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We're All Children at Christmas

I guess it's the child in me, but I still love Christmas. I look forward to putting up the tree and dragging out all the ornaments and decorations. I like singing Christmas carols; I fill every slot in my car's CD player with a variety of Christmas music.

And although it embarrasses my teenage daughter to no end, I've been known to sing along with the holiday music playing in stores when we're shopping.

As much as I enjoy our family's traditions at Christmas, each year something is different. This year we will celebrate the holidays without both my father and father-in-law, and that will be difficult. But my daughter and a nephew will be home from college and we are anticipating the arrival of my niece's first baby. These are good things.

The lights, decorations, and homemade treats are fun, but it is the relationships that are the true gifts.

Saying 'thank you' for the relation-

ship we enjoy with you and your fellow members is the purpose behind our annual Member Appreciation Day. As hectic as December can be, we hope you will be able to find a few minutes to come by the office on Friday, December 19 to enjoy a cup of warm spiced cider and some delicious Christmas cookies with us.

If you are like me, each year you intend to scale back on the activities and commitments to spend more time focusing on the important things. And like me, there are years when you are probably more successful at that than you are other years.

I hope this is one of those years when you have time to look at the holiday through child-like eyes and see the magic in the season.

"And I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, 'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!'"

Happy Holidays! 

Kay Rabbitt-Brower
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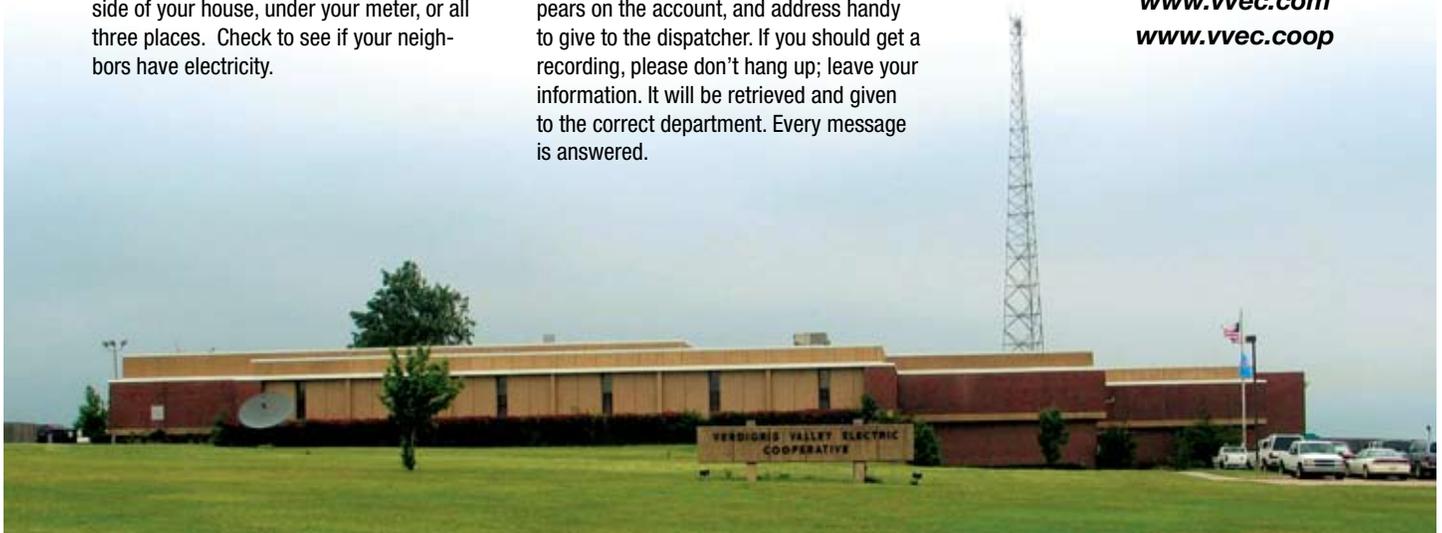
What to do if Your Power Goes Off

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.
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Give the Gift of Energy Efficiency



When it comes to shopping for and comparing appliances and home

electronics, look for the EnergyGuide and ENERGY STAR® labels to ensure the energy efficiency credentials of what's in the box.

The Federal Trade Commission requires yellow EnergyGuide labels on most home appliances (except for ranges and ovens). These labels provide an estimate of the product's energy consumption or energy efficiency, and compare it to the highest and lowest energy consumption or efficiency estimates of similar appliance models.

You won't find EnergyGuide labels on home electronics such as computers, televisions, and home audio equipment. Instead, look for blue ENERGY STAR labels on these products, indicating they've met strict energy efficiency criteria established by the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Ensuring that what you take

home is energy efficient can make a big difference in the long run. The average home boasts two TVs, three telephones, and a DVD player. If these items were replaced with ENERGY STAR qualified models, it would save more than 25 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions a year, equivalent to removing more than 2 million cars from the road.

Some home electronic products, like those with clock displays and remote controls, use energy even when they're switched off, costing U.S. households \$100 per year. Products that have earned the ENERGY STAR use less energy to perform "standby" functions, while providing the same performance and features as conventional models.

Using less energy preserves energy resources while saving money on energy bills. An energy-efficient gift is truly a gift that keeps on giving! 

For more information, visit www.eere.energy.gov or www.energystar.gov.

December Calendar

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| Dec. 6 | Christmas parades at Bartlesville, Claremore & Skiatook |
| Dec. 13 | Christmas parade at Owasso & Collinsville |
| Dec. 19 | VVEC Member Appreciation 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.



ON THE COVER

It is said "Home is where the heart is." A Christmas tree, colorfully decorated and brightly lit, complemented by the warmth of a fireplace topped with festive decorations is sure to welcome home all of your family this holiday season.

Thank You

Member Appreciation Day Gives Us the Opportunity to Show Our Gratitude

We enjoy providing the electricity and services that enhance your life. At this time of year, we want to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to serve you throughout the year.

To demonstrate that gratitude, we invite you to join us for warm, spiced cider and delicious, festive Christmas cookies at our annual Member Appreciation Day, Friday, December 19.

The festivities will continue throughout the day; from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will have a special gift for each of you, along with two new CFL bulbs. And you can register to win a \$50 bill credit.

We hope you will be able to take a few minutes during this busy time of year to enjoy some cider and cookies with your fellow members, and give us the opportunity to say 'thank you.' 



Annual Meeting Winner

Clarice Ward, (center) of Claremore, is the winner of the \$500 bill credit grand prize at annual meeting, held Saturday, October 25.

More than 300 members registered their attendance at the meeting where they enjoyed popular local entertainer Paul Bogart, along with free hot dogs and soft drinks.

In addition to Ward, several other lucky members won a variety of great gifts.

Congratulating her are VVEC Trustees John Hibdon (left) and Jack Bogart. 

RATES

BILL COMPARISONS

All comparisons include .005 Power Cost Adjustment and 2-percent Gross Receipts Tax

(S) = Summer (W) = Winter

Type of Service	KWH	Present Rate	New Rate	% Change
Residential - Summer (S)	1000	\$85.37	\$87.41	2.4%
	2000	\$158.51	\$162.59	2.6%
	3000	\$231.64	\$242.86	4.8%
Residential - Winter (W)	1000	\$80.27	\$80.27	0.0%
	2000	\$142.19	\$142.19	0.0%
	3000	\$178.60	\$204.10	14.3%
Urban Residential - (S)	1000	\$76.19	\$78.23	2.7%
	2000	\$140.15	\$144.33	2.9%
	3000	\$204.10	\$215.32	5.5%
Urban Residential - (W)	1000	\$71.09	\$71.09	0.0%
	2000	\$123.83	\$123.83	0.0%
	3000	\$151.06	\$176.56	16.9%
Small Commercial - (S)	1000	\$94.28	\$94.28	0.0%
	2000	\$173.26	\$173.26	0.0%
	3000	\$252.24	\$252.24	0.0%
Small Commercial - (W)	1000	\$94.28	\$94.28	0.0%
	2000	\$173.26	\$173.26	0.0%
	3000	\$236.94	\$252.24	6.5%
Small Urban Commercial - (S)	1000	\$80.99	\$80.99	0.0%
	2000	\$146.68	\$146.68	0.0%
	3000	\$212.36	\$212.36	0.0%
Small Urban Commercial - (W)	1000	\$80.99	\$80.99	0.0%
	2000	\$146.68	\$146.68	0.0%
	3000	\$195.53	\$212.36	8.6%
Small Commercial - (S) Three Phase Non Demand	1000	\$109.58	\$109.58	0.0%
	2000	\$188.56	\$188.56	0.0%
	3000	\$267.54	\$267.54	0.0%
Small Commercial - (W) Three Phase Non Demand	1000	\$109.58	\$109.58	0.0%
	2000	\$188.56	\$188.56	0.0%
	3000	\$252.24	\$267.54	6.1%
Small Commercial - (S) Three Phase Urban Non Demand	1000	\$96.29	\$96.29	0.0%
	2000	\$161.98	\$161.98	0.0%
	3000	\$227.66	\$227.66	0.0%
Small Commercial - (W) Three Phase Urban Non Demand	1000	\$96.29	\$96.29	0.0%
	2000	\$161.98	\$161.98	0.0%
	3000	\$210.83	\$227.66	8.0%

Rate Increase

You may remember reading in the November issue of Power Circuit that electric rates are increasing. Also General Manager Alice Houston discussed it at annual meeting in late October.

Beginning with November electric usage, residential consumers will experience a 5.3 percent rate increase. Small commercial consumers' rates will increase 3.3 percent.

The increase appears on the bills you receive in December.

Electric bills for a residential consumer using an average of 1,500 kiloWatt hours of electricity will only increase by about \$2.81; less than \$3 a month.

"This is only the third time rates have increased in 20 years," says Clyde Willard, VVEC director of finance. "Increases occur only when it is absolutely necessary to maintain the cooperative's financial solvency in order to meet the expenses of the cooperative, the capital investment needs of our members and the mortgage covenants of our lenders."

If you have questions about your electric bill or usage, please visit with one of our consumer representatives by calling us at (918) 371-2584 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Visit our Web site, www.vvec.com, for more information on rates. 

CORRECTION

On page 5 of the November issue of Power Circuit, we listed changes in the residential and urban residential summer rates. The amounts listed were the "1st 1,000 kWh" and "over 1,000."

Those should have been listed as "1st 2,000 kWh" and "over 2,000."

We apologize for any confusion and remind you the correct information is listed on our Web site. 

Cut Out Fluctuating Electric Bills with Our Average Monthly Payment Plan

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

The AMP Plan is available to all 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.

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

The average is recalculated every month in the same manner.

If you are interested in participating in the AMP Plan or have any questions, please call our billing department at (918) 371-2584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 

Members Owed Capital Credits Listed on Co-op Web Site

A list of members who have not collected their Capital Credits can now be found on our Web site – www.vvec.com.

Frequently, members don't give us a forwarding address when they move off of co-op lines, so we don't know where

to send their Capital Credit checks.

If you know a former member, please encourage him or her to visit the Web site to see if their name is on the list. Or call us if you have information on how to reach someone on the list. 

Trustees Retain Seats Following District Meetings

Members in districts 3 and 5 met recently, but low attendance prevented any business from being conducted. This includes holding scheduled trustee elections.

Vernon Lewis, district 3, and Jimmy Lambert, district 5, will retain their seats on the board. Cooperative bylaws require that at least 5 percent

of the members in any district must register their attendance in order for business to be transacted.

Results of the district 1 meeting will be included in the January issue of Power Circuit, because that meeting was held after the publication went to press. Carl Long is the district 1 trustee.

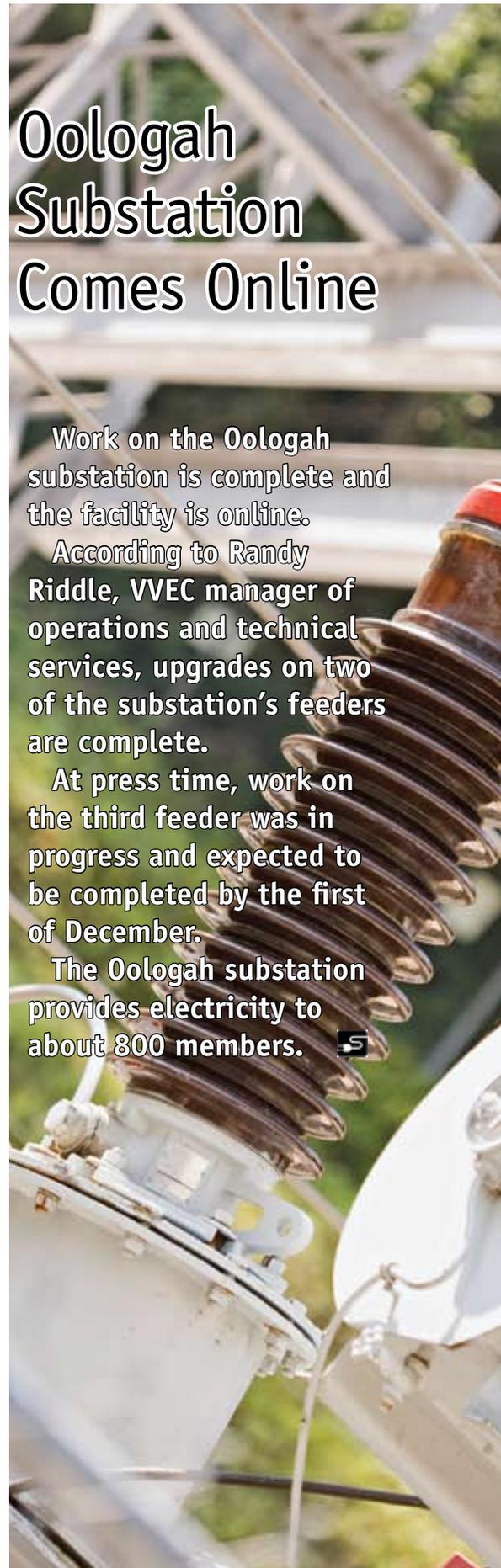
Oologah Substation Comes Online

Work on the Oologah substation is complete and the facility is online.

According to Randy Riddle, VVEC manager of operations and technical services, upgrades on two of the substation's feeders are complete.

At press time, work on the third feeder was in progress and expected to be completed by the first of December.

The Oologah substation provides electricity to about 800 members. 



Decorate Safely for the Holidays

Many of us are putting colorful, twinkling lights on the house and brightly lit plastic candy canes and snowmen on the front lawn.

Such decorations help make the holidays a magical time of year, but they must be handled with care. Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause more than \$930 million in damage, according to the United States Fire Administration, largely due to the misuse of electrical products and decorations.

Here are some tips for using electrical products safely during the holidays:

- Before decorating, read and follow the manufacturers' instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all decorative electrical products.
- Indoors and out, use lights and other electrical decorations certified by a recognized, independent testing firms such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL.)
- Use lights certified for outdoor use only for outdoor use. The same goes for indoor lights.
- Carefully inspect each light before plugging it into a socket. Cracked, frayed, loose, or bare wires may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire.
- Do not mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's insulation. Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.
- Always unplug an electrical decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- Do not connect more than three light string sets together. Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have no more



than 50 bulbs connected together.

- Do not overload extension cords.
- Keep all extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.
- Use caution when decorating near power lines.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.
- Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations.
- Always turn off decorations before

leaving home or going to bed.

- Plug outdoor lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable GFCIs for outdoor use can be purchased wherever electrical supplies are sold. 

From a Friend's Kitchen

Making Memories

Christmas is such a fun time of year. It's hard not to enjoy the sparkle and glitter of holiday decorations, the child-like anticipation of what is inside gaily-wrapped gifts under the tree, and revisiting much-loved memories and traditions.

As an adult the holidays can be hectic and stressful, but the magic is there if we choose to see it. It's like the adage "We don't stop laughing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop laughing." Christmas magic doesn't go away because we grow older, we grow older because we forget to look for the magic.

I encourage you to involve your children or grandchildren in making this month's recipe. The treat is that instead of making traditional red and white candy, you will find you are actually making magical Christmas memories to be cherished for holidays to come.

Re-acquaint yourself with the magic. 

Kay Rabbitt-Brower



Santa's Victorian Candy Canes

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 3/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring

Mix sugar, corn syrup, water, and cream of tartar in a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan.

Stir until the sugar dissolves.

Place a candy thermometer in the

mixture, and cook without stirring until the thermometer reaches 265 fahrenheit.

Turn off the heat and add peppermint extract.

Divide the mixture in half by carefully pouring part of it into another pan.

Add red food coloring to one of the pans.

While waiting for the candy to cool, grease three cookie sheets (two as working space, and the third to provide a non-stick surface for the canes to cool).

Butter your hands, and use a buttered

spatula to cut off a portion of one of the clear taffy. Have a helper do the same with the red taffy.

Pull and fold the pieces repeatedly on your cookie sheet until they appear glossy, then roll them into an 8-inch long coil.

Give the head of the cane a twist before setting it aside to cool on the third greased cookie sheet.

YIELD: 6 medium sized canes

Everything Goes

Ashley wood stove insert, blower, glass doors, \$300; mission-style king-size bed, \$100, 288-6103.

Bow makers, sasheen ribbon, deco-rette lace ribbon, imprinted sasheen ribbon, craft ribbon, curling ribbon, bow pins & other accessories, 633-4291.

Salvaging parts for 1999 Dodge pickup, 1500 series, 384-9759.

Hay -lg. rnd. bales, 396-2206.

GE electric cook-top w/two 2-burner module units, interchangeable grill module unit, down draft exhaust, \$150, 342-3959.

20" 3.75 hp mower, \$25; 3'x4' steel lawn cart, EC, \$75; woman's bike, \$25; charcoal cooker, \$35; BBQ & bottle, \$35; Salad Master, \$10; TV turntable, \$15; canning jars, 341-2340.

Hay - rnd. bales, \$25 ea., 396-2559.

Ping pong table, \$100; pool table, \$500; Ashley wood-burning stove, \$200; Tempmaster upright freezer, \$100, 341-4203.

Wolff-Sunquest Pro 16SE tanning bed, 115-volt, 16 bulbs, new bulbs, \$500, 371-9553.

Hay - fresh, sq. bales, you load, C'ville area, 504-6264.

Samsung microwave, \$25; ab lounge, \$60; GE washer & dryer set, \$120, 408-3566.

Two side-by-side lots in Memorial Park Cemetery, section 9A, lot 12, spaces 5 & 6, \$2,150 ea., 272-2436.

Kenmore Elite gas dryer, \$125; oak dining table w/4 chairs & 2 captain chairs, \$250; oak waterbed w/storage & drawers below, headboard w/storage, \$250; Wilton Armetale collection, \$650; 17 Teddy Bear Franklin Mint Heirloom collection, \$150, 341-6755.

Artificial Christmas tree, GC, \$10; J.C. Penney stereo, \$50; Jeep rear window, 38" at top, 48" at bottom, \$80, 381-2113.

Firewood - 3 ricks seasoned wood, \$45/rick, 272-7811.

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

Windtunnel sweeper, 371-3785.

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

Magic Chef bread maker, 1.5#, \$20, (620) 515-2928.

Electric wheel chair, EC, \$500; wheel chair, EC, \$60; bedside commode, EC, \$25; shower seat, EC, \$20; 2 hand walkers, EC, \$55 ea., 338-2766.

Girls 10-sp. med.-size bike, w/23" tires, GC, \$35; Titlest golf bag, \$15, 272-6289.

1972 Fender Telecaster electric guitar & case, \$400, 341-4439.

Hay - horse & cattle, net-wrapped, 4'x5' bales, can load, 341-4103.

Firewood - seasoned pecan wood, \$65/rick, 545-2072.

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

Twin bed reversible comforters, blue, EC, \$10 ea.; baby stroller, EC, \$20, 272-3207.

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

Church pews - 6 4-ft. pews, \$40 ea.; 8 14-ft. pews, \$85 ea., can be viewed online at Craig's List under Tulsa furniture, 857-7451.

2 sq. cherry end tables, 27", \$40; 3.0 Peachtree fiberglass ext. door 1/2 lite, GC, \$70; Whirlpool washer & electric dryer, \$75; rnd. bathroom sink, bone white, Delta fixtures, EC, \$30, 688-6949.

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

125-gal. aquarium w/stand & canopy, VHO lighting system, over 100 lbs. live rock, Das filtration system, \$650, 275-4482.

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

Hay - 900 lbs. bermuda horse hay, \$25-\$40; refrigerators, stoves, washer & dryer, furniture, clothing, baby items, exercise equipment, sporting items, 371-2316.

1,000 ammo cans, all sizes, 341-6222.

Hay - sq. & rnd. bales, clean hay in barn, can deliver; mixed firewood, can deliver, 814-4944.

Firewood - seasoned & shedded, \$55/rick, you haul, 371-6238.

Wooden daybed w/mattress, \$75, 698-6907.

2 exercise saddles, bridles, pads, girths, tack for 8 horses, 341-6222.

Motorguide marine battery charger, \$125; boat dash gauge set/key switch, \$100, 283-2777.

Ludwig bells kit for beginning percussion student, includes bells w/mallets, drum pad w/sticks, stand for both, rolling carrying case, EC, \$275; 68 hardcover Danielle Steel books, \$340, plus 3 free paperbacks; 48 hardcover V.C. Andrews books, \$240, plus 3 free paperbacks, 343-0969.

Class 5 hitch off of 1999 1/2-ton Dodge truck, \$50, 559-9087.

Firewood - seasoned, \$35/rick, 371-3496.

Beautiful all leather roping saddle, 16" seat, by Cheyenne Saddlery, EC, \$600, 536-2124.

Circle Y 1 1/2" barrel saddle, \$450; leather show halter & lead, \$100; other tack available at www.fifteenacrefarms.com, 706-1931.

2001 Dodge 1500 chrome grill guard, \$300 OBO; GMC/Chevy short wide bedliner, \$50 OBO, 694-9984.

Gym Pac 2500 work out machine, plus extras, \$50; 2-seater, 6 hp Nerf Dog go-cart, \$450; 1-seater Valvoline 3.5 hp go-cart w/body, \$400, (can store both carts for Christmas); 2 natural gas space heaters, \$50 ea.; 1 overhead natural gas heater w/fan for shop or barn, \$200, 639-6823.

Calf hutches, \$200, 697-4469.

Hay - lg. rnd. & sm. sq. bermuda bales; Trek 21-sp. hybrid bike, \$275; Schwinn 10-sp. road bike, \$50; 3 13" color TVs, \$85; Panasonic microwave, \$25; Jack Nicklaus golf clubs/bag, \$125, 283-2777.

1982 Mercury outboard motor, electric start, tiller steer, w/tank, \$350; 2 10'x12' metal doors, no dents, w/tracks, springs & shafts, GC, \$100; 2 National change machines, \$1 & \$5, \$500 ea., 440-8408.

Crump show harness, Arab/Morgan-size, black w/red pinstripe, EC, \$1,000 or trade; 17" English saddle w/3 pads & girth, \$150, 845-5978.

RV 5th wheel Ranch hitch - Anderson V19 24,000 RV gooseneck hitch - all parts & installation instructions, \$100; B/L 2500 Kingpin stabilizer for RV 5th wheel, \$30; Slunky RV drain hose support, 20' long, \$10, 333-0365.

Firewood, 497-0483.

2 lg. doll houses, with furniture & curtains, Farmhouse has 8 rooms, \$200; The Pierce has 9 rooms, \$250, EC, 272-6334.

Hay - clean horse hay, sq. bales, \$3 ea.; bermuda, \$4 ea., all in barn, delivery available, 639-9580.

Video/audio equipment rack, 68" high x 20.5" wide x 21" deep, w/casters & 6 movable shelves, for professional/studio use, can hold a lot of weight & equipment, EC; misc. video/audio cables; Sony BVE-910 Edit Control Unit, has controll phonograph, cassette tape player & recorder, very light use, EC; more equipment available, 371-8438.

Handcrafted, fleece Hannah Montana throw, 55'x72', 371-3459.

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

Cars & Trucks

1999 Toyota SR5, 4x4 Runner, 131K miles, EC, 371-2431.

1995 Lincoln Towncar Cartier series, \$4,500, 272-3373.

2002 Ford F-550, diesel w/auto, 1 owner, serviced regularly, flatbed, 199K highway miles, \$9,500, 273-0757.

1964 red Corvair CVT, auto, 110 engine, black interior, black top, \$6,000 OBO, 371-0654.

2000 VW Jetta VR6, 4-sp. auto, alum. wheels, new tires, new radiator, keyless entry, alarm, power windows, sunroof, leather, 155K miles, needs head gasket, \$2,200, 595-3695.

2003 Dodge Dakota SXT, auto, V6, 3.9 liter engine, runs & looks good, 54K miles, \$9,500, 288-7841.

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

Dodge Dakota pickup, needs motor, 396-7811.

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

1997 Chevy 4x4, 350, ext. cab pickup, 127K miles, \$5,500, 425-1118.

2008 Chevy Cobalt Sport, 2 dr., tinted windows & window vents, 15K miles, EC, 559-9087.

2001 F250, V10, 4x4, w/tow pkg., 132K miles, GC, \$8,000, 519-0653.

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

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

2001 Mustang convertible, \$6,500; 1948 Plymouth 3 passenger coupe, project car, \$3,000, 855-8774.

CLASSIFIEDS

1985 Ford F250 diesel pickup, runs great, paint faded, \$2,200 OBO; 1988 GMC 4x4 needs paint, runs great, \$2,500 OBO; 1974 Chevy C-30 1-ton, runs great, \$2,200 OBO, 639-6823.

1989 Honda Accord, gas saver, auto, clean, dependable, 150K miles, free gas fill-up & AC service w/purchase, \$2,000 OBO, 343-6198.

Equipment

Tow brake, stops tow car easily & safely, w/less heat on RV brakes, \$450, 371-0296.

2 100-bbl oil tanks, old separator, 2 10-lb. pump jacks, you haul, \$2,000 for all, 331-8581.

Gould A. O. Smith shallow well pump, \$250 OBO, 283-2777.

2006 Sundowner gooseneck trailer, \$12,000, 697-4469.

20-ton wood splitter, ver/hor, \$500, 425-1118.

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

1937 Chalmers B tractor, bench press drill, 396-7811.

Craftsman 5 hp leaf/limb shredder, \$175, 396-1868.

1953 Massey Ferguson 135 farm tractor, gas compressor, marine gas generator, lg. tool boxes on rollers, 2,000-3,000-5,000 electric fork lifts, 2 Big Joes w/chargers, commercial Miller 1000 welder w/all attachments, heavy duty bulldozer, 3500 cargo winch, 341-6222.

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; Chevy long bed pickup bed, nice, \$225; Honda 4-wheeler, GC, \$1,200, 475-2341.

Band saw, \$400; old plow, \$75; smoker (pipe), \$100; 3'x7' heavy duty flatbed carts (casters), \$75; heavy duty sheet metal-sheet wood cart, 4'x10', \$125, 272-2640.

Fuel tanks, on stands or on the ground, several to choose from, 521-8727.

600' of 2&3/8" structural tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 100 bbl tanks & separator, make offer, 341-0663.

2001 New Holland 45 hp. tractor w/loader, always kept inside, hydrostatic drive, 2 hydro remotes, hard canopy, 530 hrs., \$17,500 OBO, 520-3515.

1951 International Farmall cub tractor, w/woods 3 blade, 59" mower, \$2,000 OBO, 237-2885.

All steel spudder-type drilling machine & tools, \$10,000, 333-3974.

2000 New Holland TS100, 80 hp cab tractor, 2,169 hrs., w/self-leveling quick attach NH 7210 front loader, good AC & heat, 6' bucket, bale spear, & Q/A skid steer adapter included w/loader, \$29,500, 371-4750.

5'x8' utility trailer w/3' sides, EC, 371-3496.

Ford 8N tractor, w/5' box blade & 5' brush hog, \$3,000, 396-4049.

50 pcs. trim, DeWalt 3/8" corded drill, \$20, 443-9141.

Ford 8N tractor, brush hog, box blade, runs good, \$2,500 OBO, 531-2649.

D-17 Allison tractor, wide front end diesel used in hay field all summer, \$2,500; pecan wagon-dump door, all metal, GC, \$175, 693-0682.

Trade - 5' & 4' John Deere brush hogs for good quality 6' or 7' brush hog, 396-1397.

18 hp Cub Cadet, Kroler engine, hydro-stat drive, hydraulic 3-pt. box blade, plow & cultivator, bagger, 2 sets of blades, new battery, less than 400 hrs., very well maintained, perfect for small acreage w/garden, EC, \$1,800, 272-2154.

Bronco Troy Bilt rear-tine tiller, 14", EC, \$400 OBO; Kubota 4' mower, used w/a Kubota B1700, EC, \$400, (620) 515-2928.

160 new knives for Mott pasture mower, \$25; 3' yard aerator, EC, \$15, 494-2920.

4-horse slant gooseneck trailer, \$8,950, 706-1931.

Livestock

Registered Angus cows, show heifer prospects, AI sired, 671-7273.

Angora goats, 3 white doe kids, friendly, nice fiber, \$75 ea., 341-6370.

Limousin bull, \$1,200 OBO; 2 Limousin-mix bull calves, \$500 OBO, 694-9984.

Yearling POA gelding, \$450; 2 year old Quarter pony filly, \$550; 15 year old AQHA Foundation-bred mare, kid broke, in foal, \$3,500, 706-1931.

Five-month-old solid black colt, reg. APHA, white blaze, excellent confirmation, weaning now, \$700; 2006 double-reg. APHA & APtHA, black & white Tovero Paint stallion, blue eyes, excellent disposition, \$2,500, 536-2124.

Beautiful black filly w/white star, \$100; gentle bay filly, \$100; gentle sorrel filly w/blaze face, \$100 - all are about 3 yrs. old; gelding, great kids horse, about 17 yrs. old, \$700, 263-2453.

Brangus bulls, fertility tested, very gentle, also nice replacement heifers, delivery available, 695-2357.

Pets

CFA-reg. Himalayan kittens, Bluepoint & Sealpoint, male & female, \$300; includes vet check & first shots, 948-3873, E-mail Davidross777@gmail.com for photos.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, parents on site, excellent bloodlines, \$395, 371-5890.

Purebred puppies, Shih-Tzu, English Bulldog, Dogue de Bordeaux, also down-sizing, 2 Bassett females, 1 Shih-Tzu male, 2 Corgi females & 1 Corgi male, all dogs excellent health, 24/7 care, call for pricing, 724-1932, puppymom777@AOL.com.

AKC Chocolate Labs, 5 males, 2 females, \$250; 1 polar male, \$350; shots, wormed & dew claws removed, 371-0674.

AKC Chihuahua puppies, \$300; 1/2 AKC Chihuahua & 1/2 Rat Terrier puppies, \$100, all have shots, have been wormed and will be ready for Christmas, 396-2050.

Wolf Canadian arctic tundra white male, not neutered, excellent disposition, loves children, \$300; free Fox Terrier/Basenji-mix, neutered male, shots up to date, treated with Frontline, loves children, 845-5978.

Registered Australian Shepherds, 706-1931, www.fifteenacrefarms.com.

Registered long hair Dachshunds, ready Dec. 13, will take deposits, \$175, 698-6907.

Real Estate

Rent or rent to own - 5/3/2 home, 3,000 sq. ft. on 1.5 acres, \$1,500/mo., 283-2777.

45 acres, 5 miles west of Oologah on 4050 Rd., 371-5211.

4 lg. building lots in Shepherd Valley, Verdigris; Owasso auto body shop, w/6 car & paint booths, \$995; 2-room office in Owasso by Smith Farms, \$395, 371-2316, HomesbyFreeman.com.

Rent - 2 BDR mobile home, dining area & sun porch, covered parking, storm cellar on 1 acre, beautiful yard in nice neighborhood, \$500/mo., first & last month deposit required, utility ready, 3 miles north of Skiatook, 396-2875.

40 acres w/3 BDR, 2 BA home, lg. kitchen & dining area, private drive, SW of Nowata, \$198,000, 273-8094.

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

1 acre, south of Barnsdall, all utilities, quiet country place for a home, additional acreage available, \$7,000, 263-2453.

1973 14' camper, newly remodeled, 671-2748.

RVs & Boats

2003 Honda CRX 150 dirt bike, GC, \$1,475, 697-6112.

1999 Skeeter ZX185 18'5" boat, 1999 Yamaha 150 hp outboard motor, 1999 Skeeter ZX185-CD-27 trailer, \$14,000; new Minn Kota onboard battery charger, 3 new Optima drycell batteries, 2 Fishmark 500 color Elite sonar depth locator, 2 Tempress marine seating, (low back pedestal), 2 pedestal stool seats, 371-6129.

1994 30' 5th wheel Skamper, w/12' slide, very clean, \$8,500, 520-2316.

2008 27' Trail Sport travel trailer by R-Vision, tagged, queen bed, lg. propane bottles w/cover, never used, selling due to illness, \$16,800, 371-3982.

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

2008 Harley Davidson Sportster, 1200 CC, brand new, only 40 miles on odometer, need to sell, \$9,000, 534-2000.

1978 overhead truck camper, w/AC, stove, refrigerator, mattress & toilet, \$800, 706-6964.

Services

Carpet installation & restretch, 21 yrs. experience, 559-9087.

CLASSIFIEDS

Livestock hauling, 6'8"x32 trailers, in & out of state, cattle or horse, brush-hogging & box blade work, snow removal, 814-4944.

RV service & repair, repair appliances, plumbing, electric, roof, etc., shop & mobile service, winterize your RV, www.GreenCountryRVDoctor.com, 704-8329.

Brush hog, gravel work, Ditch Witch, chainsaw sharpening, 639-6823.

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

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

Commercial & residential tractor work, bucket, box blade, brush hog & mowing services available, 695-1943.

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, we come to you, 519-1603.

Brick & rock work, new or repair, mailboxes, fireplace repair, settling, cracks, flower beds, 35 yrs. experience, free estimates, 282-9927.

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

Carpet cleaning, 32 years experience, call for free estimates, 283-2777.

Property Manager looking for maintenance, painter, laborer, ranch hand, C'ville area, 371-2315.

Will haul off tractors, farm equipment, cars, trucks, etc. for free, 536-4215.

Consignment auction, second Saturday of each month, 371-5211.

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.

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

Computer/network repair, affordable rates, 16 yrs. experience, 906-9739.

Boat repair, outboard, inboard/outboard, no personal water craft or fiberglass work, mechanical & accy installation only, 13 yrs. experience, between Skiatook & Tulsa, 425-1357.

Will clean DVDs & CDs to complete restored condition, \$3 ea., 443-2051.

Protect your family and yourself, take class to learn to legally carry concealed guns, 694-2250.

Residential, commercial and apartment maid service, free estimates, 859-5832.

Custom furniture and cabinet work, 283-2610; former home builder and remodeler will show you how to save 25% or more on your heating and cooling bills, for a brochure, send \$2.90, plus \$1.90 for shipping and handling, to 16821 E. 430 Rd., Claremore, OK 74017.

Experienced farm hand, seeks evening & weekend work, 978-8598.

Quality painting services, 18 yrs. experience, interior & exterior painting, staining, drywall repair and pressure washing, references available, senior discounts, 885-4214.

Farrier service, 275-4571.

Wash clothes without detergent or softener, cold water, no color transfer, superior results, www.laundryintocash.com/thankins, passcode: guest; conserve electricity while protecting your entire house from surges and spikes, 8-25% savings each month off electric bill, www.ecotrustenergy.com/thankins.

Custom home design, 28 yrs. experience, computer-aided, 371-4065.

Mary Kay cosmetics, skin care and Glamour products, free delivery, ask about free samples, 273-3043, www.marykay.com/pknotts.

Wanted

Old costume jewelry, rhinestone-type, 536-4215.

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

Impeller for a 75 hp Johnson, 396-1868.

AK 47 rifle, 855-8774.

Lg. baby items, jumper, walker, etc., 855-9982.

Father & son looking for property within Skiatook, Ramona, Oologah, C'ville area for December bow hunting opportunities, 698-1427.

Tailgate for 1993 Ford F150 XLT pickup, 371-3898.

Harley Davidson or Indian motorcycle that needs to be restored, the older, the better, needs to be complete or have most of its parts, 335-2150.

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.

Keeping Warm with Window Treatments

Window treatments and coverings aren't just for decoration – they can also go a long way in saving energy. Some carefully selected window treatments, such as draperies and insulating panels, can keep heat from escaping through window panes in winter.

A drapery's ability to reduce heat loss and gain depends on several factors, including fabric type (closed or open weave) and color. Although it's difficult to generalize about energy performance, when drawn during cold weather most conventional draperies can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10 percent. In winter, you should keep draperies that don't receive direct sunlight closed during the day, and close all draperies at night.

Draperies should be hung as close to windows as possible to reduce heat exchange and should fall onto a windowsill or floor. For maximum effectiveness, install a cornice at the top

of a drapery, or place the drapery against the ceiling. Then seal the drapery at both sides with Velcro or magnetic tape, and overlap it in the center. Such snug window treatments can reduce heat loss by up to 25 percent.

An inexpensive insulating window panel or pop-in shutter, typically made of a core of rigid foam insulation, also reduces heat loss. The panels are made so that their edges seal tightly against the window frame, and they can be pushed or clipped into the interior of a window. No hardware, such as hinges or latches, is required.

Of course, window treatments aren't effective at reducing air leakage or infiltration – caulk and weather strip around windows to reduce drafts. Also, draperies work best for winter weather. Window blinds are more effective at reducing summer heat gain than winter heat loss.

For more information, visit eere.energy.gov.

***** E-Bill will be unavailable
Thursday, December 12
through Monday, December 15 for maintenance.
We apologize for any inconvenience
as we perform system updates.



Brush Crew Locations	
2 crews	Keetonville
1 crew	Watova
1 crew	Verdigris
1 crew	Claremore

VVEC offices will close at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 24 and remain closed Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1 to allow our employees to celebrate the Christmas and New Year holidays with their families.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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