



# POWER CIRCUIT

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## Members to Choose Representation on Co-op Board

The privilege and responsibility of co-op ownership is evident each year when members choose their representatives on the co-op's board of trustees.

**Members in districts 2, 4 and 6 are electing their trustees this year.**

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

Members who are the voting delegates for organizations such as churches, will need to submit a completed organization certificate (right.) 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 office at 918-371-2584 and speak with a consumer services rep, or visit our Web site at [www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com). Click on the 'About VVEC' tab, then scroll down to the 'Map' tab.

You will also receive a notice by mail with details of your district's meeting.

Members in District 2 met Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Zion Hill Church in Oologah. The meeting took place before this issue of Power Circuit went to press.

**District 4**  
Friday, Nov. 2  
6 p.m.  
Barnsdall School Cafeteria  
200 S. 8th St.  
Barnsdall

**District 6**  
Friday, Nov. 9  
6 p.m.  
Skiatook Town Hall  
220 S. Broadway  
Skiatook

### 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 2012 for Districts 4 and 6, 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.*

**WINNER**

**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

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**VVEC offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please call (918) 371-2584 to report an outage.**

**Winter Residential Rates**

October through March usage,  
November through April billing

Customer Charge                    \$20.20

**Energy Charge**

1st 1,000 kWh                    \$0.0738/kWh

Over 1,000 kWh                    \$0.0678/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.



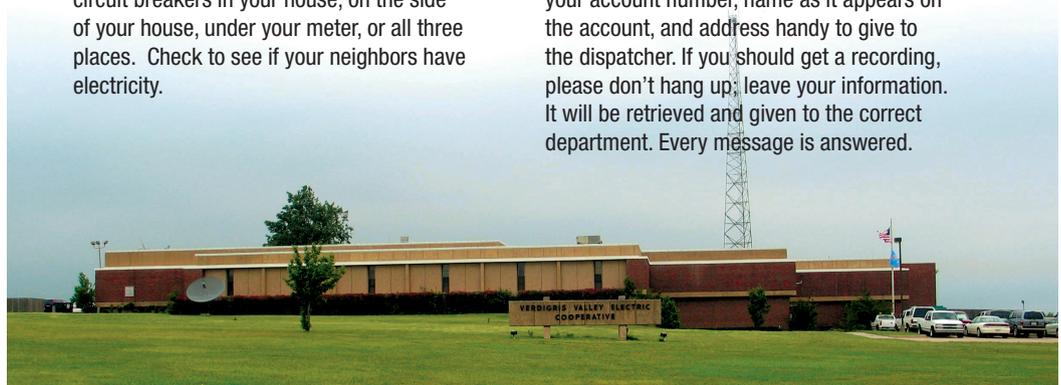
## Claremore Man Wins Grand Prize

John Hipp (right) will agree it pays to attend VVEC's annual meeting. Hipp is the winner of the meeting's grand prize: a \$500 bill credit. District 4 Trustee John Hibdon presents Hipp with the grand prize certificate at the conclusion of the meeting's business session.

Annual meeting was held Saturday, Oct. 13 in Claremore. Although quorum was not reached, members attending the meeting enjoyed free donuts, coffee, hot dogs with chips and soft drinks, Paul Bogart and his band, along with being able to buy surplus co-op items. Almost 80 gifts were given away at the end of the meeting.

## 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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# Safety in the Sky



Electricity is unforgiving. That is why safety is a priority. VVEC holds safety meetings each month to review established safety procedures with our linemen and service personnel.

Once a year, we hold pole-top and bucket rescue exercises. Line personnel have 4 minutes to rescue an injured co-worker at the top of a utility pole or in a bucket.

“We hope no one ever has to use what they learn in these exercises,” says VVEC Safety Coordinator Bill Gillespie, “but a life may depend on them knowing how to do this and do it quickly.”

## Fall into Energy Savings

As scarves and light jackets leave closets this fall, be ready to cut the chill and your energy bill with these seasonal tips:

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees and be sure to lower the temperature when you go to bed or are not at home. This saves money and keeps you warm.
- During the day, open shades and curtains to allow solar heating. Close them at night to retain the day's heat.
- Check your home's weather stripping for air leaks around doors, windows, baseboards, and wherever pipes, wires, and vents enter the house. Make sure the warm air you paid for won't escape.
- Have your heating system serviced by contractor who has a certification through the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) program, and replace furnace filters at least once every three months. Clean filters once a month during the heating season to keep the system at peak performance.

# Have Your Ductwork Inspected

The biggest energy waster in your house probably isn't your oversized flat-screen TV, the swimming pool pump or another energy-guzzling appliance. It could be the ductwork.

Ducts running through the attic and ceiling deliver heated air to every room in your house. You can't see them, so there's no way to tell that they are leaking – except by having them inspected.

If you have energy-efficient, double-pane windows, you have caulked and weather-stripped around them and around doors and electric outlets, and your home is a newer, "tight" house but you're still cold when the heat is on, your ducts could be leaking.

Ducts can spring air leaks at the joints – where one section connects with another. Duct tape, which ironically is not

the best material for sealing those joints, can dry up and fall off over time. The resulting leaks allow heated air – or cooled air in the summer – to spill out before it has a chance to reach your rooms.

Sealing the resulting leaks can shave up to 10 percent off of your heating bill. Or, if the ducts are losing more than 15 percent of the conditioned air that flows through them, consider replacing them.

Find out if they need attention by hiring a technician to inspect your heating system – including the ductwork. Tell the tech if you've noticed some rooms are colder than others during the winter.



## RECIPE

### Famous Thrown Rolls

- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 1/4 tsp. (1 pkg.) active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (110-115 degrees)
- 1 cup warm milk (110-115 degrees)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) melted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 cups all-purpose or bread flour
- Butter, honey and/or sorghum molasses, for serving

In a small bowl, combine the teaspoon of sugar and the yeast with the warm water and allow to foam (5-10 minutes).

In a large mixing bowl, mix the warm milk, melted butter, sugar, egg and salt. Add the yeast mixture and stir. Stir in 3 cups of flour. Stir or knead in another cup of flour (or more, if needed) and knead for 5-10 minutes to make a smooth, elastic dough.

Scrape the large mixing bowl clean (or as clean as possible) and place dough in the bowl. Grease the top of the dough with butter or oil and cover with a clean cloth. Place in a warm location (Consider turning the oven on for 1-2 minutes, then turn OFF and place covered bowl in the warm oven to rise) and let rise until doubled in size, about 60-90 minutes.

Liberally butter a 12-cup muffin pan. With buttery hands, deflate the dough and divide into 24 pieces. Roll each piece into a ball. Place two balls in each muffin cup. Gently grease the tops and cover with a clean towel.

Let rolls rise in a warm place until nearly doubled in size, about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and bake rolls for 20-25 minutes, until tops are browned and rolls are done. (Check rolls after 15 minutes, and cover loosely with foil to prevent excess browning, if needed.)