

High Cost of Fuels, Need for Power Plants Reasons for PCA Increase

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The increase you are experiencing on the power cost adjustment (PCA) portion of your electric bill is due to an increase at the electric generation and transmission level. The major reasons are the high cost of generating fuels and the need for new power plants.

“Over the past decade, the cost for fuels used to generate electricity by our service provider Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) has gone up by 94 percent,” explains VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. “AECI currently serves more than 850,000 electric consumers through 51 electric co-ops in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Iowa. Electric co-ops are expected to experience a 2-percent growth rate for the next 10 years, which is about the same as adding 30,000 homes. AECI anticipates a 45-percent growth in the number of members served by 2025, and new power plants must be built to meet that demand.”

She goes on to explain the estimated cost for one AECI coal-fired plant is about \$1.7 billion, and federal environmental regulators require AECI to modify existing plants at a cost of about \$330 million.

“We learned in March that AECI is delaying indefinitely its plans to build a 660-megaWatt coal plant near Norborne, Mo., due to increasing costs and other uncertainties,” she says. “AECI was pursuing the Norborne coal-based project to meet growing loads of the electric cooperatives it serves. AECI personnel are telling us now the Norborne project costs have significantly increased in less than three years and are now estimated at \$2 billion.”

She goes on to say the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a

traditional funding source for rural electric cooperatives, is currently unable to finance baseload generation for cooperatives. Although AECI’s AA credit rating is one of the strongest ratings among all electric utilities nationally, seeking private lending would further increase project costs.

“There also is increasing uncertainty in the regulatory environment,” she says, “and Congress continues to debate the environmental and economic impact of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, making the cost of reducing carbon dioxide from power plants unknown.”

Houston goes on to say because of the way these issues impact the cost of generating and transmitting electricity, there is little that can be done at the distribution co-op level to offset that cost.

“The majority of our annual budget is spent on purchased power; something we have little control over. We can control only about 22-percent of our annual budget, and we have been taking steps within our operations to cut back on expenditures where we could, or at least to keep them from increasing.”

The pie chart on page 5 details how the co-op’s budget is spent:

- 60 percent for purchased power,
- 13 percent for maintenance-operations
- 8 percent for depreciation,
- 6 percent for interest,
- 5 percent for customer service,
- 4 percent for administration.
- 2 percent for taxes, and
- 2 percent for operating margins.

“The only portions of the budget we can

Calendar of Events

- April 11 **11th Annual United Methodist Men's Whole Hog All You Can Eat Dinner** - 1007 S. Osage, Skiatook, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 396-2519.
- April 19 **2nd Annual Appraisal Fair** – Historic Dewey Hotel, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 per item, sponsored by Antiques Assc., fund-raiser for Dewey antique gazebo, 534-9937, 534-0610.
- April 23 **Administrative Professionals Day**
- May 3 **4th Annual Spring Garden Festival** – Flowers, herbs, vegetables, yard art, bird houses, Farmers Market produce, food, Tyann Plaza 1, 9451 N. Owasso Expressway, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 376-2056.

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

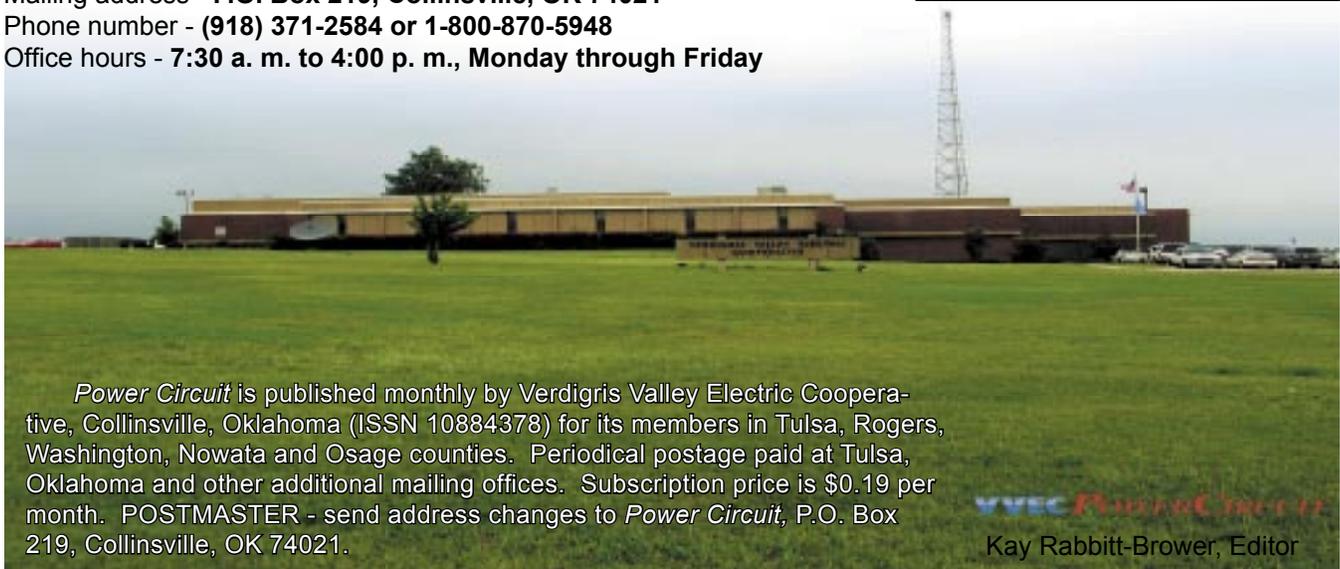
1. Check your fuses or circuit breakers. Every service is different. You may have fuses or circuit breakers in your house, on the side of your house, under your meter, or all three places. Check to see if your neighbors have electricity.
2. Call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948 if the call is 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.

Winter Residential Rates

October through March usage, November through April billing

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Consumer Charge | \$12.00 |
| 1st 1,000 kWhs | 6.170 cents/kWh |
| 2nd 1,000 kWhs | 5.570 cent/kWh |
| 2,000+ kWhs | 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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VVEC POWER CIRCUIT
 Kay Rabbitt-Brower, Editor

Members, Co-op Lose a Good Friend

VVEC members and employees lost a good friend February 14 when trustee Ken Easterling passed away after battling lung cancer.

Born May 25, 1930, Ken was reared in Tiawah and attended school there. Following graduation, he attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M where he studied to become an electrician.

Ken's career was in electrical sales for Star Electric and Nelson Electric.

In 1953 he married Barbara Sellers and in 1954 they became members of VVEC. In 1993, members in district 5 elected him to represent them on VVEC's board of trustees.

His fellow trustees have elected him to serve as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.

He was also elected by the trustees to represent VVEC on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Ken completed the Certified Cooperative Director Program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and has also received Board Leadership certification.

"Ken has been a dedicated and active trustee," says Vernon Lewis, president of VVEC's board of trustees. "He put the membership first in any of our deliberations, and strongly supported not only VVEC, but the electric cooperative program in Oklahoma and throughout the nation. He became a good friend and was a pleasure to work with."

"Ken is going to be missed," says VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. "He took his responsibilities as a

trustee seriously. Ken worked hard to represent his fellow members well at both the local and state level. He was active on the board, and attended every board meeting from the time he was elected, until his illness advanced and prevented him from attending his last two meetings. We all enjoyed working with Ken."

He is survived by his wife Barbara, of the home; son and daughter-in-law Ron and Jeanine Easterling of Claremore; daughter and son-in-law Sherrill and Kenny Blan of Verdigris; brother Bill Easterling of Claremore; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The district 5 position on the board of trustees expires this year. The board will appoint someone to fill Ken's unexpired term, until the district meeting is held. The date for the district meeting will be announced in October.



District 5 Trustee

Ken Easterling

1930-2008

Any district 5 member interested in filling this position is encouraged to visit our Web site (www.vvec.com) to learn about trustee qualifications. A background check, conducted by the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation is required. The member information form for this investigation can be picked up at our Collinsville office, and must be completed and returned to the co-op by Tuesday, April 15.

Interested in Becoming a VVEC Trustee?

Here are the qualifications, as stipulated in the co-op bylaws

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

(a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the area served or to be served by the cooperative; or

(b) is any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative; or

(c) has been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to a felony; or

(d) is a close relative of an incumbent trustee or of an employee of the cooperative, or

(e) is or was an employee of the cooperative during the preceding three years prior to time of filing or being nominated.

Look Up for Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Roofs are perhaps the important component of an energy-efficient building. Unfortunately, compared to items like doors, windows, and lighting, roofs are generally much less durable and much less energy efficient.

Over the lifetime of a building, a roof needs to be replaced an average of four times. More than 75 percent of the roofing work in the United States involves reroofing, and roofing materials are the second-largest contributor to solid waste in the United States.

Energy-efficient roof technologies are fairly straightforward. Manufacturers have developed lighter-colored shingles and tiles, usually containing a coating of titanium dioxide, since they absorb less heat than a typical asphalt shingle and can last twice as long. Since lighter surfaces are easily discolored by fungus, a fungicide coating normally gets added. Many of the new roof coatings are even self-cleaning to retain reflectivity properties and reduce



air conditioning requirements.

Lighter-colored roofs are slightly more expensive. However, the small cost difference—\$25 for a 1,000-square-foot roof—will easily pay for itself in one summer.

Roof overhangs are another way to trim summer cooling bills. For many homes and businesses in warmer cli-

mates, overhangs reduce solar heat gain and interior temperatures. They can also be designed to let direct sunlight into a living space during winter, but keep things shaded in summer.

Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bill

VVEC offers several payment options to make paying your monthly electric bill easy, and convenient.

In Person:

Cash, check and credit card payments can be made inside our office from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our office is located at 8901 E. 146th Street North, or 1.5 miles west of Collinsville on Highway 20.

Night Depository:

You can also make a payment after hours by using our night depository, located near the front door of our headquarters office. Payments left in the night depository are collected each morning, Monday through Friday.

By Mail:

Payments can be mailed to us at P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021. Please include the completed bottom portion of your bill with your payment and do not send cash through the mail.

Check by Phone:

If you would like to pay your bill electronically over the telephone, just call our office at (918) 371-2854, during office hours.

By Credit Card:

We accept Visa or Mastercard.

Get Off the Fluctuating Bill Roller Coaster

If your electric bill fluctuates from month to month, you may want to try our Average Monthly Payment (AMP) Plan.

This plan levels out your electric bill so the amount due is close to the same amount each month.

Your average monthly payment is calculated by taking your current month's usage plus the 11 preceding months' usage and dividing that amount by 12. This total is then figured in the applicable rate category along with any taxes.

The average is calculated every month in the same manner.

The plan is available to all residential VVEC members who meet the following criteria:

- Have been a member of VVEC for at least 12 months;
- Have not been late in paying the electric bill more than twice during the previous 12 months;
- The electric bill is currently paid in full.

To participate in the average monthly payment plan, call our billing department at (918) 371-2584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reasons for PCA Increase...

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actually control are maintenance-operations, customer service, and administrative costs," she explains.

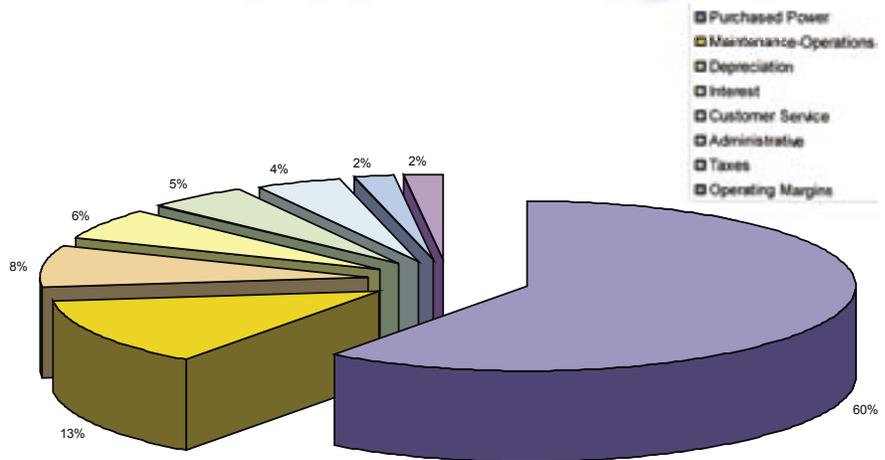
"It is very similar to what we are experiencing with gasoline prices. As individuals, we can't do much about the price of a gallon of gas. But we can control how efficiently we use the gas we buy," she says.

"It was not our decision to increase the PCA, but we have tried to keep the membership informed of the increase and to explain the reasons for it, and to provide them with information to help them use electricity more efficiently," she says.

"We have several programs I encourage members to take advantage of to help control their electric usage.

"We can perform energy audits that help members improve the energy ef-

Where Our Money Goes



iciency of their homes and businesses, and we will continue to provide energy efficiency information on our Web site and in *The Power Circuit*. Also, we have payment programs to help members who might have difficulty paying their bills," she says.

"No matter what the future brings regarding increases in power production, our commitment to providing dependable electric service doesn't waver. We will continue to provide reliable service at the lowest price possible."

Work Continues on FEMA Requirements Following December Ice Storm

Mother Nature has turned her attention to hurling thunderstorms at us and has all but forgotten about the devastating ice storm she threw at us last December. But we haven't forgotten.

We are working to meet FEMA requirements which will enable the co-op to be re-imbursed for a large percentage of the expenses associated with the storm's repair efforts.

According to VVEC Director of Operations Mike Hall, VVEC personnel have worked with FEMA field representatives to inspect the damage and document it on a county by county basis.

"The FEMA project worksheets have been closed out and have been submitted to the Oklahoma Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) as required," says Hall. "And we're working to complete the repairs we are aware need to be made, in 60 to 90 days."

He adds there will be two more on-site visits from FEMA before VVEC can expect to be re-imbursed.

He says traditionally the re-imbursements from FEMA and OEMA total about 87-percent of the co-op's storm damage and repair expenses.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Artificial lighting accounts for nearly 15 percent of a household's electricity consumption. Use of new lighting technologies can reduce lighting energy use in homes by 50 to 75 percent. Reduce energy use by selecting lighting that uses energy more efficiently, and by installing lighting controls.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Severe Weather

Protect Your Home and Family with our Early Warning and Surge Suppressors Systems

Days are longer, the temperature is warmer, trees are budding out, and flowers and green grass are bringing color back to our world. These things can only mean spring is returning to northeastern Oklahoma.

As welcome as this season is, it always brings with it the threat of dangerous severe weather. But VVEC can help you protect your family and your home from nature's wrath through our early warning and surge suppressor systems.

The HomeSafe 2000 HS early warning system sounds an 'alert' when severe weather is in your area.

The device is equipped with all seven NOAA channels, plus you can program your specific geographic area for maximum reception of local weather reports and severe weather bulletins.

The HomeSafe 2000 HS is \$94.71, plus tax. It comes programmed to your counties (up to six), and includes a one year warranty, AC and DC power cord adapters, and a connector for an external antenna.

The Sycom Surge Suppression System protects your home's appliances and sensitive electronic equipment with state-of-the-art equipment at a very economical price.

The two-part protection begins at the meter with a unit designed to prevent high-voltage spikes from entering your home. It's installed by VVEC

personnel and redirects spikes and surges to your grounding system.

The second part of the protection involves special plug-in protectors for each specific piece of electronic equipment you choose to protect in your home.

The meter-base unit is \$117.60; and in-house devices range from \$35.60 to \$60.40, before tax. There is no charge for installing a meter unit on

new services, but there is a \$25 charge for installation on existing services.

Call our member services department at 371-2584 for more information on these items.

For questions regarding the use or maintenance of the HomeSafe 2000 weather monitors, please call 1-800-607-6737 to visit with a friendly and helpful customer service representative.

How to Stay Safe During an Outage

Never touch a downed wire regardless of how harmless it may look! Stay away from it and keep others away, too. Report it immediately to VVEC, or call the local police or fire department. They may guard the downed line until we can get to that location and repair it.

Be very careful when trying to remove and clear trees and limbs. There could be 'live' electric lines lying among the debris.

Don't operate lanterns, heaters or fuel-fired cook stoves without adequate ventilation.

Do not burn charcoal indoors because it releases carbon monoxide.

Always refuel outside away from flames or sparks.

Don't store fuel inside your home.

Wipe up fuel spills immediately.

Don't allow children to carry

candles or oil lamps around the house. A fall could spell disaster!

What to do if the Lights go Out

Call VVEC and report the outage. **Be sure to have your account number or map location number ready**, which can be found on your billing statement. Once we receive your report, your location is logged into our computer system for repairs.

Please be patient if the lines are busy. During major outages, our telephone lines are overloaded with members calling to report their situation.

Remember, calls are answered 24 hours a day, and in the order they are received.

From A Friend's Kitchen

Delicious Fools for April

Strawberry Fruit Fool

1 cup strawberry purée
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 Tbsp. granulated white sugar

Strawberry Purée:

1 lb. bag frozen unsweetened strawberries
1/3 cup plus 2 Tbsp. granulated white sugar

For the purée: Thaw the strawberries (this will take a few hours). Place them in a food processor, fitted with a steel blade, and process until the berries are puréed. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the sugar. Taste and add more sugar, if necessary. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

For Strawberry Fruit Fool: Place mixing bowl and whisk attachment in the refrigerator or freezer for about 15 minutes or until very cold. Whip the cream until soft peaks form. Add the sugar and continue to whip until stiff peaks form. With a rubber spatula gently fold in the strawberry purée, leaving some streaks of the white whipping cream. Pour the fool into four individual long-stemmed parfait or wine glasses. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Can be made about 4 hours before serving. Garnish with a fresh strawberry.

Blackberry Fruit Fool

1 cup blackberry purée (recipe follows)
1 cup heavy whipping cream
1 1/2 Tbsp. granulated white sugar

Blackberry Purée:

1 lb. bag frozen unsweetened blackberries
3/4 cup granulated white sugar

For the purée: In a strainer placed over a large bowl thaw the blackberries (this will take a few hours). Once the berries are thawed, press to remove all the juices so you are left with only the seeds in the strainer. You will have about 1 1/2 cups of puréed blackberries. Stir in the sugar, then taste, adding more sugar if necessary. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. (There will be 1/2 cup of extra purée left over after making the fruit fools. This can be frozen for another use.)

For Blackberry Fruit Fool: Follow the Strawberry Fool directions.

When I was browsing through cookbooks looking for a recipe to share with you this month, I found some recipes for fools.

Now, we probably all know a fool or two, or may even have one in the family, but this isn't the same thing.

Fools are classic British desserts that consist of cooked or raw fruit that is puréed or mashed, then sweetened, chilled, and finally folded into stiffly beaten whipped cream (there should be streaks of the white cream showing where the fruit was not completely folded into the whipped cream.)

The recipes say the fools are best showcased when served in long stemmed parfait or wine glasses, and garnished with fresh fruit.

These would be wonderful for Sunday dinner dessert, a celebration brunch, or just a new way to enjoy fresh fruit.

You also might want to save this for a delicious homemade way to say 'I love you' on Mother's Day, which is a few weeks away.

Enjoy!

Kay Rabbitt-Brower
Power Circuit Editor

Everything Goes

Four Cooper Discover H/T pickup tires, 245 70 R/17, less than 200 miles, \$400, 275-8043.

Two steel-belted radial studded tires from a '98 Chevy Silverado, P235/75R15, \$50, 272-1008.

Early 1940s pie cabinet, EC, \$325; Black Forest cuckoo clock, GC, needs cleaning, \$150, 371-7591.

302 A.C. small sq. baler, wire tie, GC, \$12, 273-3154.

Soft-sided waterbed mattress, liner & heater, \$100; horse throw & pictures, \$50, 381-2113.

NASCAR Monopoly game, official collectors' edition, new, sealed, 333-5676.

Ashley cabinet type wood stove, used 1 winter, lg. firebox, blower, EC, \$700, 467-3379, after 5 p.m.

Above-ground safe rooms, exceed FEMA specs, 629-2707.

2003 Kenmore chest freezer, 19.9 cu. ft., \$400; Magic Chef microwave, 1,100-Watt, still in box, \$60; electric stove, \$50, 371-3459.

Hay – 4'x5' bermuda, 4'x5' bluestem, net-wrapped, \$25/bale, 275-4215, 232-1657.

Newer varieties of vegetables, annual & perennial plants; sq-baled hay, \$4/bale, you load, 504-6264.

La-Z-Boy matching couch & recliner, couch reclines, folding console, EC, \$700, 263-1794, 698-0344.

1987 Ford 302, V8 motor, \$250; 1990 For 302 motor block, \$50; fiberglass Ford long-bed camper, \$200; aluminum Ford long-bed camper, \$50; stainless steel double kitchen sink, \$30; bathroom sink, \$30; electric stove w/microwave, \$30, 636-1860.

New 4.80-8 tire and wheel for small trailer or boat trailer, \$25, 333-4011.

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

GE Energy Star electric washer & dryer, EC, \$600, 609-5107.

Toddler bed w/mattress, EC, \$30, 609-5497.

New Hyla vacuum cleaner w/all attachments, used very little, \$1,400, 536-4215.

Round oak table, 40", w/4 chairs & 20" leaf, GC, \$75, 266-0205.

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

Hobart A-200 3-sp. 20-qt. mixer w/paddle, whisk, dough hook, vegetable chopper, meat grinder, \$1,200; Grindmaster 850 coffee grinder, \$165, 255-6365, (620) 515-0332 after 5 p.m.

Beautiful 'Mother of the Bride' designer dress, long, champagne color, size 12, worn once, EC, \$75; matching shoes, size 10, & evening bag, \$15; Direct TV antenna, GC, \$25; 2 VCRs, as is, \$10, 443-2353.

Apple wood, great for smoking & grilling, cut & bagged, \$4/bag, 371-0315.

Hot tub, seats 4 people, cover, spa maintenance book, extra filter & all chemicals included, used very little, \$1,100, 371-4116, 637-9039.

5-sp. manual transmission for 1995 Chevy 1/2-ton, \$650; 4 Cadillac chrome wheels & 285R16 tires, \$200; 1995 Chevy pickup bed trailer, \$400, 520-2469.

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, \$50/rick, you haul; \$65/rick, I deliver within 10 miles, 693-9874.

12 ga. Mossberg bolt-action 18 5/8" bbl, \$85; 20 ga. Mossberg bolt-action, 18.5" bbl, \$85; 410 Stevens single shot (well worn) \$45; 22 cal. Stevens single shot w/scope, \$100; Hoyt hunting bow, left hand, \$65; Bear whitetail hunting bow, right hand, \$60, 341-3272.

Antique Singer sewing machine in beautiful 7-drawer oak cabinet w/original manual & key, 1919 model 66 treadle machine w/Red-eye decals, has new belt & works great, some accessories included, \$225, 272-6784.

Maytag 25 cu. ft., refrigerator, bisque, EC, \$300; Cherry armoire w/insert shelves, holds up to 31" TV & DVD, \$200, 274-9882.

Slightly used Western leather saddle, GC, pad included, \$425, 693-6455.

Electric fireplace, runs on 220-volts, \$60; microwave-electric oven single unit/built-in, GC; antique bed, \$25; antique dresser w/mirror, \$35, 379-6991.

17" English saddle, \$150; 17" English jump saddle, \$150; 19" Rossi y Caruso English saddle, made in Argentina, \$100; 17" Western saddle w/breast collar & suede seat, \$150; Pelham bridle, \$15; various other tack, 283-1689.

Six-piece pink canopy bedroom suite w/matching curtains, full-size bed w/new mattress, EC, \$250, 263-1794, 698-0344.

Firewood – split, green, \$50/rick, will load, no delivery, 698-7285.

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

Jacuzzi whirlpool bath tub, 724-3396.

FREE – Kohler toilet, almond, GC, 371-0333.

New 800x16 M/S tire, \$20; 50-gal. plastic barrels, \$10 ea., 536-4215.

Mixed firewood, mixed, sq. & round bales of very clean 2007 hay, 814-4944.

New Nordica snow ski boots, size 10, \$50; race car cage for late 70s & 80s GM, \$150; 14" GM steel Rally wheels set, \$50; Dodge minivan rear seat, \$75; GymPac 2500 upright work out machine, \$75; 100-lb. propane tank, \$75; boys/girls 20" bike, \$15/\$25, 639-6823.

Chair/stair lift, EC, \$2,000, 371-0636;

FREE - Hobart Cable Co. upright piano, GC, 269-9765.

Beautiful all leather Western saddle by Cheyenne Saddlery, 16" seat, EC, \$600; 15" TFT LCD flat computer Samsung monitor, EC, \$50, 536-2124.

Computer desk, \$25 OBO, 371-6292.

About 100 leather-bound Louis L'Amour books, mint condition, \$1,000 for set, 371-0518, 639-7965.

Studded snow tire, 205/75-14, \$5; 195/75-14 studded snow tire, \$5; 2 Goodyear Wrangler Rt/S P265/70R-16, \$40; 2 Delta 10-16.5 Power lug, old tires w/like new tread, good for farm/construction use, \$50, 371-5645.

Set of pickup wheels for Chevy 5 on 5 pickup, 10" wide, \$400, 697-6112.

Heavy duty electric sheep shears, adjustable speed, \$100, 371-9730.

2005 Gibson Les Paul electric guitar & case, \$1,200, 341-4439.

New HP 1050 fax machine, \$50; new green sofa & easy chair, \$150; twin mattress & box spring, \$25; 42" round kitchen table & chairs, \$65; oak/walnut coffee table, \$65, 5'x7' rug \$20, 283-1545, 605-2780.

Complete front axle w/springs for 1986 4x4 3/4-ton Chevy, \$300; pickup bed tool box, \$30; 100-lb. propane tank, GC, \$50; 4 LT 225/75R16 Cooper tires M&S load E matched set, 60% rubber, \$80; 5 LT 235/85R16 M&S 70% rubber, 4 matched, \$100; 4 P 235/75R15 M&S, 60% 2-Dayton, 1-Goodyear, 1-Liberator, \$20 ea., 273-8622.

Bluestem clean sq. hay, \$5.50 and up; bermuda 1,200-lb. net-wrapped hay, \$35, 283-2777.

Ornate Savonnoire design 100% wool rug, 10' 6"x 8', antique-style, burgundy, floral, hand-made deep pile, without fringe, EC, \$400, 728-4405.

Brother Pacesetter 1250 sewing machine, \$150, 343-0456.

Nice adult saddle, \$200; mower w/bagger, \$75, 724-6391.

Rear window for 1985 Jeep Wrangler w/hard-top, 381-2113.

Soloflex w/all attachments, \$325, 371-0434.

Weider Pro 3-station, 220-lb. weight system, multi-use pulley/sports training station, squat, butterfly, bench press, curls & more, EC, \$225, 371-5378.

NordicTrac ski exercise, have books & tapes, GC, \$200, 272-3298.

Cars & Trucks

1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, 2-dr., good mechanicals, 1 owner, \$3,000 OBO, 272-0164.

1999 Saab 9-3 SE, \$4,800; 1999 Chevy pickup, 4 WD, low miles, \$10,500; 1978 Land Rover, 88", best offer; 1997 Ram 3500 15-passenger van, \$3,500; 2001 Ford 3500, 4-dr., \$13,500, 397-7367.

2002 Chevy Blazer, 4-dr., V6, 42,500 miles, EC, \$7,000, 371-4168.

1981 Ford F-150 pickup, 6-cyl. w/tool box, almost new tires, \$500, 342-1113.

2001 Dodge Intrepid, parts or all, salvage title, 371-4021, 231-3336.

1999 Dodge D-250 long bed, only w/taillgate & tool box, \$500, 333-4221.

1998 Chevy Silverado 2500HD, 4x4, ext. cab, V8, gas, long bed, loaded, \$9,500; 1998 Chevy Astro

van, LS, seats 8, loaded, \$4,500, 283-2777.

1992 Chevy Lumina, needs work, engine good, 724-1932.

2002 Toyota Tundra limited access cab, 4-dr., 4WD, all power, leather, V8, new tires, fully loaded, 106,000 miles, \$14,000, 857-1775, 396-9604.

1979 CJ-7, V8, auto, 4x4, solid doors, cloth top, chrome wheels, GC, \$4,500, 275-4458.

1987 white Cadillac designer Coupe deVille, new vinyl top, moon roof, wire wheels, 200K miles, everything original, EC, \$2,000, 728-4801.

1999 Ford F-150 1/2-ton pickup, towing pkg. new Michelin tires, 92K miles, single cab, \$6,200, 342-0747.

1997 Chevy Cavalier, auto, air, GC, \$1,100, 520-2469.

1964 Chevy pickup, LWB, 283 auto, \$1,000, 371-5645.

2002 Dodge SWB, 6-cyl, 5-sp., Boss wheels, CD, tinted windows, 61K miles, \$6,200, 845-0391.

1998 Chevy Tahoe, 724-3396.

1986 F60 factory Ford dump truck, 370 motor, 4-sp., 2-sp. axel, 22.5 tire aluminum wheels, lots of new parts, very clean & dependable, no CDL required, \$6,500 OBO/trade; 1985 R-model Mac truck, single axle, Mac motor, 5-sp. trans., 274K miles, cold AC, sharp & clean, \$7,300, 396-4509, 636-8660.

1998 3/4-ton Chevy pickup, GC, \$5,000, 475-2341.

2005 Ford 500 Limited, 1 owner, leather, keyless, outside code entrance, all electric, lots of extras, EC, \$10,750, 371-0333.

1985 International bus for storage or M. H. runs, good, new tires, 4 sp., 2 sp., \$2,000, 536-4215.

1993 Lexus SC300

coupe, auto, sunroof, leather, all power, ABS, EC, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

1971 F-250 Ranger, starts & runs, needs a little work, C6 auto, \$1,425, 706-1925.

1994 GMC diesel flatbed 1-ton dually, 5-sp. truck, \$4,000 OBO; 1996 GMC diesel 1-ton dually truck w/ext. cab, \$7,500 OBO, 371-6292.

2000 Chevy Impala, new tires, EC, \$5,500; 1988 Nissan pickup, runs good, rusty, \$1,000, 639-6823.

Equipment

Craftsman 8 hp 3 cutting stage chipper, shredder, mulch, & bagger, 371-2001.

Craftsman 5 hp frontine rototiller, 25", \$150, 371-0434.

2007 Farm Pro tractor model 2420, 20 hp, 3-cyl. diesel, 2WD, 14 hrs. on tractor, can deliver locally, \$2,650, 272-7118.

1974 Wheelhorse D-200 tractor: 3-pt. hitch w/PTO, new Kholer 582, 23 hp, w/150 hrs., rebuilt hydrostatic trans. w/100 hrs., 48" mower deck & 48" tiller, lots of extras, \$1,500 OBO, 371-6111, 706-1692.

M&W zero turn 62" mower, 18 hp, \$1,200; John Deere model L/110 42" lawn tractor mower, 15 hp, \$600, 396-4464.

Befco 8-wheel rake, GC, 371-1705, 639-8746.

Four-horse Turnbow gooseneck trailer w/lg. tack room, new floor, axles, brakes, rims, tires, belting on floor & sides, rear lights, safety chains, safety break-away w/battery, pop rivets on top, \$4,800; 2-horse Featherlite thoroughbred horse trailer, 7'6" tall w/lg. tack room w/saddle racks & lay-down ramp, can remove partitions, \$3,700, 740-4411.

New Powertrain generator 3,500-Watts, 6.5 hp, electric start, still in box, \$500, 396-1768.

New Holland 276 sq.

baler, \$2,500; New Holland 451 9' mower, 3 pt., \$1,100; Tanutti 10-wheel rake, \$1,100; several hundred galvanized bolts & nuts, 3/8"x7" & 3/8"x9", 50¢ ea., 443-2808.

Dee Zee crossover single lid truck toolbox, platinum series w/10.83 cu. ft., storage, will fit full-size truck beds, GC, \$200, 396-3202.

AIMS power inverter, 12-volt, DC to AC power inverter, 2,500-Watt max. output, I/O battery cable, never used, \$265, 343-1128 after 5 p.m..

Gooseneck pickup hitch, \$200; moving dolly, \$25, 283-2777.

Gooseneck stock trailer, 14', \$1,000 OBO, 857-1775, 396-9604.

Roping chute for calves, \$200; hay spear for front end loader, \$200, 275-4458.

2006 457 John Deere round baler, bale-trak monitor, only 2,300 bales, 540 slip clutch, flotation tires, net & twine wrap, mega wide PU, hydraulic bale kicker, shedded since new, \$21,900; 2006 Belarus tractor, turbo, 105 hp, 500 hrs., cab w/excellent AC, heat & radio, 2 WD, 501 Memo self-leveling loader, joystick 2 remotes, Syncro mesh trans. w/reducer, \$21,000; Hesston deluxe 12-wheel high-capacity rake, both main tires new, no missing tines, several new hydraulic hoses, \$2,750; 8-basket Rossi Tedder, several new extra tines & arms, \$2,000, 273-8622.

2003 7,500-Watt Generac gas generator, \$500, 342-0747.

2007 5' brush hog, \$375; Ford rear scoop, \$125, 287-4859.

1975 32' Turnbow gooseneck horse trailer, front dressing room, rear tack, 4-horse slant, new tires, needs a paint job, \$4,000, 857-6371.

2006 Snapper riding mower, used approx. 10 hrs., \$895, 341-4439 after 2 p.m.

Two-bottom, 3 pt. plow, \$150; 3-bottom, 3 pt. plow,

\$250; 4-wheel wagon w/ hoist, \$200; 2 300-gallon fuel tanks, \$50 ea., 475-2341.

220 Lincoln AC stick welder; 3-pt., lift boom for tractor, \$75, 536-4215.

Chaparral 2-horse slant trailer, drop down windows, bumper pull, EC, \$3,500, 371-8809.

2000 WW 24' stock trailer, good floor & rubber, gooseneck hitch, Torsion axles, EC, \$4,199, 645-9595, 645-6267.

Livestock

Holstein bottle bull calves, \$100, 697-4469, 629-0754.

Proven team-roping horse, heading or healer, sorrel mare, \$3,500, 371-8809.

Fainting goats, all colors & ages, \$75 ea., 857-6489.

Four replacement heifers, Maine Anjou-Angus-Simmental Crosses, weaned & vaccinated, 288-7413.

Buffalo heifers ready to butcher, \$575; Watusi cow or bull, \$750 ea., very large horns, 520-2755.

Fresh goat milk & cheese, purebred Nubian goats, 230-1356.

BR Midland Angus bull, 3 yrs. old, 5 Lim-Flex 50%, 3 bulls, 2 heifers, 371-3853, 260-3224.

Baby ducks, geese chickens, Silkies, Chochins, Frizzles & Polish, some are grown, 288-6543.

Mexican roping cattle, also bred cows & heifers, (515) 419-5361.

Outstanding yearling herd bulls, Maine XAngus, 263-4395, 261-3443.

Black 5-yr.-old reg. APHA gelding, good barrel prospect, lots of trail riding, \$3,000; 2 reg. APHA/Pinto yearlings 1 Overo filly, 1 stud colt/solid, filly \$400, stud colt, \$550; reg. 3-yr.-old Bay Tobiano gelding, APHA, green broke, \$2,500; reg. 3-

yr.-old APHA Overo gelding, white, broke, \$2,000; 2 reg. APHA mare, bottom saddling & ground work done, gentle, \$1,500; reg. black & white Tobiano APHA Paint, 16 hands high, excellent conformation & disposition, not broke, \$4,000, 688-1842, 263-4002.

Two geldings, both easy loaders, 1 is 7 yrs. old, white w/blue eyes, good natured, used for play days & trails, \$800; 5-yr.-old, Bay/Dapple, green broke, used on trails, iron hooves, \$500, 371-6737, 704-1221.

Registered Branus bulls & heifers, very gentle, ready for spring breeding, delivery available, \$1,200-\$1,400, 695-2357.

Yearling Quarterhorse colts & riding horses, \$250 and up, 371-2668.

2005 double-registered APHA & APTHA blk/white stud colt, beautiful, blue eyes, gentle, stands, loads, ready to start under saddle, \$2,500, 536-2124.

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.

Llamas, under 5 yrs. old, males - \$100, females, \$150, all ages, all colors, 379-6991.

Black Shoulder peacocks, \$125 – \$175/pr.; halter trained llamas, 2 males, \$150 ea., 371-9730.

15-yr.-old Tobiano mare barrel horse, consistent 3/4D, won't run past barrel, runs poles, \$2,500; 17-yr.-old barrel horse, fleabit gray gelding, runs in the 3/4Ds, runs poles, 17 hands high, \$4,000, both need exp. youth or beginning adult riders, 857-6371.

Older pony, perfect for small children, \$350, 350-0145.

Lost

Large German Shepherd mix, 18 mos. old, 371-9054.

Pets

ACA Mini-Dachshund, will make good breeder or wonderful pets, very good bloodline, 468-2255, 468-2235.

AKC reg. Chocolate Lab puppies, born 12-28-07, parents on site, \$225, 273-0555.

AKC Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppies, 342-5717, 698-6216.

1 male Bearded Dragon, 10 mos. old, 12" long, \$65; 1 female Mack Snow Leopard Gecko, 1 yr. old, 7" long, \$50 w/o enclosure, \$70 w/enclosure (food, water dish & 100 mealworms); 1 proven breeding pair of Super Hypo Tengerine Carrottails Leopard Geckos, \$200, 242-3430.

Beagle Hound puppies, born 2-10-08, \$85 ea., 371-2668.

Dogue de Bordeaux puppies & stud service, also English Bulldog stud service, 855-1833.

Australian Shepherds, 706-1931, fifteenacrefarms.com.

FREE – 7-yr.-old spayed female Shepherd/mix, great w/kids, gentle, sweet, good watchdog, all shots, needs home w/o cats, 342-3588.

FREE – 4-yr.-old reg. male Border Collie, 1-yr.-old female bird dog cross, 798-2610.

Kelpie puppies out of working parents, born 2-5-08, all have at least 1st round of shots, \$150 ea., 350-0145.

Real Estate

3 BDR house on 5 fenced acres, Claremore schools, \$165,000, (620) 870-1375.

45 acres 5 miles west of Oologah, between 39 & 40 Rd., 371-5211, 698-6214.

Two houses & a boat dock on Grand River Twin Hill addition, across from Chouteau Bend, 847-2233.

Oversized lot in Bartlesville, \$10,000, 536-4422.

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, 1 car garage, fenced backyard on corner lot in Nowata, \$55,000, 273-0363 after 6 p.m.

Brick ranch-style house on 39 acres, 3 BDR, 2 BA, central H&AC, ceiling fans, vaulted ceilings, oak cabinets, pantry, ex. lg. attached 2-car garage, lg. storage bldg., barn, good pond, fences, paved roads, between Nowata & Delaware, \$295,000, 273-5533.

Refurbished ranch-style home, 2 BDR, 2 BA, 2-car garage, 1,748 sq. ft., lots of extras, w/block barn on 2.1 acres, northeast of Skiatook, \$154,000, 230-4819.

Older house in the Lenapah area must be moved off property or torn down for materials, new windows, metal roof, grey siding w/red brick, wood floor, \$1,000, 440-9700 day, 468-2367, evening.

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

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.

2005 16'x56' mobile home, 2 BDR, 2 BA w/all appliances, EC, 845-0391.

Large shop w/beautiful apt., Tacora Hills area, 283-1545, 605-2780.

Older model 14'x70' Town & Country mobile home, needs some work, needs to be moved, \$2,500 OBO/trade, 396-4509, 636-8660.

1 acre w/older 14'x80' mobile home, 975 sq. ft., front & back porches, attached shed, Owasso or C'ville schools, 3 BDR, 2 BA, lots of storage, fenced back yard, as is, \$25,000, 371-0518, 639-7965.

1993 Legend 16'x80' mobile home, 3 BDR, 2 BA, AC & window unit, appliances, buyer must move, \$8,000, 263-1794, 698-0344.

RVs & Boats

15' Galaxie boat w/50 hp Evinrude motor, 333-3560.

Lowe 17' flat bottom metal boat, never used, \$300, 396-0190.

2002 Yamaha FX140 (FX100) 4-stroke Waverunner w/trailer, adult-owned, 27 hrs., professionally serviced & winterized, EC, \$7,500; 1972 Strahm 15' flat bottom fiberglass fishing boat, 1959 Evinrude 35 hp motor w/trailer, \$800, 695-1976.

2000 Newmar Kountry Star motor home, 31', Freightliner chassis, Cummins diesel, 2 slides, 2 air conditioners, 15K miles, \$63,750, 645-8187, 245-3827.

2004 King Sport Gulfstream travel trailer, 34', bumper hitch w/16' slide out, 440-2113, 440-2413.

1973 26' Continental Lifetime motor home, new tires & awning, GC, \$3,500, 371-4168.

1995 Kit brand 25' Sportsmaster 5th wheel, good rubber, new hot water heater, self-contained, central H&AC, new awning, super slide, water purifier, gooseneck or 5th wheel

hitch, EC, \$5,449, 645-9595, 645-6267.

Eton RXL 4/41.5cc child's 4-wheeler w/electric start & parental auto shut off, about 2-hr. run time, also have helmet, EC, \$1,200 OBO, 698-3950.

Escaper 34' 5th wheel camper w/14' slide out, new tires, 371-3410.

Honda 4-wheeler, GC, \$1,600, 475-2341.

2005 Yamaha 125 dirt bike, electric start, only used 20x, EC, \$2,000, 857-6371.

1974 15.5' Glastron fish-n-ski boat, 65 hp Evinrude, electric tilt, walk thru, fish locator, Bimini top, tilt trailer, 3 new tires, EC, \$2,000, 728-4801.

Blue BSE 110cc dirt bike, 1 yr. old, low hrs., EC, \$650, 342-3588.

1979 Charger 17' boat, Johnson 115 hp, w/trailer, trolling motor, depth finder, kept inside, EC, \$2,700 OBO, 371-0333.

1989 Scamper 35' 5th wheel travel trailer, needs some work, \$2,000 OBO, 371-6292.

Seaswirl 18' Bowrider boat, 120 hp Evinrude, custom trailer, loaded, \$5,900; 12-volt camping refrigerator, \$25, 283-2777.

1986 125cc 4-wheeler, pull-start, \$900, 287-4859.

Services

Sell or buy Sarah Coventry jewelry, 371-3785.

RV service & repair, mobile service available, 704-8329.

Massage, reflexology, facials, spa treatments, gift certificates & pkgs. available, pregnancy massage program by licensed massage therapist & nurse, 8-wk. programs available, including post-partum & infant's first massage, 343-1868.

Free help with swarming bees, 371-9502.

Trouble with coyotes, call 706-0247 after 6 p.m.

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.

Excellent housecleaning, Owasso area, 272-1443, days, 371-3795, evenings.

Auction service, fund-raising, estate, farm & liquidation, consignment auction 2nd Sat. of each month, 371-5211, 698-6214.

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

Lawn treatment & fertilization, weed control, soil sterilization, tree, shrub & plant care & trimming, deck & fence construction, free estimates, 798-1135.

Brush clean up, brush hog & box blade work, 402-0180.

Jafrá cosmetics & skin care, schedule a facial & receive a lifetime 10% discount on all orders, 343-1868.

Book a party or schedule a field trip to Small Wonders Mini petting farm, www.smallwondersminifarm.com, 371-1843.

Colt breaking & refreshing, spring spots available, 694-6204.

Brick, rock work, new or repair, mail boxes, cracks, flowerbeds, 35 yrs. exp, 282-9927.

Learn to correctly carry concealed guns, 694-2250.

Brush hog, box blade, Ditch Witch, dump truck, grave work, etc., pick up old riding mowers, tractors, titled cars, chainsaw chain sharpening, 639-6823.

Individual income tax preparation, \$60 for basic federal & state return includes E-filing by a CPA, 845-0558.

Start your Sarah Coventry business for free, 381-0456.

Livestock hauling, in & out of state, horse vans, 32' stock trailers, 2008 season hay baling, hay hauling, summer 208, 814-4944.

Professionally resurface bathtubs, countertops & vanities, repair & refinishing, 497-0400.

Diesel & auto diagnostics & repair, heavy equipment, trucks, tractors, hydraulics, brakes, roadside assistance, pick up & delivery available, 706-1925.

Local artist will create portraits in pencil or charcoal from your photo, sizes & prices vary, request sample view via E-mail to trystensheart@aol.com.

Babysitting for 2nd & 3rd shifts, OK Union School, reasonable rates, 255-3223.

Affordable bucket, blade and brush hog services, 695-1943.

Will haul off old riding mowers, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, aluminum, steel, some vehicles without title, 272-3362.

Wanted

Someone to drag 4 acre pasture, 341-6265.

Small 1940-1970 travel trailer, 1957-1970 El Camino or Ranchero, 694-1985.

8" to 12"x10' light wall steel pipe to be used for stove pipe, 396-1868 after 6 p.m.

Wilton or wedding cake cookbooks, older the better, 343-1455.

AKC English Mastiff for stud in late April, 636-8137.

Old costume colored stone or rhinestone jewelry, will pay cash, 536-4215.

Super single, bookcase headboard, water bed, GC, 336-7636.

18'-25' travel trailer, 697-6112.

Buying junk cars, riding mowers, cell phones, yard sale leftovers, 255-3223.

Storm Debris Removal Continues

Crews Moving into Osage County, Prue Substation Area in April

It may be surprising that we are still making repairs four months after the December ice storm, but we are. 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 Collinsville and Owasso areas,” says Randy Riddle, manager of operations and technical services, “But we are now moving into Osage County, and the area served by the Prue substation.”

Riddle says VVEC crews are replacing utility poles, hardware and equipment at the top of the poles, and other equipment, such as transformers, that were damaged by the ice.

He says he and VVEC Right-of-Way Coordinator Lon Lambert have been working with FEMA field representatives visiting sites across the service territory to document the storm damage and brush and debris clean-up efforts.

“There is still a lot of debris such as tree limbs, that need to be picked up. We can’t clean up anything other than those tree limbs and branches we had to cut to restore service. County clean up

crews are working just like our crews to clean up county right-of-way, so members with debris on their property still have an opportunity to have that debris removed if they can move it to the county right-of-way.

“We’re making a pretty concentrated effort to get this cleaned up as soon as possible,” Riddle says. “But it is probably going to be sometime this summer before our crews have all the work completed system-wide.”

He encourages members to call the co-op if they are aware of a repair that needs to be made. Call our dispatching department at 371-2584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trustees Get Good Report on Completed 2007 Audit

The accounting firm of Briscoe, Burke and Grigsby (BBG) presented a report on the completed 2007 audit to the trustees at the March board meeting, saying VVEC ‘continues to be in sound financial shape.’

Saying ‘there is nothing that can happen to an electric cooperative that is worse than an ice storm,’ BBG representative Warren Grigsby commended the trustees and employees on their commitment to following sound business practices and on being good stewards of the members’ cooperative.

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. Click on ‘Capital Credits’ under the ‘About VVEC’ drop-down menu. Then type in the name of a missing member.

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.

