a few minutes to recognize and honor the dedication, commitment and professionalism of some of our employees.

They are recognized for reaching career milestones, and then one employee is honored as Employee of the Year.

Although it is always nice to be recognized for a job well done, this award is very special because it is bestowed to one special individual by his or her fellow employees.

The 2008 Employee of the Year is Bill Cooper, who has served the co-op for 33 years.



Bill Cooper  
2008 Employee of the Year



Jeff Lorton (left) was honored for 25 years of service, while Rod Morgans was honored for 30 years.

Recognized for 25 years of employment with VVEC are (below left to right) Dell Butler, Darrell White, Don Hutchinson and Michael Dickey.



Honored for 10 years service are (left to right) Ronn Badertscher, Mike Mattox, Josh Jackson, Danny Bement, Robert Rouse and Johnna Jones.



Adam Prickett and Kim Ford (above) were recognized for five years, while Roger Salisbury (right) was honored for 20 years.





# HOW WILL WE SOLVE OUR ENERGY CHALLENGE?

A national grassroots campaign has begun to engage co-op consumer/members in a conversation with elected officials about how we meet climate change goals while keeping electricity reliable and affordable.

To date, over 1,532,000 **Our Energy, Our Future™** campaign E-mail messages have been sent to members of Congress from almost 200,000 participants.

When you contact your representatives, here are some questions to ask:

## Capacity

Experts say our nation's growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation and efficiency can provide. What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need in the future?

## Technology

Our country faces a crisis as electricity use increases faster than available supply. I believe that by unleashing American ingenuity we can solve this problem. What are you doing to speed the development of new technology which will allow me to have the electric power I need while meeting our national climate policy goals?

## Affordability

Balancing electricity needs and environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all this going to increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?

Begin the dialogue with your representatives today.

Visit [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop).

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**Our Energy, Our Future™**  
A Dialogue With America



## From a Friend's Kitchen Comfort Food can Make Winter Cozy

The bitter cold of January makes it a good month to stay indoors.

A good book or a favorite DVD can be enjoyed with the crackling of a fire in the background.

All these things can certainly make us feel cozy.

This month's pasta recipe is a great comfort food that adds to that cozy feeling.

It's simple and easy to make and my family agreed it's the kind of recipe that is flexible. We thought it would be good with diced ham or chicken added to it.

I substituted Swiss cheese for the Gruyère and it worked fine. I accidentally added too much pasta, so the dish was kind of dry, but my family still liked it.

So add another log to the fire, snuggle in on the couch and stay cozy this month.

And have a Happy New Year. 

## Three-Cheese Pasta Bake

- 1 (8-oz.) package penne pasta
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) shredded white Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup (8 oz.) shredded Gruyère cheese, divided (can substitute Swiss cheese)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Pinch of ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour; cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk and half-and-half; cook, whisking constantly, 3 to 5 minutes or until thickened. Stir in Cheddar cheese, Parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup Gruyère cheese, and next 3 ingredients until smooth.

Stir together pasta and cheese mixture, and pour into 4 lightly greased 8-oz. baking dishes or 1 lightly greased 11- x 7-inch baking dish. (If using 8-oz. baking dishes, place in a jelly-roll pan for easy baking, and proceed as directed.) Top with remaining 1/2 cup Gruyère cheese.

Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until golden and bubbly.

# A Capitol Idea

## Washington Youth Tour and YouthPower Energy Camp Offer Fun Opportunities

High school juniors could spend a fun-filled week in Washington, D.C. in June with young people the same age from across the nation, with all expenses paid!

The annual Rural Electric Washington Youth Tour is a fun-filled week touring Washington, D. C. with other high school juniors from across the nation.

To compete you must be a junior this year, single, and attending high school in VVEC's service territory. Your parents do not have to be members of VVEC for you to participate in this program.

You are required to write an essay of between 350 and 500 words on a specific co-op related topic. This year's topic is "How can New Technology Help the Electric Utility Industry Provide Enough Electricity to Meet Growing Demands?" The topic, along with the program's rules and regulations, are detailed in the Youth Tour Information Packet.

Eighth graders wanting to participate in our Energy Camp competition are asked to write a 125-word essay on the same topic.

Rules and regulations for each program are detailed in the Youth Tour and Energy Camp Information Packet, which is available in February through your English teacher or on


our Web site at [www.VVEC.com](http://www.VVEC.com) by sending in the below request form.

This year 8th graders can write an essay in two-person teams. The winning team will go to Energy Camp.

YouthPower Energy Camp develops leadership skills, and promotes team work in a fun environment. Camp participants experience first-hand the exciting world of rural electrification by electing board members, and interviewing to be the manager of the cooperative they will form. They also witness safety demonstrations and climb a utility pole while wearing appropriate climbing gear.

Energy Campers have the chance to participate in a volleyball tournament and visit Celebration Station in Oklahoma City, along with swimming and other outdoor activities.

**Essay deadline for both programs is 4 p.m. March 10.**

Essays are judged by an independent panel on command of subject, strength of ideas, style, and writing convention and grammar. Youth Tour judging determines the four finalists who compete in the final level of competition. The two highest scoring finalists at that level win the all expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. and the two alternates each receive a \$500 scholarship. 

## Please Send Me a Youth Tour or Energy Camp Information Packet

Youth Tour is June 12 – 18  
Energy Camp is May 26 – 29

Please send me a packet for  Youth Tour  Energy Camp  
*(Choose only one)*

I would like to enter either the 2009 Youth Tour or Energy Camp contest sponsored by VVEC. I understand the material I submit becomes the property of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives for use at its discretion. I agree to abide by the rules of the contests and the decisions of the judges.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_  
My age \_\_\_\_\_ SS # *(last four digits)* \_\_\_\_\_  
My address \_\_\_\_\_  
City and zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
I attend \_\_\_\_\_  
My phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
My parents' names \_\_\_\_\_  
My English teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form and send it to Paula Lanni, P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021**



Everything Goes

**Misc. video/audio cables;** Sony BVE-901 edit control unit, has control board & circuit box, numerous features, EC; 1977 Sears solid state compact stereo AM/FM radio, phonograph, cassette tape player & recorder; Wahl animal clippers, EC, 371-8438.

**Hay** – lg. rnd. bluestem, bermuda & fescue mix, north of Wann, 531-2369, 440-3663.

**Hay** – lg. rnd. prairie or mixed grasses, 1,000 lbs., 396-2206.

**Hay** – sq. baled, C'ville area, you load, \$4/ bale, 504-6264.

**Firewood** – some seasoned & some green, \$55/rick, you haul, 371-6238.

**Heavy steel Glowmaster wood stove,** glass front & side, 38"Lx30"Hx22"W, EC, \$375, 283-1003.

**Like new gas log,** \$79; 5 pc. wooden dinette, \$150, 371-4880.

**H2o vacuum sweeper,** still in box; dog pens & dog house, 10'x10'x8', 6'x6'x8', 468-2235.

**Nintendo Game Cube w/2 controls,** & 4 games, \$75, 341-7971.

**Century Tonneau cover,** fits 2004 Dodge short wide bed, silver, \$600, 639-9063.

**Desk,** 5'Lx34"Wx31"H, w/armed chair on casters, w/removable black leather cushion, \$80; 525 power TASC0 telescope w/12.5mm & 4mm eyepieces & 1.5X erecting eyepiece & 3X Barlow lens w/ adjustable tripod \$50; king-size 4-poster pine headboard & footboard, \$25; 2 ladies upholstered chairs, \$40 ea., 342-2626.

**FREE** – commercial double oven stove (not gas) to church or non-profit organization; 8' garage door, free, you remove; Magic Chef propane range, \$75; Hawes 44 Magnum pistol, \$500; rare 1983 Coca-Cola 26" bike, \$300; upright deep freeze, \$100; used 12'x18' beige carpet, \$75, 287-4859.

**Ceramic Paragon kiln,** no. A82B, family used, \$250, 341-7892.

**Round 48" oak table w/leaf, 4 chairs,** 2 captain chairs, \$250; Kenmore Elite gas dryer, \$125; super single oak waterbed, 2 drawers underneath, storage, headboard & shelves, \$250; Coca-Cola commemorative bottles, full bottles, prices vary; 4 Santa Fe Railway collection plates, Indian craft series by Gorham, 341-6755.

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

**Dorm-size refrigerator,** EC, \$50; small microwave, \$25, 467-3619.

**Homemade goat milk soap,** 3 bars - \$10 or \$4/bar, 371-8809.

**Firewood** – mixed, seasoned, 371-3496.

**Horse & cattle hay** – good, net-wrapped rnd. bales, 341-4103.

**Handcrafted fleece throws,** Hannah Montana, High School Musical, double-thickness w/contrast borders, special order, 371-3459.

**Double recliner love seat,** used 1 month, beige microfiber, \$375, 275-4210.

**Firewood** – seasoned, \$60; green \$50, delivered, 371-2989.

**Hay** – prairie hay, 4'x5', net-wrapped, 697-6443.

**Firewood** – seasoned; radiator to fit 1988-1997 Chevy pickup, 275-4776.

**TC Contender,** w/2 bbls, 1 10" .22 bull bbl w/3X Burris scope; 1 .45 LC/.410 shot-shell, adjustable choke & wrench, included, \$650 OBO, 694-4756.

**Firewood** – seasoned Hackberry, \$35/ rick, 272-5796.

**Saddles** – trail-riding, barrel racing, roping, etc., \$125 & up, 698-7106.

**Hay** – top quality native, 4x4 rnd. bales, \$17/bale, 531-2358.

**Office or room divider,** 5'x5', brn. carpeted, noise absorbing, free-standing office space or room divider, photo can be E-mailed, \$45, 396-3001.

**Flatbed scanner,** used very little, works perfectly but only with Windows before XP, has all cords, cables, software, etc., \$23, 396-3001.

**New white kitchen cabinets w/ counter tops,** \$400; dining room table w/6 chairs, EC, \$300, 255-6508.

**2 natural gas floor space/heaters,** \$50 ea; overhead forced air gas heater for shop/barn, \$500 OBO; wall mount/floor work out equipment, \$50; GM race car cage, \$200 OBO; Valvoline fiberglass body go-cart, 3.5 hp, \$475 OBO, 639-6823.

**10 dual wheels w/tires,** 16.5, \$35 ea., 475-2341.

**Hay – sq. & rnd. bales,** clean mixed hay; mixed firewood, 814-4944.

**Washer & gas dryer,** GC, \$100; rail headboard w/mattress & box springs, EC, \$100; lawn sweeper, EC, \$25; HP Deskjet printer, EC, \$20, 283-5644.

**Spinnet piano,** looks & sounds good, but needs tuning, \$300; antique 2-drawer dresser, needs to be restored, \$100, 695-7628.

**Cowl hood for a 1965-1966,** GC, \$300, 697-6112.

**Firewood** – seasoned, \$45/rick; 4 good mud & snow tires on rims, P195/60 R15 875, \$75; Louis Lamour Western paperbacks, over 100 books in bookcase, \$100; storm & patio full-glass doors, 12 for \$15 ea., good for patio enclosure, 272-7811.

**Oak cabinet,** \$75; pair of twin matching quilts w/shams, \$50; twin gingham quilt w/ sham & dust ruffle, \$65; new toaster, white w/chrome, \$25; checker-board table, \$20; Coca-Cola store display rack for 2-liter bottles, \$50, 396-7004.

**Hay – bermuda 4'x5' rnd. & sm. sq. bales;** 3 13" color TVs, \$85; Panasonic microwave, \$25; Jack Nicklaus golf clubs & bag, \$125 OBO; Motorguide boat battery charger, \$125 OBO; 12-volt boat dash gauge set & key switch, \$100; life vest & boat items, 283-2777.

**White metal detector classic SL-1DX,** w/950 Blue Max coil, rarely used, \$150, 371-0296.

**105,000 BTU natural gas floor furnace,** \$100; Magic Chef LP range, 4 yrs. old, \$50; upright freezer, \$85; bull rider chaps, \$100, 287-4859.

**Hay – barn-stored,** about 100 bales, 342-0900.

**Circle Y 14.5" show saddle, \$850;** 14" Vega barrel saddle, \$500; leather show halter & lead, \$100; other tack available, photos at [www.fifteenacrefarms.com](http://www.fifteenacrefarms.com), 706-1931.

**Hay** – lg. rnd. bales, prairie or mixed grasses, 396-2206.

**Hay** – lg. rnd. 1K lb. bales, bluestem & bermuda grass, no weeds, \$20/bale, NW of Claremore, 341-1612.

**Old-fashioned corn sacks,** heat and enjoy the warmth, \$15, 706-4564.

Cars & Trucks

**1988 Chrysler LeBaron,** 4 cyl. engine, new auto transmission w/less than 700 miles, new radiator, master cyl. & brake system, averages 30 mpg. w/on board computer, has been completely restored, collision damage on passenger side, \$600, 343-9190.

**1976 Chevy El Camino,** runs & drives great, 128K original miles, \$1,800, 396-9098.

**1996 Jeep Cherokee Country,** 160K miles, 33" tires, 3" lift, entire floor has been bed-lined, \$4,000, 371-3662.

**1989 Cadillac DeVille sedan,** excellent gas mileage, very good tires, 58,834 miles, GC, \$2,200, 341-6528.

**1991 Chevy Silverado 2500 pickup,** ext. cab, 350 V8, 4WD, 5-sp. manual, power windows & locks, 95K miles, \$3,900, 333-7334.

**1997 Mercury Cougar,** 4.6 V8, nice inside & out, \$3,500, 341-5073.

**Wrecked 1988 S-10,** good for parts or could be restored, 371-6238.

**1996 Ford F-250 XLT pickup,** power stroke diesel, 2WD, ext. cab, auto, 180K miles, \$5,500 OBO; 1958 Willy's CJ5, 4x4, overhauled motor, runs & drives, \$1,800 OBO, 766-3475.

**1985 Olds Cutlass Supreme Brougham,** engine completely rebuilt, new radiator, tires & more, unable to finish project, \$1,000, 371-4116.

**1999 Chevy Astro conversion van,** V6, about 151K miles, quad seating w/bench/bed, Dutch-style rear doors, nice conversion pkg. \$4,250 OBO, 578-4521.

**2002 Chevy Silverado LS,** crew cab, Duramax Allison, white & gray, EC, 255-6508.

**1988 GMC 4x4 pickup,** 1985 Ford F-250 diesel; 1974 Chevy crew cab, 1 ton, \$2,500 ea., OBO, 639-6823.

**1997 Chevy Suburban LT,** 5.7L V8 FI, 2WD, leather, Anaheim conversion pkg., class III tow hitch, \$3,000, [www.TheClays.com](http://www.TheClays.com), 841-6066.

**1981 Chevy Blazer,** 305 V8, 4WD, 74K miles, rough but ready, \$2,250, 287-4859.

**2004 Thunderbird,** Merlot red hardtop convertible, V8, camel leather interior, 21K miles, EC, \$25,000, 283-5644.

**1993 Lexus SC300 coupe,** auto, dark red, sunroof, leather, all power, ABS, EC, \$7,000, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

**1989 GMC 3/4-ton pickup,** 2WD, 350 V8, 4-sp. standard, w/new Diamond flat bed, gooseneck hide away hitch, louvered headache rack, GC, \$2,500, 536-4215.

**1994 Chevy Silverado,** ext. cab, EC, 371-3496.

**2004 Jeep Wrangler,** 53K miles, GC, 373-4525.

**1999 Honda Accord,** gas saver, auto, clean, dependable, 150K miles, free gas fill-up & AC service w/purchase, \$2,000 OBO, 343-6198.

**1984 Chevy Corvette,** 83K miles, \$8,000, 698-7588.

Equipment

**Ford 8N,** brush hog & bucket, GC, \$2,600, 336-5862.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**2008 6'x12' Utility trailer**, 24" rails & gate. \$1,200 OBO, 283-1003.

**Pasture sprayer**, 3 pt., 40-gal. tank w/12 volt, electric pump, 45 psi-3 gpm break away, 120" boom, GC, \$250, 396-3202.

**3,400-Watt Generac Guardian propane generator**, fully-enclosed w/all hardware for RV or house standby, only 10 hrs. total w/auto power switch, 275-4210.

**Two-horse trailer**, single axle, saddle rack, \$1,000; 1998 S&H 4-horse trailer, front & rear tack, drop down windows on head side, sliding windows on rear side, \$4,300, 855-5972.

**200 6-cyl. motor for Mustang**, runs when pulled, \$400, 697-6112.

**Fuel tank w/gauge & filter**, hoses, stand, \$250; rubber-tired 4 wheel wagon w/14' bed, \$300; 3 pt. 3-14 Ford plow, \$250; John Deere springtooth, 35' on wheels, \$750; 10' 3 pt. International brush hog, \$2,000; small 2-wheel trailer, \$35; 3 pt. cement mixer, \$125; 16+2 beaver tail gooseneck trailer, \$975; 1990s Chevy long bed pickup bed, \$225, 475-2341.

**Jointer**, 4", belt-driven, on stand, 8" belt-driven table saw on stand w/casters, \$75 ea.; white medal pickup side box, 70" long, \$50, 272-7811.

**Aluminum stock wash rack**, for lg. animals, \$125, 396-7004.

**Befco/Eronoise 7' sickle mower**, \$1,500 Priefert head gate, \$300; 2705 Massey Ferguson tractor, new injector pump, GC, \$7,000; DW14 Allis Chalmers, runs good, \$3,000, 273-7462.

**A. O. Smith shallow well jet pump**, \$245 OBO, 283-2777.

**Cattle self-feeder**, 275-4776.

**Hydraulic tailgate lift**, w/12-volt pump from a 1-ton step van, 1,600# lift, \$400, 467-3619.

**Heavy tow hitch for Ford F250**; propane bottles; 6-hole, 16" aluminum wheel & tire, fits Toyota Tundra pickup, 520-6297.

## Livestock

**Medium large Sec B Welsh mare**, in foal to a German riding pony stallion, is very sweet pocket pony & green broke, \$3,500; Oldenburg MMB mare, in foal w/a full sibling to one of her 2 premium Oldenburg inspection champions, bred to dressage stallion who is producing extreme action & gentle natures, \$5,000, 371-6924 evenings.

**Purebred Brangus bull & heifer calves**, 15-mo. old bulls, 341-1003.

**AQHA horses** — 2 yr. old filly, pinto & 1/2 Quarter Horse, reg. out of reserve world champion barrel & pole mare, excellent prospect & pedigree, 7 hall of fame horses in her pedigree, \$4,500; AQHA stud colt, 1 yr. old, beautiful prospect for show, out of long line of reigning & cutting horses, hall of fame horses in his pedigree also, \$2,500; other horses for sale also, 396-1577.

**Royal Plam turkey hens**, \$40 ea., www.TheClays.com, 841-6066.

**FREE** — 1 male & 1 female pygmy goats, 695-1385.

**Young Fainting billy goat**, weanling to 5 mos. old, 255-6571.

**10-yr.-old blk. & white reg. Paint gelding**, solid barrel horse, poles & flags, would make a good roping horse; 13-yr.-old reg. Sorrel AQHA gelding, solid all around horse, would make an excellent Little britches, high school or college rodeo horse; 20-yr.-old reg. Paint gelding, solid roping horse, team, break-away or calf-roping, excellent for someone just starting out; \$3,000 for ea., 255-6399.

**Feeder pigs**, 520-6297.

## Pets

**Quaker Parrots**, hand-fed, weaned, \$150, www.parrotlovers.com, 841-6066.

**Great Pyrenees**, 2 yr. old AKC male, \$600, 8 mo. old AKC female, \$400, 1 yr. old male, no papers, \$200, 519-4140.

**AKC Newfoundland puppy**, black and beautiful, 255-6508.

**Young lite grey ferret**, 4-level ferret cage & accessories, \$225, 371-0296.

**2 male reg. miniature Daushunds**, 1 blk. & tan, 1 silver dapple, born 9-7-08, 695-1385.

**FREE** — 1/2 Pointer, 1/2 Brittney puppies, 396-0905.

**FREE to a qualified home** — AKC Chocolate Labrador, spayed female, 4 yrs. old, wonderful indoor pet & avid swimmer, farm & kid friendly, vaccines current, 671-0995.

**German Shepherd puppies**, both parents are sable & German imports, AKC reg., awesome bloodlines, ready 2-10-09, call for pricing, 371-5890.

**Registered Jack Russell Terrier puppies**, tri-color markings on face, mostly white body, 2 females, 1 male, \$250 ea., 1 solid white male, \$350, tails docked, dew claws removed, 1st shots & wormed, ready to go to new homes after January 9, 857-0337.

**Guinea pig**, 371-5440.

**Shih-Tzu puppies**, ready now, \$250; Bassett females, Shih-Tzu male, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, call for pricing, 724-1932, PuppyMom777@AOL.com.

## Real Estate

**RENT** — Pasture for cattle or horses, about 25 acres, good grass & water, \$200/mo., 536-4215.

**3 BDR**, 2 BA, brick home on 5 acres w/ new 1,600 sq. ft. metal building, sheds, pond, nut & fruit trees, fenced pasture, garden, no restrictions, 7979 CR 2145 just S. of Hwy. 60, 4 miles west of Bartlesville, \$189,000, www.TheClays.com/fsbo, 841-6066.

**45 acres west of Oologah**, 371-5211.

**Sale or rent to own** — 4/3/2 stall, 3,000 sq. ft., 1.5 acres, Claremore, 100% loan programmed, 283-2777.

**3 BDR country home w/lg. barn**, 2 run-in sheds & shop, all fenced & cross fenced in pipe & cable, in a park-like setting along Verdigris river, 6 mi. from Claremore, horseman's paradise, 283-5644.

**Treed lot in gated Flint Ridge**, near Kansas, OK in Adair Co., enjoy 18-hole golf course, club house, 2 swimming pools, Illinois River canoeing, camping, fishing, hiking, etc., about 1 acre, golf pkg. included in purchase, Block 23, Lot 203, \$4,000 OBO, 521-2051.

**3 BDR, 2 BA retirement home in C'ville**, lg. kitchen & dining room w/ tile floors, indoor laundry room, living & bonus room, nice patio in fenced backyard, \$153,500, 342-3734.

**100'x50' lot w/14'x70' trailer**, fixer-upper, \$25,000, 734-0924.

**RENT** — 2 & 3 BDR mobile homes, C'ville & Owasso area, 789-3422.

**4 BDR**, 2 BA, 2,000 sq. ft. home in Claremore, remodeled, 231-5039.

**2 BDR**, 1 BA home in Turley, \$65,000, 396-9888.

## RVs & Boats

**2008 27' Cherokee camper**, big slide-out, lots of storage, many extras, \$20,000, 855-5972.

**Motor guide trolling motor**, 46-lb. thrust w/foot control, mount & instruction manual, used only 1 time, \$300, 695-7628.

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

**Honda 4-wheeler**, GC, \$1,200, 475-2341.

**1985 Cameo pickup camper**, 10.5' long, self-contained, mounted on trailer, \$1,800, 371-4498.

**16' open bow boat**, needs some interior work, 2 new double seats, good trailer, 115 hp Johnson motor, runs good, 2 extra stainless props, extra gas tank, \$750 for all, 343-9627.

**1998 34' Itasca Suncruiser motor home**, w/Ford 460 gas engine, dual AC generator, awning, new tires, day/night shades, 33K miles, EC, \$26,800, 691-5777, can E-mail photos.

**1987 31' Revcon motor home**, 6K-Watt generator, twin beds, self-contained, 41K miles, \$10,000 or will trade for 4-dr. Dodge Dakota truck or anything of equal value, 232-2040.

**2008 27' Trail Sport travel trailer**, queen bed, 2 lg. propane bottles w/cover, 1 new slide never used, tagged, selling due to illness, \$16,800, 371-3982.

**1994 35' Hitchhiker Champagne 5th wheel**, rear kitchen, living & bedroom slide-out, day/night shades, electric steps, tinted glass, new tires, new seals & new awning, very clean, \$13,000, 333-0365.

## Services

**Professional carpet cleaning**, 33 years experience, free estimates, 283-2777.

**Tractor work**, brush hogging, box blade & snow removal; livestock hauling in & out of state, 2 trucks and 32' trailers, 814-4944.

**Auction service**, consignment auction 2nd Saturday of each month, fund-raising, estate, farm & liquidation, 5 mi. west of Oologah on 4050 Rd., 371-5211.

**House cleaning**, bonded & insured, references, free estimates, 519-4140.

**Repair work on farm tractors**, semi-trucks & various types of equipment, engine overhauls, brakes & clutch jobs, over 30 yrs. experience on all types of equipment, free estimates, 273-7462.

**Brick mason**, rock work & repair, chimney sweep, mail boxes, specializing in fireplace repair, outside fireplace, reasonable rates, 697-6112.

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

**Health insurance**, let me shop for you, 899-9222.

**Mary Kay Cosmetics**, skin care & glam-our products, free delivery, call about free samples, 273-8016, pknotts@fullnet.net.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**2 dependable**, caring caregivers w/17 yrs. experience, AVX to provide in-home care, CNA, Home Health licensed & CPR certified, 24-hr. high-quality activities of daily living w/personalized care, 371-4252 to schedule appointment & view presentation.

**Take concealed gun classes**, learn how to protect your family and yourself, 694-2250.

**Register for a free Gourmet Candle and soap**, visit [www.naturallygourmet.scent-team.com](http://www.naturallygourmet.scent-team.com), and check out awesome products & business opportunities, 396-9766.

**Horseback riding lessons**, Western & English, your horse or mine, pleasure riding or show preparation, beginning to advanced, ages 8 to adult, year-round indoor & outdoor riding arenas, \$30/hr. private, \$25/hr., group, 371-7009.

**Mobile mechanic service diagnostic & repair**, anything gas or diesel, car, truck, dump truck, semi truck, tractor or equipment, tune-up, oil change, brakes, rebuild motors or any mechanic work, 519-1603.

**Upholstery repair of airplanes**, automobiles, boats & furniture, Airman Acres in C'ville, 636-0925.

**RV spaces & cabins for rent**, throughout winter at Redbud marina & RV Park, great buys on 2008 Hunter sailboats, 341-5190, [www.redbudmarina.com](http://www.redbudmarina.com).

**Experienced local lender specializing in NE Oklahoma refinances**, take advantage of historically low rates, can be used to lower rates or consolidate debt, 274-1519, [rdunaway@1stcapitalok.com](mailto:rdunaway@1stcapitalok.com).

**Excavation services**, French & area drains, sewer, water, electric & septic, reasonable, free estimates, 938-2161.

**Local stump grinding service**, access thru 36" gates, multi-stump discounts for Claremore area, 694-2297.

**Teakwood & wagon wheel furniture**, 695-3656, [www.wagonwheeldesigns.com](http://www.wagonwheeldesigns.com).

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

**RV service & repair**, heater, hot water, AC, plumbing, electrical, etc., specializing in roof repair & replacement, shop & mobile service, High Definition TV conversions, 704-8329, [www.greencountryRVdoctor.com](http://www.greencountryRVdoctor.com).

**Welding**, mostly weekends & evenings, shop & mobile, 272-2640.

**Buy or sell Avon**, referrals welcome, to order visit [www.youravon.com/marshsmith](http://www.youravon.com/marshsmith), 607-6233.

**Insulation**, lower your electric bill, free estimates, guaranteed workmanship, 706-4567.

**Professional personalized dog grooming in your home**, certified master groomer, references available, 381-2113.

**Christian home & office cleaning service**, weekdays & weekends, Sr. citizen discount, references available, 342-1130.

**Experienced farmhand seeks weekend work**, tree clean-up, fence work, etc., 978-8598.

### Wanted

**Transportation available to and from grocery store**, medical appointments, close to Hwy. 66 & Hwy. 266 overpass, 341-5624.

**Camper shell**, w/side work doors for 1988-1998 Chevy full-size, short wide pickup; aluminum dog box, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

**Old costume jewelry**, colored-stone type, old tractors dead or alive, 536-4215.

**Franchi 20 gauge shotgun**, 48AL, 371-5971.

**1 or 2-row corn planter**, 341-7948.

**8 hunters**, mostly retired teachers, seek 2009 deer & turkey lease, 288-7387.

**20' steel sides for grain truck**, 275-4776.

**Old recipe called 'Poor Man's Pie,'** using flour & heavy cream, served warm, 333-4117.

**Bumper-pull stock trailers**, will accept if they need a little repair work, 337-3784.

**Will pay cash for used RVs.** 344-3719.

### Classified Ads

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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.




## Who's Using CFLs?

You're not the only one who's switching from energy-inefficient incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights (CFL.) More homeowners are saving energy and money on their electric bills by replacing their old bulbs with CFLs, which use about a third less energy and last up to 10 times longer.

Want to know who's making the switch? Visit [www.18seconds.org](http://www.18seconds.org) and type in your ZIP code. The site, which tracks CFL sales by state and

city, will tell you where your area ranks in CFL use. It also will reveal how much money CFL users have saved and how many pounds of carbon dioxide they have kept out of the environment by choosing CFLs over fluorescents.

It takes only 18 seconds to change a light bulb, the site says. Take 18 seconds today and switch at least one of your lights to a CFL bulb. 

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# How to Safely Use Your Electric Generator

Ice, tornadoes, strong winds, broken poles – all these can cause power outages. Of course, we work hard to prevent outages, and to keep those outages brief, but they can still occur.

Portable electric generators offer the benefits of electricity and convenience when electric service is interrupted for an extended period.

Although generators can be helpful, they can be dangerous, even deadly, if they are not installed and used properly.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), people die every year in incidents related to portable generator use. The CPSC states most reported incidents involve carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, but an improperly installed generator can also injure or kill a lineman working on the line to restore electric service to the member's home.

Here are some guidelines for safely connecting and operating portable electric generators.

## **Don't connect your generator directly to your home's wiring.**

Connecting a portable electric generator directly to your household wiring can be deadly to you and others. A generator that is directly connected to your home's wiring can 'backfeed' onto the power lines connected to your home.

Utility transformers can then "step-up" or increase this backfeed to thousands of volts – enough to kill a co-op lineman making outage repairs a long way from your house. You could also cause expensive damage to co-op equipment and your generator.


The only safe way to connect a portable electric generator to your existing wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch. The switch transfers power from the power lines to the power coming from your generator.

## **Never plug a portable electric generator into a regular household outlet.**

Plugging a generator into a regular household outlet can energize "dead" power lines and injure neighbors or utility workers. Connect individual ap-

pliances that have their outdoor-rated power cords directly to the receptacle outlet of the generator, or connect these cord-connected appliances to the generator with the appropriate outdoor-rated power cord having a sufficient wire gauge to handle the electrical load.

## **Don't overload the generator.**

Do not operate more appliances and equipment than the output rating of the generator. Overloading your generator can seriously damage your valuable appliances and electronics. Prioritize your needs. A portable electric generator should be used only when necessary, and only to power essential equipment. 



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