

## POWER CIRCUIT

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# Members Elect Representatives at District Meetings

Electing representation to the board of trustees is both a privilege and a responsibility of being a cooperative member-owner.

Member-owners in districts 1, 3, and 5 will be electing trustees at their district meetings in November

Registration for all meetings will be from 6 to 7 p.m., when the business sessions begin.

Members who are the official voting delegates for organizations such as churches, will need to submit a completed organization certificate, which can be found on page 2 of this issue.

The certificate needs to be submitted at the time of registration.

If you don't know what district you live in, you can call our consumer service representatives at (918) 371-2584 to find out.

VVEC trustees are co-op members just like you. Running for the board, and selecting trustees are just two of the advantages of owning your electric cooperative.

Exercise the privilege of co-op ownership by attending your district meeting and voting for your representative.

#### District 1

Monday, Nov. 7 Hillside Christian Church 1348 W. Davis Drive Nowata

#### District 5

Friday, Nov. 11
Justus-Tiawah School
South Campus
15011 E. 523 Rd.
Claremore

#### District 3

Tuesday, Nov. 8 Hilldale Christian Church 21085 S. Keetonville Rd. Claremore



#### **VVEC Board of Trustees**

District 1 - Jim Brackett, 720-4531

District 2 - Jack Bogart, 371-9587

District 3 - Vernon Lewis, 341-5225

District 4 - **John Hibdon, 847-2320** 

District 5 - Jimmy Lambert, 760-7029

District 6 - Dennis Lenox, 396-1574

District 7 - Charles Huerter, 333-3107

District 8 - Ken Howard, 371-4833

District 9 - Buddy McCarty, 272-5134

or 272-5364

#### **General Manager** - Alice Houston **VVEC Headquarters**

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#### **Mailing address**

P.O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021

#### Phone number

(918) 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948

#### Office hours

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VVEC offices will be closed Thursday and Friday Nov. 24 and 25 in celebration of Thanksgiving. Call 918-371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 to report an outage.

#### Winter **Residential Rates**

October through March usage, November through April billing

**Customer Charge** 

\$20.00

**Energy Charge** 

1st 1,000 kWh \$0.0731/kWh Over 1,000 kWh \$0.0671/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 55.993 mills per kWh.

In addition, a gross receipts tax of 2% of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes if applicable.

## **Organization Certificate**

RESOLVED THAT	
	(Person's name typed or written in ink)
who is a member or	officer of said organization, is hereby designated official
representative by	

(Name of Organization)

to vote at the District Meeting of Members of which said organization holds a Membership in the Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., to be held during November 2011 for Districts 1, 3, and 5, on all matters which at said meeting of Members may properly come before them; the action of said representative and all that he or she may do in this behalf is hereby ratified and confirmed as the act of

(Name of Organization)	(President)
(Corporate Seal)	
ATTEST:	
	(Secretary)

Complete this form and present it when registering attendance at district meeting.

If you are an official delegate to one of this year's district meetings, you must complete the above certificate and submit it at the meeting in order to cast a ballot for your organization.

#### 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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Jim Brackett District 1

District 1 members are represented by Iim Brackett.

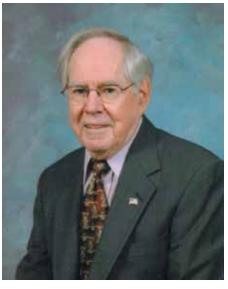
A rancher originally from Collinsville, Jim has been a VVEC member since 1972 and was appointed to the board in March 2010 following the death of long-time trustee Carl Long.

Jim retired from VVEC in 2006 concluding a 33-year career in the co-op's operations department.

He holds an associate degree from Claremore Junior College. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Quarter Horse Association.

He and his wife Pam are the parents of Stacie, David, Sheila, and Kyle. They also have nine grandchildren.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys horseback riding and camping.



Vernon Lewis District 3

Vernon Lewis represents members in district 3.

A VVEC member since 1968, he has served on the board since 1984. He has served in every officer position on the board including president, along with being VVEC's trustee and voting delegate to the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors, and an alternate to National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Vernon completed certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in 1998.

He has also served on the Owasso Board of Education.

A graduate of Howe High School, he is the retired manager of Vernon Lewis Lumber Co., in Collinsville.

He has one son, Kenny, and two grandchildren.

He and his wife Sara attend the Owasso Assembly of God Church, and he enjoys gardening and woodcrafts.



Jimmy Lambert District 5

Representing district 5 members is Jimmy Lambert.

A resident of Claremore and a graduate of Owasso High School, Jimmy owns Lambert's Auto Salvage.

He is currently working to earn his certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Jimmy is a member of the American Angus Association, and the Oklahoma Cattleman's Association. He attends the Church of Christ.

He has three sons, Trey, Cole, and

In addition to spending time with his sons, he enjoys car racing, rodeos, and raising Angus cattle.



2011 Verdigris High School Girls Volleyball Team

Verdigris High School girls volleyball team was VVEC's delegate to the 2011 CoachesAid Media Day event held at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

CoachesAid is Oklahoma high school sports' online magazine. The Media Day event is aimed at high school athletes and gives them the opportunity to have media exposure, which is a 'first' for many of the students. It also gives them exposure to potential colleges and a portfolio piece if their interviews are chosen for publication by local media. The day involves sports celebrities signing autographs, having professional team photos taken, and drawings for items such as Apple TVs and video cameras.

Students also attended a leadership summit lead by nationally-recognized author Bill Cordes who spoke about personal direction, motivation and goal achievement.

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Oklahoma is a corporate sponsor of the event. 5

#### RECIPE

### **Pecan-Pumpkin Bread**



3 cups sugar 1 cup vegetable oil 4 lg. eggs 1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin 3 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1Tbsp. pumpkin pie spice 1 tsp. salt 2/3 cup water 1 & 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Beat first 8 ingredients at low speed with electric mixer for 3 minutes or until well blended. Add 2/3 cup of water, beating until blended. Fold in pecans. Pour batter into two greased 9x5-inch loaf pans. Sprinkle a little bit of additional sugar on top of each loaf before placing in oven, Bake at 350-degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

#### GLAZE:

1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened 1/2 cup orange marmalade 1 tsp. grated fresh orange rind Stir together all ingredients until blended.