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No Good News About Power Costs

It's Going to be Difficult to Keep the Lights on and Hold Down Electric Bills

Every day your cooperative leadership hears sobering news about power costs. As the price for fuels used to generate electricity climbs, so does the demand for electricity. To meet this rapidly growing power need, new power plants must be built. These plants must meet revised environmental standards that add millions of dollars to their hefty price.

At a regional meeting of electric cooperatives, Glenn English, CEO of the National Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) referred to this lethal combination as 'the perfect storm.'

In the trade publication *Electric Co-op Today* Glenn English said it will be increasingly difficult for co-ops to keep the lights on and hold down electric bills. He added that most consumers – and even many politicians – don't realize how high the price will be.

Because co-ops consumers are member-owners, power cost issues directly impact the co-op and each individual bill for electric service.

One of Verdigris Valley Electric's major power suppliers, Associated Electric Cooperative, is planning a new 600-megaWatt coal-fired plant to meet future demand. Estimated cost for this plant alone is \$1.3 billion; an expense that must be shared among AECE's 51 distribution cooperatives and six generation and transmission co-ops.

As Verdigris Valley Electric faces these challenges, your help is needed. What can you do?

Practice good energy use habits, become more energy aware, and take advantage of VVEC's free energy audits and other programs designed to help you save energy.



Verdigris Valley Electric will continue to keep you informed of these energy concerns. In the meantime, please turn off the lights in empty rooms, caulk around doors and windows, and install compact fluorescent bulbs. When multiplied across the membership, these small measures can help ease the pain of rising energy costs.

What You can do to Conserve Electricity

- ✦ In the winter, turn down your thermostats to 68 degrees.
- ✦ Turn off and unplug non-essential lights and appliances.
- ✦ Avoid running large appliances such as washers, dryers, and electric ovens during peak energy demand hours from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- ✦ Close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat loss through windows.
- ✦ Buy Energy Star appliances, products and lights.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 5 **Ash Wednesday**
- Feb. 14 **Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 18 **Presidents' Day**
- March 5-8 **Washington County Junior Livestock Show – Wash-
ington Co. Fairgrounds, Dewey, 335-0759, 534-2216.**

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

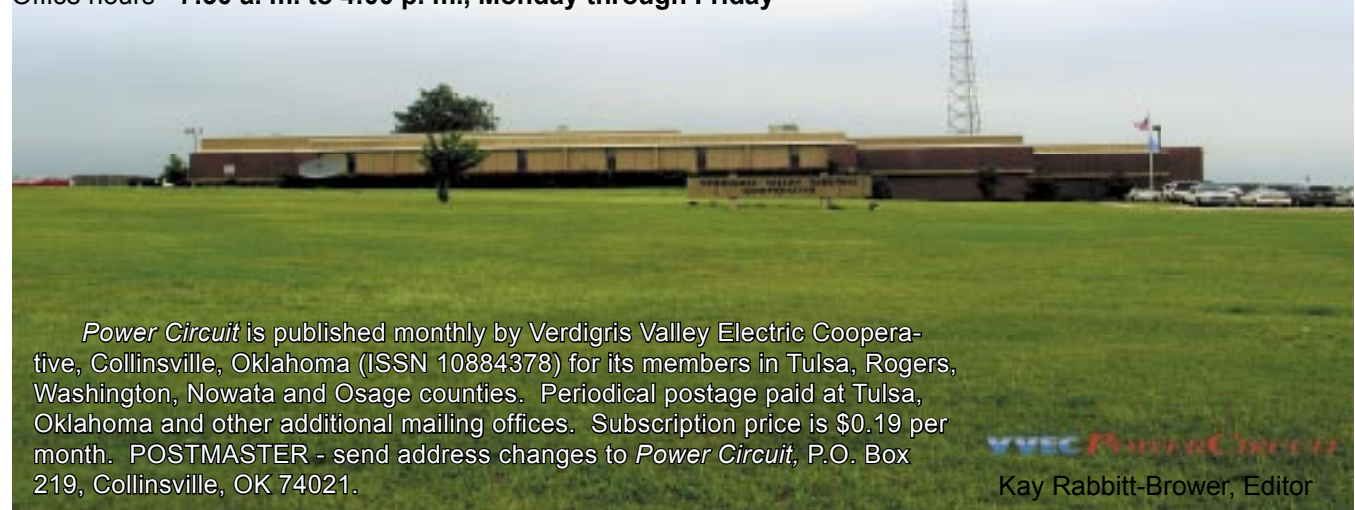
1. Check your fuses or circuit breakers. Every service is different. You may have fuses or circuit breakers in your house, on the side of your house, under your meter, or all three places. Check to see if your neighbors have electricity.
2. Call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948 if the call is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

It's Youth Tour and Energy Camp Time

Although we have had below freezing temperatures outside, now is the time to start planning a great summer. If you are a high school junior or an 8th grader, you can participate in either our Youth Tour or Energy Camp programs and make great memories this summer.

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

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

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

You are required to write an essay of between 350 and 500 words on a specific co-op related topic. This year's topic is "What can YOU do to Conserve and Use Energy More Efficiently?" The topic, along with the program's rules and regulations, are detailed in the Youth Tour Information Packet. You can get one from your English teacher, or you may complete and send in the accompanying request form.

Eighth graders wanting to participate in our Energy Camp competition are asked to write a 125-word essay on the same topic "What can YOU do to Conserve and Use Energy More Efficiently?" The program's rules and regulations are detailed in the Energy Camp Information Packet, which is available through your English teacher or by sending in the above request form.

This year 8th graders can write an essay in two-person teams. The winning

Please Send Me a Youth Tour or Energy Camp Information Packet

Youth Tour is June 13 – 19

I would like to enter either the 2008 Youth Tour or Energy Camp contest sponsored by VVEC. I understand the material I submit becomes the property of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives for use at its discretion. I agree to abide by the rules of the contests and the decisions of the judges.

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

My Name _____

My age _____ SS # (last four digits) _____

My address _____

City and zip code _____

I attend _____

My phone number _____

My parents' names _____

My English teacher's name _____

Complete this form and send it to
Youth Programs Coordinator, P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021

team will go to Energy Camp.

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

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

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

Essays are judged by an independent panel on command of subject,

strength of ideas, style, and writing convention and grammar. Youth Tour judging determines the four finalists who compete in the final level of competition April 3. The two highest scoring finalists win the all expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C. and the two alternates each receive a \$500 scholarship.

The students who submit the highest scoring essay are our Energy Camp winners.

If you have any questions about either program or their great opportunities, please call our youth programs coordinator Pam Brackett at (918) 371-2584 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to participate in these great programs.

New Retirees Hitting the Road and the Lake

Traveling in the 5th wheel and breaking out the fishing boat are two priorities for recent retirees Mary Ann King and Rodney Wood.

Mary Ann came to work at VVEC in 1968 as a file clerk in the billing department.

In 1980, not long after the co-op moved from its location in downtown Collinsville to its current location west of town, Mary Ann moved into the member services department. She remained in that department for about eight years before returning to the billing department as supervisor.

She retired in early 1999, but came back as a part-time employee in 2003 to help the billing department when serious illness struck two employees. She remained there until Jan. 2, 2008 when she retired again, and “for the final time,” she laughs.

Throughout her career, Mary Ann worked closely with members helping with bills, recording meter readings, working with district and annual meetings, and helping members benefit from co-op services and programs.

She became friends with many of them; many asking for her by name when calling the co-op for questions about their bills or information on a variety of co-op programs.

But Mary Ann is probably best known for sharing her talent in the kitchen.

Shortly after coming to work at the co-op, she began writing a helpful hints and household news column in the co-op’s newsletter. In 1979, she began sharing recipes with the readers. Most were from her own recipe file.

“My mom was an excellent cook,” she says, “and I got my love of cook-

ing from her. I’ve always enjoyed cooking.”

Since the recipes were from her own files, Mary Ann could share her own tips or suggestions, and tell readers a personal story about many of them.

Through her columns, readers felt they were stepping into Mary Ann’s kitchen to share recipes with a neighbor.

Now that Mary Ann has retired,



she and her husband Jack plan to hook-up the 5th wheel and hit the road.

“We have a 3-year-old granddaughter in Alabama that we plan to visit more often,” she says flashing her big, ever present, smile.

She says she and Jack already have trips planned to a variety of places across the country and throughout Oklahoma.

New Mexico native Rodney Wood began working on a VVEC line construction crew in 1969 after spending four years in the U.S. Navy.

Shortly thereafter, he became a



crew foreman and remained in that position until 2000 when he became the co-op’s pole inspector.

“My job was to check each pole for any type of damage that needs to be repaired or for poles that need to be replaced. I also reported anything like trees in the line that needed to be trimmed,” he explains.

Now that he’s retired, Rodney says he plans to spend his time doing two things he loves: fishing and gardening.

“I haven’t been able to spend as much time fishing as I’d like,” he says. “I think my boat has forgotten how to float,” he laughs.

And he’s preparing two spots at his home for the vegetable gardens he’s planning.

He is also looking forward to spending time with his family: his wife Glenda, their three children and two grandchildren.

Both Rodney and Mary Ann say they enjoyed their careers at VVEC, adding it is a “great place to work.” And both agree the thing they are going to miss most is the people.

“All the people,” says Rodney. “The employees and the members.”

“I loved the people,” says Mary Ann. “They were great to work with and to work for.”

Paying Bill Promptly Prevents Interruptions

Interrupting a member's electric service for nonpayment is probably the worst job we have. It has never been our objective to disconnect service in this manner, but to keep down bad debt and to be fair to those members who pay their bills, we must adhere to established policies on nonpayment.

During the winter we make an extra effort to work with members so disconnection isn't necessary. But many times, members fail to respond to the disconnection notice, and don't contact us to make payment arrangements.

If at any time you have difficulty paying your electric bill, please contact our service representatives. We have a deferred payment plan available and if you agree to and abide by the terms of that agreement, your electric service will not be disconnected.

The plan allows you to make monthly payments on the past due amount after deducting all available government assistance. (A list of the social and government assistance agencies located in our service area accompanies this article.) You will be expected to pay all future bills in full, in addition to the agreed upon payment amount.

If a life threatening situation exists in your home, you may request a postponement of the disconnection of your service. However, within 30 days you must produce a certificate completed by a licensed medical doctor or osteopathic doctor, indicating the nature of the life threatening situation. The certificate is renewable for one additional 30-day period. The Cooperative is not required to furnish service to a member beyond a total of 60 days for a life-threatening condition, without full payment of the account or acceptable payment arrangements on

any unpaid balance.

The only way we know about such situations is if you tell us in advance. Please call or write our Customer Service Department if you have such a situation. We will then keep the information on file.

We provide a notice of non-payment before service is interrupted. The notice is printed on your next bill, notifying you we have not received your payment. If we haven't heard from

between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday are \$100, plus an additional \$50 for the initial trip, for a total of \$150.

You can avoid these charges by paying your bill on time, or adhering to payment arrangements you make with us.

Meters disconnected for nonpayment will not be reset on weekends, holidays, or weekdays after 7 p.m.

Agencies Offering Assistance with Electric Bills

SEAC	Avant, Sperry & Skiatook	396-1137
Community Action	Nowata County	273-2868
DHS	Nowata County	273-2327
DHS	Osage County	287-2956
WAROMA	Osage County	287-1064
DHS	Rogers County	283-8300
WAROMA	Rogers County	341-5000
DHS	Tulsa County	581-2011
Helping Hand	Tulsa County	584-4701
Salvation Army	Tulsa County	582-7201
Community Action	Washington County	333-8115
Concern	Washington County	336-4693
DHS	Washington County	336-2655

you to make payment arrangements within 10 days, the account is subject to collection. This is the only notice we provide. You must make payment arrangements or your service will be disconnected.

If we make a trip to your home to collect an unpaid bill, you will be charged \$50. There is another \$50 charge for the return trip to reconnect your service when the bill is paid. These charges apply if the trips are made Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Charges for reconnecting service

While our lineman is in the process of disconnecting a meter, he will accept payment and leave the meter. You will be charged the \$50 collection trip fee. After a meter has been pulled, our lineman will return and reset the meter only if the entire past due amount plus collection and reset fees are paid.

Stolen electricity due to meter tampering is a felony according to the Oklahoma Criminal Statutes. VVEC will prosecute should any meter-tampering cases be discovered.

Friends of Will Rogers Share Legend of State's Favorite Son

Preserving and perpetuating the legacy of Oklahoma's Favorite Son Will Rogers for current and future generations is the purpose of the Friends of Will Rogers organization.

Launched in December 2007, Friends of Will Rogers, through Will Rogers Heritage, Inc., will help support educational and cultural contributions to the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore and the ranch in Oologah where Rogers was born.

"The goal is to build a base of support for the museums and legacy of Will Rogers throughout the country, providing financial support and a base of volunteers," says Steve Gragert, museums director.

Charter year memberships are available in several denominations from \$25 for seniors, through \$1,000 for Will's Lariat of Friends. Memorials or honorariums may be in honor of someone living or deceased.

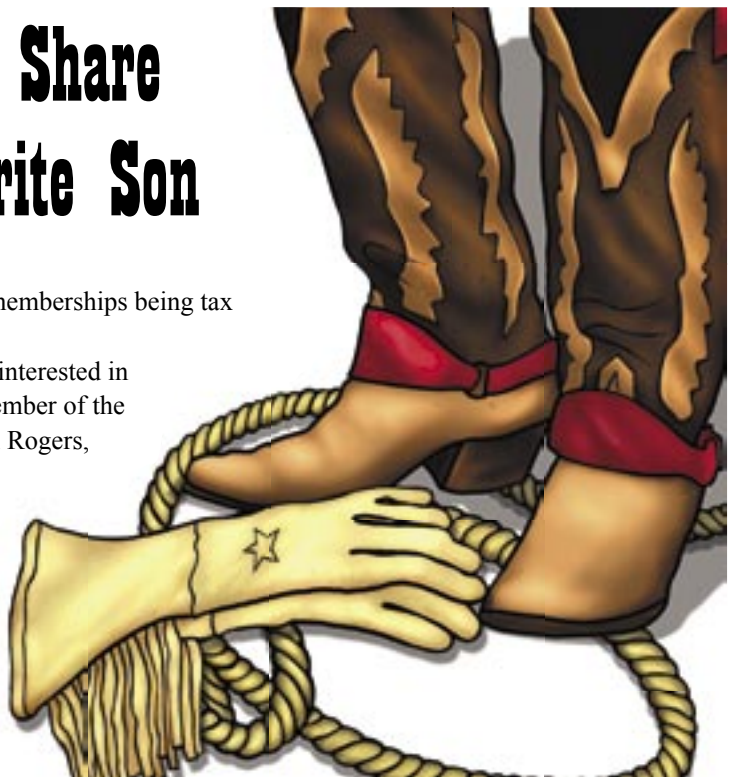
Will Rogers Heritage Trust, Inc. is a not-for-profit, 501(C)(3) orga-

nization with memberships being tax deductible.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of Will Rogers, call 1-800-324-9455 or visit www.willrogers.com for an application. The organization accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

The Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore and the Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch near Oologah are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is by donation. For informa-

tion on the museums, call 1-800-324-9455 or 341-0719, or visit www.willrogers.com.



Don't Empty Your Wallet While Drying Your Clothes

- Clean the lint filter after every use. Simply remove the lint. Tip: If soap and fabric softener have built up on the screen, wash it with soap and water. Occasionally vacuum the chute that houses the filter.
- Use rigid, not flexible, duct work to help your dryer vent efficiently and to comply with building codes. Unfasten the duct from the dryer once a year and vacuum it.
- Lubricate the flap of the exhaust vent on the outside of your house once a year. Use a vacuum or lint brush to clear the vent of lint so air can easily pass through it. A clogged vent can cause a fire.
- Cut down on drying time if your clothes constantly come out wrinkled. That means you're over drying.
- Add dryer sheets before turning on the dryer. Tossing them in after clothes are warm can stain the clothes.



From A Friend's Kitchen

Valentine Chocolates

Double Chocolate Truffles

1/2 cup whipping cream
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine
4 bars (1 oz. each) semi-sweet baking chocolate, broken into pieces
1 milk chocolate bar (7 oz.), broken into pieces
1 Tbsp. Amaretto (almond-flavored liqueur) or 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. almond extract
Ground almonds

In a small saucepan, combine whipping cream and butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, just until mixture is very hot. Do not boil. Remove from heat; add chocolate, chocolate bar pieces and liqueur or almond extract. Stir with whisk until smooth. Press plastic wrap directly onto surface; cool several hours or until mixture is firm enough to handle. Shape into 1-inch balls; roll in almonds to coat. Refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator.

YIELD: About 2 dozen candies

Royal Hot Chocolate

2 bars (1 oz. each) unsweetened baking chocolate, broken into pieces
1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk (*not* evaporated milk)
4 cups boiling water
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Dash of salt
Whipped cream (optional)
Ground cinnamon (optional)

Melt chocolate in a large heavy saucepan over very low heat. Stir in sweetened condensed milk. Gradually add water; stirring until well blended. Stir in vanilla and salt. Garnish with whipped cream and cinnamon, if desired. Serve immediately.

YIELD: 8 servings

I am a confirmed, card-carryin' chocoholic, so Valentine's Day is a favorite holiday for me. Of course, I love getting the gorgeous flower arrangements my husband and daughter usually send me, but the holiday isn't complete if I don't get some chocolate.

In addition to the lovely Valentine boxes of candy I get, I've been known to make my own Valentine treats to share....or not!

The two recipes I'm sharing with you this month come from a cookbook filled with chocolate recipes a friend gave me a few years ago. I haven't tried these particular recipes before, but I think I may do so this year.

I'd be interested in hearing from you if you make them. Write me at KRabbittbr@AOL.com and let me know if you liked them, or any changes you would recommend. Feel free to share your recipes with us also.

Of course, if you want to bring some of these chocolates by the office to share... well, that would be great too!

Kay Rabbitt-Brower
Power Circuit Editor

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 VVEC, to the attention of *Power Circuit* Editor.

Information which is required on all ads includes your account number, name, address, and a phone number.

Ads will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis; time and space permitting. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.

Everything Goes

Firewood – seasoned, can deliver, 371-2989.

Hay – 4' x 5' round bales mixed grass, \$20/bale, 639-9634.

Hay – 4' x 5' bermuda, 4' x 5' bluestem, new wrapped, bale wt. 950, \$25/bale, 232-1657, 275-4215.

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

Topsoil, we load your pickup, \$20; firewood, & cut-your-own wood, you haul; used 1,600-gal. oil/water tanks, 2 300-gal. tanks, 371-6238.

Dinette table, circa 1920s, w/2 leaves, 4 chairs, \$200; 1-yr.-old sofa, \$200; 2 dressers, \$40 ea.; 12" kids saddle, \$50; canoe, \$175, 273-0918.

Kenmore 20 cu. ft. refrigerator, GC, \$200, 557-7029.

Hay – 4'x5½' prairie hay, approx. 1K lb., net wrapped, loading available, \$25/bale, 576-4897.

Hay – big, round bales,

prairie or mixed grass, 396-2206, 606-2906.

Kenmore electric range w/self-cleaning oven, \$100; soft-side king-size waveless water bed, \$150, 341-5766.

Wedding/engagement ring, size 6, custom, ½ carat, \$500, 409-6320.

Wicker settee/couch w/3 cushions, floral pattern, GC, \$75; rocker-recliner, GC, \$45; 17 teddy bear plates from Franklin Mint Heirloom Collection, \$150; Precious Moments PM873 & PM874, "Loving You Dear Valentine" boy & girl figurines, \$75 ea., or both for \$120, 341-6755.

Amana white 25 cu. ft. refrigerator, EC, \$350; antique white dresser w/mirror, \$95; 3-person wood & metal glider, \$80; 2 new white wood deck chairs, \$50; new G.E. 30" black electric wall oven w/cleaning cycle, \$400; antique white metal top table, \$50; Coke-Cola metal rack, \$40; new water drinking fountain, \$75; lighted oak bar w/drop down door & mirror back, \$60; KitchenAid glass gas cooktop, \$350; 36" cross back wood door w/9 lite glass, \$25, 396-7004.

New king western comforter, 2 shams, matching accent pillows, bed skirt, \$225, 396-7004.

Apple bakers rack, \$40; Dale Earnhardt Jr. leather jacket, large, \$50; apple corner shelf, \$10, 346-7562.

Hay – square bales, \$4/bale, you load, 504-6264.

6' tall round bales, \$20/bale, 1,400-1,600 lbs., for horses only, 906-4770.

Various Beanie Babies, large \$2 ea., small \$1 ea., call for list, 342-4422, 636-7022.

FREE - 14", 15", 16" 19.5 used tires, truck load; Hobart commercial meat slicer, \$200; 2 apt.-size deep freezers, \$90 ea.; 6-gun cabinet, solid wood, glass door w/locks, \$100; chain-type deer stand, \$25; 1 color table-top TV, \$50; truck toolbox, \$90, 536-4215.

Blue Master living wing chair w/ottoman, \$75; Early

American wood dinette \$125; steel guitar, \$350, 371-4880.

1960 Army cap & ball revolver, 8" barrel in .44 cal., has adjustable sights, comes w/holster & belt, \$190, 341-1662.

Hay – good cattle & horse hay, 4' x 5' bales, net wrapped, 341-4103.

Large capacity washer & dryer, EC, \$150, 833-1050, 833-1040.

Dell Latitude business notebooks, all wireless Internet w/DVD & CB burners, Pentium Centrino technology, some w/warranty, \$375-\$480, 371-2031, 281-9957.

Lane Big Man's recliner, GC, \$75; smaller recliner, \$45; swivel rocker, EC, \$75, 855-9982, 847-2191.

Horse Hay – pure, clean bluestem, barn-stored, 1K-lb. bales, can deliver, 724-4674.

King-size box springs & mattress, EC, \$325; aquarium w/stand, \$75; large upright freezer, \$195, 261-1645.

FREE – GE washing machine, need spin cycle fixed, you pick up, 343-6198.

Hay – 30 4'x6' round bales prairie hay, sprayed can load, \$20/bale, 333-5848, 331-5837.

Cookbooks with recipes from the Vera Full Gospel Women's Ministry, \$15 ea., 371-7592.

Sheridan pump pellet air rifle, still in box, w/ammo, 760-5376.

Pellet stove, 18"x22", \$1,000; hard pickup bed cover, 68"x80", silver, \$400, 275-4682.

CargoTainer heavy-duty wire containers, tubular, steel base, stackable, 40"x48"x36", \$100, 371-9744.

Wells Cargo concession trailer, 3 windows, soda machine, ice holder, 3 sinks, 1 hand washing sink, new instant hot water heater, new soap dispenser, towel holder, Snowcone machine, apple slicer, potato cutter, micro-

wave, space heater, AC, 342-3874.

Ten-ton overhead or portable feed bins & in-ground metal storm cellars, 467-3355, 557-0639.

Dog pen, pipe frame, chain link, 10'x20'x6', w/gate, \$125, 341-4395.

1960 Harley seat, \$75; Dimplex electric fireplace, \$50; running boards for 1994-2001 Dodge, \$50; lg. wood desk, \$25; 14" JC Higgins saddle, \$100, 337-3784.

Westerfield 20 gauge pump shotgun, model 550 CR, 2¾" & 3" shells, AOS choke, rib barrel, EC, \$475; Remington 12 gauge pump model 10 shotgun, GC, \$350; Wards 12 gauge pump model LSB30A shotgun, GC, \$350; Ford auto transmission w/tork converter, C-4 long shaft, EC, \$175, 338-2766.

Four 2002 Chevy 6-hole aluminum wheels w/centers & lug nuts, Goodyear 2.34/75-16 tires, \$200; sliding door cooler w/2 doors, 6'x6'x3', \$225; Jennings Devastator crossbow, bolts, scope, extra tips, \$125; Dixie-Narco pop machine, \$450; 2 International 8'x12' walk-in cooler, needs repairs, both \$500, 440-8408.

Cattle guard, 24', steel rail, needs minor repair, ready to set, you haul, \$995, 275-8045.

H-20 vacuum sweeper, still in box; nice sofa, 706-6896.

Washers, dryers, refrigerator, hay, 371-2316.

Matching GE washer & dryer, Kenmore 18 cu. ft. refrigerator w/ice maker, 698-0072.

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

Assortment of subs, boxes, & amps, \$400 for all, 706-5427.

Hay – bluestem small bales, \$6, bermuda, lg. round bales, \$25, 283-2777.

Cheyenne 16" all leather western saddle, EC, \$600, 536-2124.

JL car audio system: pr. of JL 12" 12w3v2s, JL 500w amp., custom ported box built by Car Toys, w/JL wiring kit, 371-2241, 521-3308.

Lady Smith 9mm, w/ALS laser sights, stainless steel, extra clip & case, new in box, \$550; 25.06 Browning Stalker w/boss, A-bolt, Simmons Atec, 2.8 scope, new in box, \$645; Saddle Barn saddle Co., 17" Stockman saddle, EC, \$750, 637-8458.

New Nordica snow ski boots, size 27, \$50; metric body dirt track race car cage, \$150; rear wheel drive Buick Rallye wheels, \$50; rear minivan seat for 2000 and newer, \$100; stock Chevy heads, \$50/set; CymPAC 2500 weight/workout machine, \$100; 20" boys dirt bicycle \$15; calf roping chute, EC, \$100, 639-6823.

Hay & firewood – sq. & rd. mixed hay bales, mixed firewood, 814-4944.

Matching blue floral couch & love seat, GC, \$250; matching set of 4 living room tables, coffee table, sofa table, & 2 end tables, oak w/beveled glass tops, \$300; baby changing table, has 2 shelves for storage, dk. wood, \$30, 341-5288.

Dresser w/mirror, 343-8787, 260-6687.

Natural gas floor furnace 105K BTU, \$200; 1989-1994 3/4-ton Chevy tailgate, EC, \$100; 1950s 48" buffet, \$100; 1950s Montgomery Ward cream separator chrome tubs, \$300; Hawes Sauer Montana Marshal 44 Magnum pistol, \$500; saddle, \$100; dorm-size refrigerator, \$50; new, unfinished, above refrigerator cabinet, \$25, 287-4859.

Ready to build Ford 360 engine, \$250; 1992-1996 Ford chrome grill assembly, \$50, 706-1925.

Fiberglass wind deflector for large truck, \$25; good quality prairie hay, 20 rnd. bales, grill guard for a Massey Ferguson 230, \$65, 396-3202.

Cars & Trucks

1994 Chevy Corsica, \$1,600; 1992 Isuzu Rodeo, \$1,750, 639-6823.

1998 Chevy 3/4-ton 4x4, ext. cab, V8 gas, long bed, all power, 126K miles, \$9,800, 283-2777.

1971 F250 Ranger starts & runs, needs a little work, C6 auto, \$1,425, 706-1925.

2005 Ford 500 limited, loaded, keyless entry, EC, \$11,750, 371-0333.

1969 Chevy pickup, 3350 engine, \$2,500; 1963 Cadillac convertible, \$8,500, 371-2316.

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

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

1990 Chevy 1-ton 11' flatbed truck, 454 big block engine, 4-sp. trans., very clean, \$5,000, 504-9438.

1974 Chevy El Camino, needs body work, 695-6501.

2007 Toyota Avalon XL, 16K miles, \$2,400, 273-0567.

1995 Ford F-350, 4-dr., w/tool box, CB, antennas, air gate, Nerf bars, trailer, brakes, 128K miles, \$7,500 OBO, 695-8378.

1987 Dodge 1/2-ton truck, 4-sp., manual trans., runs good, \$1,000, 536-2124.

1996 Toyota 4x4, ext. cab pickup, w/matching fiberglass topper, V6, 5-sp. trans., 166K miles, \$4,995; 1996 Honda Accord, 4-cyl., auto, 2-dr., runs good needs some work, \$2,500, 576-4897.

1976 Ford F-150 pickup, 390 engine, C6 auto, AC, ext. cab, long bed, new 2 1/2" dual exhaust, needs minor repair, \$850 OBO, 342-5249, 850-0661.

1995 Pathfinder, 4WD, 5-sp., new windshield, 22K

miles, black, GC, 231-1553.

2000 black blazer, GC, \$6,000, 245-1015.

1997 GMC SLE 1500 pickup, 49K miles, EC, \$8,500, 272-6013.

1999 Chrysler LHS, 1 owner, garaged, 45K miles, EC, \$5,800, 371-9841.

1986 Ford F-150 step-side 4x4 pickup, new paint, 33" tires, 300 6-cyl, EC, \$3,995 OBO, 288-2297.

2005 Ford Freestar SE van, luggage rack, area air, 37K miles, \$12,200, 833-1122.

1994 F-150 pickup, V6, short bed, auto, 71K, EG, \$5,200, 288-2199.

2002 Toyota Tundra limited access, 4WD, TRD offered, loaded, sliding rear window, hard Tonneau cover, bed liner, new tires, leather, 106K miles, \$14,500, 857-2840, 396-9604.

1991 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, 4 dr., new radiator, AC, water pump, 216K miles, \$2,200 or trade for cattle, 287-4859.

2001 Pontiac Sunfire for parts, needs clutch, good motor, \$400, 576-4897.

Equipment

Drain pipes – 5 13/2' sewer pipes, green PVC, 15" diameter, \$30 ea., 409-6320.

Gooseneck plate hitch w/collapsible ball, \$150; aluminum gooseneck Featherlite 4 horse trailer, drop down windows, swing out saddle rack, EC, \$11,900, 371-9744.

Kohler 18 hp horizontal shaft w/free Wheel Horse tractor 3 pt., \$350, 337-3784.

50 hp Ford 445 w/loader & 3 pt., good tires, 1,450 hrs., repair manual, runs good, \$8,000 OBO, 841-0070.

Stock trailer, 14', bumper pull, good floor, some rust, \$975, 341-0110.

Ranch King lawn mower,

16.5 hp Briggs & Stratton motor, 42" deck, deck needs work, EC, \$400, 557-7029.

Featherlite 3-horse slant trailer, removable rear tack, front dressing room, AC, good tires & axles, GC, \$9,500, 688-0753.

2004 Orchard Mist sprayer, 3 pt. hook up, 110-gal. tank, 10 nozzles, \$2,250, 341-2850.

Dixon 42" lawn mower w/ 12 hp Briggs & Stratton motor, good for parts, or serviceable w/maintenance, \$50, 396-3202.

Mastertow tilt-bed tow dolly w/brake, GC, 272-3194.

16' gooseneck stock trailer, \$1,000, 396-9604, 857-1775.

David Brown 35 hp tractor, looks & runs good, 273-2515.

Lincoln 180 amp AC, 220-volt welder, \$110; plumber's oxyacetylene torch w/bottles, \$75, 440-8408.

New Holland 277 square hay baler, needs work \$500, 639-6823.

Coleman 5,000-Watt, 10 hp generator, 110- & 220-volt, \$350; misc. fence wire & 35-gal. water barrel, \$15, 283-2777.

2006 17' Roadmaster tandem-axle enclosed cargo/work trailer, v-nose, electric brakes & ladder racks, charcoal & diamond plate, still under warranty, \$5,000, 698-0072.

Box blade, disc plow, tractor flail mower tractor tiller, some 2-axle trailers, \$1,700+ 371-2316.

15 6"x8' pressure treated posts, \$5 ea.; 15 6"x8' Creosote treated posts, \$5 ea.; 5 12' sheets of corrugated galvanized metal siding, 606-3904.

Livestock

Buffalo ready for butcher, bred cows, 520-2755.

Maine replacement heif-

ers, \$650-\$700; outstanding young bulls, \$1,250-\$1,500, 263-4395.

Two halter-broke 5-year-old horses, \$800/pr. or \$400 ea., 694-6204 after 3 p.m.

Angus-Simmental-Maine Anjou cross heifers, weaned, vaccinated, brood cow prospects, 288-7413.

Angus bull, 6 yrs. old, sell or trade, 261-5345.

Registered Angus bull, 3 yrs. old; reg. black & polled Limousin bull, 15 mos. old, 371-3853, 260-3224.

2006 black & white stud colt, reg. APHA & AP+HA, blue eyes, excellent bloodlines, gentle, \$2,500; 2001 solid black APHA breeding stock mare, green broke, super gentle, excellent bloodlines, bred to foal in Spring, 2008, \$1,500, 536-2124.

Pigs, 371-2989.

Turkeys, Bantams, grown birds, taking orders for Spring chicks, 273-2515.

Solid team roping horse, sorrel gelding, for beginners or experienced rider, \$3,500; mare runs barrels & poles, trail ridden, gentle, \$3,500 OBO; Longhorn cows bred back, calves, roping steers, \$225 and up, 698-0072.

APHA Obsessed Blackhawk standing at stud. Call 724-9963 or 361-6870 about Spring breeding program.

Pets

Registered mini Dachshund puppies, kennel close-out, price reduced, very good bloodline for breeding or as pets, 468-2235, 706-6896.

Adult male Ball Python w/30-gal. long enclosure & accessories, \$150, 371-2241, 521-3308.

Two Pointer puppies, shots/spayed, neutered, 1 male, 1 female, friendly, excellent dogs, 288-2199.

Australian Shepherds, fifteenacrefarms.com, 706-1931.

Dwarf rabbits, new cages & hutches, Manx kittens, \$75 & \$100, 273-2515.

FREE – Australian Shepherd, spade, female Beagle mix, spade, both lovable dogs, 475-2245, 855-8551.

AKC Chocolate Lab puppies, 6 male, 3 female, parents on site, available middle of February, \$250, 273-0555.

Registered Beagle puppies, born 12-1-07, shots & wormed, \$150, 344-2949, 344-2967.

Quaker parrots, hand-fed, weaned, \$150 ea. or trade for Guineaas or turkeys, Parrots@TheClays.com, 841-6066.

FREE – gentle 6-yr.-old Lab mix, all shots, wormed, Frontline, includes largest crate, giving away due to downsizing, 724-6391.

FREE – 1/2 Border Collie, 1/2 St. Bernard, female, 2 yrs. old, spayed, needs country home w/a playmate, 336-8324.

AKC Brittany puppies, black & white, 625-9412.

Real Estate

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

In Tacora Hills/Oologah Lake, 950 sq. ft. apt., & 1,550 sq. ft. shop under 1 roof, \$99,900, call for appt., 605-2780.

Brick home, 3 BDR, 2 BA, 1,280 sq. ft., quiet neighborhood, spacious, attractive fenced backyard, 10'x20' storage barn w/loft, carpet & ceramic tile, Elm Creek, Owasso, \$112,900, 371-9578, 606-5543.

Rustic lake living on 4 acres of native ancient cross timbers forest located on county road, 6-yr.-old custom 2,002 sq. ft. home w/safe room & 2-car attached garage, vaulted living & dining rooms, loft, massive deck & balcony, magnificent views, 39'x25' shed w/enclosed

13'x8' office w/BA, attached carport, 706-9791.

1.92 acres, zoned Commercial-C5, Hwy. 66 frontage, Verdigris area, utilities available, \$247,000, 406-3493, 850-5686.

Eighty acres, 4 ponds, hay meadow, pasture, woods, fences, 3 BDR, 2 BA house, garage/shop, 30'x50' barn, corrals, Nowata Co. Rd. 406, \$3,200/acre, 273-3746.

RENT – horse pasture, 536-4215.

RVs & Boats

Seaswirl 18' open bow boat, 120 hp Evinrude w/custom trailer, loaded, \$5,900; Garmin marine GPS, CD roms, \$250; Marine 2-port battery charger, \$95; 12-volt portable refrigerator, \$25; 2 camping toilets, \$20 ea., 283-2777.

1998 Yamaha Big Bear 350 4-wheeler, excellent running condition, \$2,200, 637-8458.

Red camper shell for long bed, needs back window, \$100 OBO, 706-0796.

1996 Harley Softail custom fatboy, wheels & factory saddle bags, vivid black, 25K miles, EC, \$10,500, 576-4897.

1996 Mallard 24' 5th wheels travel trailer, sleeps 6, EC, \$6,900, 371-9744.

2006 Kawasaki Vulcan Classic 900, windshield, garage-kept, low miles, \$6,500, 606-9868.

Services

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

Need health insurance? Specializing in self-employed & individual coverage, hospitalization for Diabetics & other pre-existing conditions, major medical, dental, cover-

age for Seniors, no obligation, free quotes, 231-1433.

Brush hog, box blade, DitchWitch, dump truck work & lawn service, gravel road repair, etc., 639-6823.

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

Bookkeeping experience w/small to med. companies, experience w/Peachtree & QuickBooks, part-time working evenings & weekends, 371-3169.

Protect your family and yourself, classes on correctly carrying concealed guns, 694-2250.

Flooring for Christ, call for seasonal specials, 407-6000.

General carpentry work including repair, remodels, add-ons, decks, cement work & storage buildings, 697-9183.

Home repair, remodeling, add-ons & decks, free quotes, reasonable rates, no job too small, all jobs include daily clean-up, references available, 396-2004, 214-1664.

Roof your house w/metal & get a discount on homeowners policy w/most insurance companies, pre-engineered steel buildings, made clear span or w/trusses, one stop source for all building needs, 535-2726.

Livestock hauling, 6'x32' trailers, in & out of state, cargo insured, horse vans; brush clean-up; garage door repair, 24/7, 814-4944, 814-4929.

To buy or sell AVON, 637-7621.

Brick mason & rock work, fireplace chimney sweep, mail boxes, will haul off trees, limbs, 697-6112.

Auction service - consignment, estate, farm, liquidation, fund raising, 371-5211, 698-6214.

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

Will haul off old riding lawn mowers, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, aluminum & steel for metal, boats, some cars & pickups w/o title, 272-3362.

Pampered Chef products; tree service, 625-9742.

Brick, block rock work, 30 yrs. experience, foundation repair, new construction; will buy junk cars, ink cartridges, cell phones, Dish network receivers, yard sale leftovers, 255-3223.

Will haul off junk autos, trucks or tractors, 536-4215.

Wanted

SKS rifle, 855-8774, 847-2191.

Disabled vet needs baby beds, headboards, doors, wood for crafts, 694-5122.

Honey bees & hive, disc, plow, tiller, PTO hook for 35 hp tractor, 288-2885.

1989-1994 Toyota pickup body only, 4 cylinder, manual, no motor or transmission, must have good title, be in good shape, reasonable, 333-3974.

A place near Foyil, Chelsea or Claremore to cut wood, 341-6856.

Welsh pony or small horse; bumper-pull horse or stock trailer; 110-volt hot tub, 337-3784.

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

Grass lambs for Spring, 341-5288.

Inexpensive or free pony suitable for 4 yr. old girls; Gray Priefert cattle panels, any size or number, 341-6249.

Camper shell w/side doors for 1994 Chevy short wide pickup; portable chain link dog pen w/gate, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

Old costume colored stone or rhinestone jewelry, will pay cash, 526-4215.

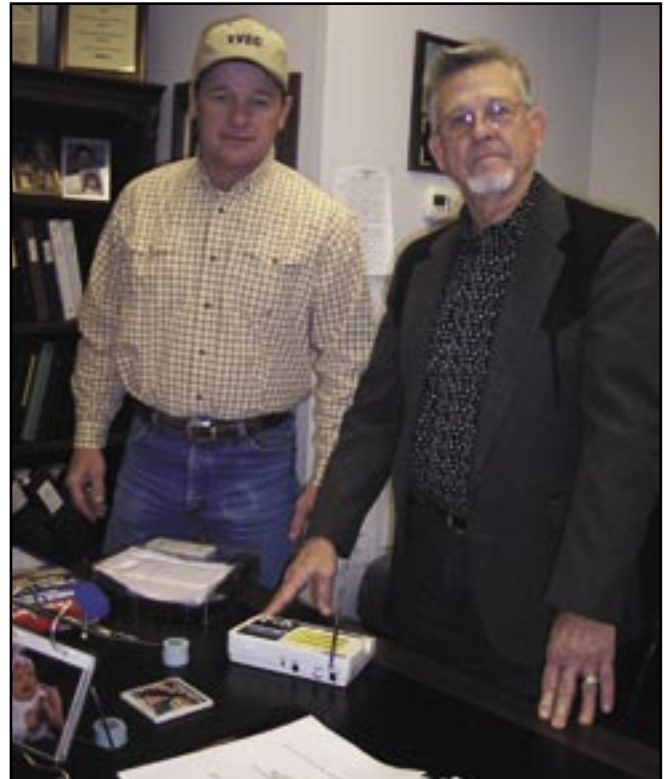
Foyil Schools get Weather Radios

Severe weather is no stranger to northeast Oklahoma. That is why VVEC has donated three HomeSafe 2000 weather monitors to Foyil Public Schools.

"The monitors are designed to sound an alert and notify school personnel when severe weather has been forecast for the Foyil area," explains VVEC Member Services Representative Chub Brewer.

He says the monitors can be programmed to respond to weather warnings and watches for only the counties stipulated by school personnel. He adds they are equipped with all seven National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association channels for maximum reception of local weather reports.

The weather monitors come with 9-volt battery backups so they can still send out an alert during an



VVEC Member Services Rep Chub Brewer (left) discusses the HomeSafe 2000 weather monitors with Foyil Superintendent Michael McGregor.

outage. Cost of the weather monitors is \$79.99 (without tax and shipping). For information on ordering one for your home or business, call Brewer at 371-2584.

Average Monthly Payment Plan Levels Out Your Electric Bills

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

The AMP 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 VVEC residential 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.

If you are interested in participating in the AMP Plan or have any questions, please call our billing department at 371-2584.

Hunting Down Vampire Electronics

Most homes these days never quite shut down for the night. Although lamps may be off, dark rooms are typically spotted with tiny red and green lights of appliances and the glow of digital clocks.

All of those little lights, clocks, and seemingly “sleeping” appliances, however, are using more electricity than most would think. Sometimes called vampire electronics, these devices suck up 5 percent of all energy used in the United States and cost consumers more than \$3 billion every year.

For the average homeowner, vampire electronics can add 20 percent to monthly electric bills, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. To trim this excess energy use, you need to know where these vampires reside and keep them in check.

Take a closer look at appliances around your home. Those that use remote controls such as TVs, DVD players, ceiling fans, and stereos are suspect. Any digital displays, such as microwave and coffee machine clocks, are working against your electric bill. And many of those chargers around the house—those that keep cell phones, power tools, and MP3 players at the ready—constantly draw power when plugged in.

Unplugging these vampires effectively drives a stake into their energy-consuming hearts. Power strips provide another way to thwart them. Simply plug appliances into a power strip, and switch it off when those appliances aren’t being used.

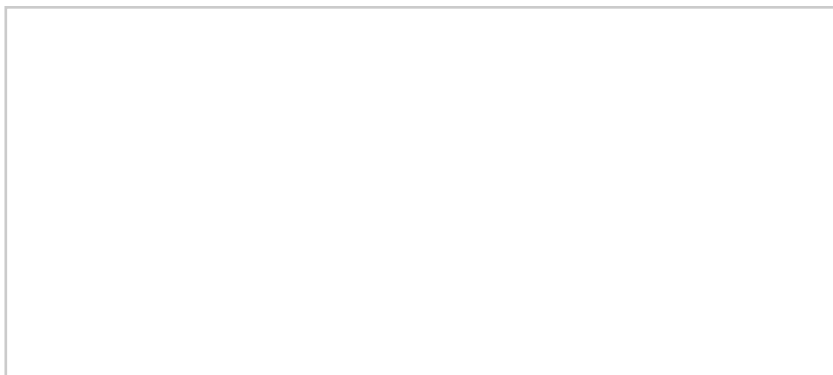
In addition, unplug any battery-operated electronic device once charged. You wouldn’t walk away from a flowing water hose, after all, and you certainly don’t want to keep feeding those vampires.

Spotting Vampire Electronics

Many devices constantly draw power while plugged in, which can quickly add up on monthly electric bills. Keep an eye out for the following clues as to what should be unplugged when not in use:

External power supplies <i>Computers, printers</i>	 
Remote controls <i>Window AC units, TVs, DVD players</i>	 
Digital displays <i>Washing machines, microwaves, VCRs</i>	 
Rechargeable batteries <i>Battery chargers, cordless telephones, power tools</i>	 

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



Brush Crew Locations

Our brush crews are still working across our service territory to clean up following the December ice storm.

