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A Month of Transition

September is a transitional month.

At the beginning of the month, we are still fighting the heat of an Oklahoma summer, and thinking seriously about going to live somewhere else. But temperatures usually become more bearable by the end of the month.

Remember how hot August was when you get your electric bill and find it may be higher than you expected. For more information on the heat and high bills, read the article on page 6.

Here at the co-op we're getting ready for your annual meeting. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 25 and is returning to the Claremore Community Center. At the meeting, you'll enjoy listening to Paul Bogart, who is a Country and Western entertainer from Green Country. And we're giving away a matching set of serving spoons, and energy efficient CFL light bulbs, along with a lot of prizes and a \$500 grand prize.

We always look forward to annual

meeting because we get to visit with so many of you. Make plans to drop by the meeting that morning and enjoy a free hot dog lunch before the business session begins. Read more about our annual meeting plans on page 4.

We're also pretty excited about being able to offer you the ability to pay your bill online and access your account via the Internet with our new E-Bill program. It will be available October 1.

You'll find it makes paying your bill very convenient, and will be a savings for your co-op. Information on the E-Bill program is on page 5.

Before long, the leaves will begin changing color and Green Country will change her wardrobe to one of glorious color.

And once again, we'll find it hard to be serious about living anywhere else. 

Kay Rabbitt-Brower
Editor

What to do if Your Power Goes Off

1. Check your fuses or circuit breakers. Every service is different. You may have fuses or circuit breakers in your house, on the side of your house, under your meter, or all three places. Check to see if your neighbors have electricity.
2. Call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948 if the call is long distance for you. Have your account number, name as it appears on the account, and address handy to give to the dispatcher. If you should get a recording, please don't hang up; leave your information. It will be retrieved and given to the correct department. Every message is answered.

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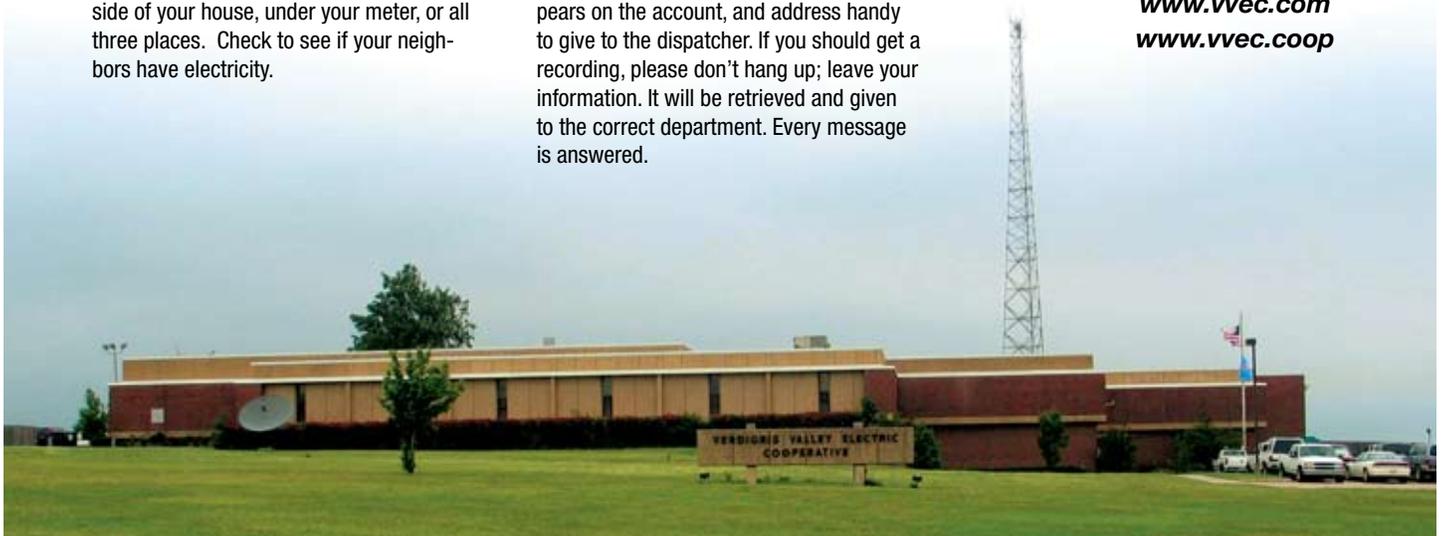
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Energy Efficiency Behind the Wheel



- **Remove Excess Weight** – Avoid keeping unnecessary items in your vehicle, especially heavy ones. An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your miles per gallon by up to 2 percent. The reduction is based on the percentage of extra weight relative to the vehicle’s weight and affects smaller vehicles more than larger ones.

- **Avoid Excessive Idling** – Cars with larger engines typically waste more gas at idle than cars with smaller engines.

- **Use Cruise Control** – Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will save gas.

- **Use Overdrive Gears** – When you use overdrive gearing, your car’s engine speed goes down. This saves gas and reduces engine wear.

- **Drive Sensibly** – Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and braking) wastes gasoline. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. In addition, sensible driving makes things safer for you and others. 

Source: U.S. Department of Energy and www.fueleconomy.gov

As increasing gasoline prices cause consumers to reach deeper into their wallets, buying an electric-gasoline hybrid vehicle, like a Toyota Prius or a Ford Escape SUV, has become a new craze. But if buying a more fuel-efficient hybrid to reduce your “pain at the pump” (and carbon footprint) isn’t in your budget, here are some steps that can trim gas consumption and improve vehicle mileage:

- **Observe the Speed Limit** – While each vehicle reaches its optimal fuel economy at a different speed (or range of speeds), gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph, in fact, becomes the equivalent of spending an extra 30 cents per gallon for gas.

ON THE COVER

Beginning October 1, you will be able to participate in our E-Bill program. Visit our Web site – www.vvec.com – to sign up for this program which allows you to access your account and pay your electric bill via the Internet.

September Calendar

- Sept. 10-14** Annual Rogers Co. Free Fair
- Sept. 20** Pioneer Day, Skiatook
- Sept. 20** Fantasy on Wheels Kiddie Car Show, Skiatook old Wal-Mart lot
- Sept. 22** Autumn begins

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.

Annual Meeting

You are a Vital Part of the Cooperative

Annual Meeting is Saturday, October 25 and it won't be a success without you.

On that morning, VVEC members will gather for the 70th time to enjoy the privilege of membership by visiting with trustees and fellow members, hearing reports on the status of the cooperative and the electric utility industry in both Oklahoma and across the nation, along with hearing some great entertainment and being eligible to win any number of wonderful gifts.

The meeting returns to the Claremore Community Center, which is located east of Route 66 at 2301 N. Sioux.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 11 a.m.

The registration gifts this year are two matching black coated serving spoons with white handles and VVEC in black on them. We're also giving away the new energy efficient CFL light bulbs. They are 19 and 23 watts, which are equal to 75 and 100 watt traditional bulbs. These are 'instant on' bulbs with a minimum rate life of 8,000 hours.

Popular local Country and Western entertainer Paul Bogart will again keep toes tappin' with his talented singing and fiddle playing. He and his band take the stage at 9 a.m. and continue until 10:45.



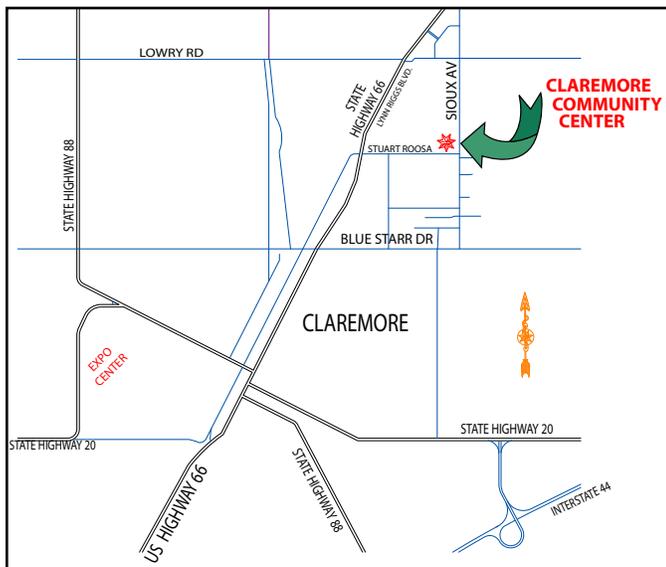
A free light lunch of hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips and cool soft drinks will be served from 10:30 until noon.

At 11 a.m. we'll begin the meeting.

Following the meeting's conclusion, we'll conduct the popular prize drawings.

We will give away a large number of great gifts such as electric appliances and power tools. Three members in each of the co-op's nine districts will win a \$50 credit to their electric bills. And one lucky member will win the grand prize – a \$500 electric bill credit.

Annual meeting is both a privilege and responsibility of cooperative ownership. 



The Claremore Community Center can be found by taking Hwy. 66 to Blue Starr Drive and then heading east. Turn north (left) onto Sioux and the Community Center is located on the left.

Co-op Super Highway



E-Bill Available October 1

In just a few weeks, you will be able to use the Information Superhighway to access your VVEC account.

For a few months now, we have been telling you about E-Bill, which allows you to view your account and pay your bill through a secured Web site.

You can also look at your bill, previous months' bills and check your payment history.

Beginning Wednesday, October 1 you can visit our Web site – www.VVEC.com – and sign up for E-Bill.

You will need to have your VVEC account number handy. Then:

- Select **Programs and Services**
- Click on **E-Billing**
- Select **If you are a new user**
- Fill out the appropriate information (such as name, account number, etc.) and select **Submit**.

You will provide your E-mail address and select a password that will be known only to you. You will also be asked to provide information on the credit card, debit card or E-check you plan to use to pay your electric bill. Remember, VVEC accepts MasterCard and Visa.

E-Bill will also allow you to E-mail us with billing questions or requests.

And E-Bill is free; there is no charge for participating in this program.

It is just that easy and you're on your way to accessing your account.

Charts showing views of kWh usage and charges are also at your fingertips.

If you have questions about the E-Bill program, call our customer service reps at (918) 371-2584, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 

E-Bill gives you three payment options:

- Automatic withdrawal from a designated checking account
- Credit card
- Debit card

There is no cost to participate in the E-Bill program.

Light Your Landscape with Efficient LEDs

As you wait for your neighborhood's little ghosts and goblins to ring your doorbell this Halloween, leave the porch light on and illuminate your whole sidewalk.

Sidewalk and landscape lighting lend a decorative touch to your yard with the added benefit of safety for you and your neighbors' costumed kids.

You can light sidewalks and pathways efficiently with new, outdoor-rated LEDs (light-emitting diodes), which are durable and use about one-tenth the energy of regular incandescent lighting.

LEDs are perfect for walkway lighting because they produce directional light, and only the amount needed for the path you want to illuminate. That means no light is wasted. The Department of Energy calls LEDs "the future of lighting."

LEDs aren't just for outdoors. They're showing up as accent lighting around walls, as task lighting under cabinets and as room lighting in the form of ceiling-mounted, recessed downlights.

You'll find these state-of-the-art lights in lighting specialty shops and online. 

Oklahoma Heat



No matter if you are a native Oklahoman or new to the state, you will have to agree part of August was *hot*.

We sweltered through a few days when the mercury rose to above 100-degrees, and the heat index was even hotter.

Your air conditioner was probably working hard to keep your home comfortable, and everyone in your family probably stayed inside in the cooler temperatures.

At the time you just enjoyed the comfort of your cool home, and probably didn't think about the electricity your system was using to keep your home comfortable. But that electric usage is going to appear on your August or September bill.

"These bills could be some of the highest our members receive this year," says Clyde Willard, VVEC manager of finance. "Even though VVEC rates have not increased this year, the power cost adjustment has gone up. VVEC's power supplier increased rates 23 percent in April. This increase is being passed to members' electric bills through the power cost adjustment," he says.

"In August and September 2007 the power cost adjustment

was zero. The August 2008 power cost adjustment was over .008 while the September power cost adjustment will be over .009. By the end of the year the power cost adjustment will be over one cent."

Willard points out VVEC implemented its first rate increase in almost 20 years in April 2007. The increase amounted to a net of 3 percent. He goes on to say even though VVEC will not have a rate increase this year, a member averaging using 1,500 kWh per month will be paying over \$15.00 extra on his or her electric bill.

In typical Oklahoma fashion, August temperatures were below normal within days of hitting the triple-digit temperatures. But it was still hot.

If you have questions about your bill, or need to make payment arrangements, call our customer service representatives at (918) 371-2584, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

We can't do anything about the Oklahoma weather, but we will help you understand the charges on your bill, or work with you if you have difficulty paying it. 

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.



From a Friend's Kitchen

September is Football, and Tailgating

No matter if it's Friday night at the local field, or Saturday afternoon at a university's multi-million dollar stadiums, September in Oklahoma means football.

It's just not a sport for we Oklahomans, it's a passion.

It's also tradition, and for many of us the tradition includes tailgate parties.

These get togethers are sometimes spontaneous, while others are well planned and well organized. Some are for fun and fellowship, while others are for fund-raising. But they always involved food.

You probably have your own recipes for everything from appetizers to entrees to desserts. And you can probably always use another one.

This one is a good one you're sure to enjoy.

Ah, I can smell the delicious scent of a charcoal grill already. 

Kay Rabbitt-Brower

Barbecue Baby Back Ribs

- 4 lbs. baby back ribs (beef or pork)
- 8 cups water
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black peppercorns
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 2- 1/4 cups barbecue sauce (any flavor)

Simmer the ribs in a deep pot of water. Add onion, salt, peppercorns, red pepper flakes. Cover and simmer for 50 minutes, then drain the ribs.

Prepare grill to medium heat. On the hot grill, place ribs about 5

inches above the coals. Cook them between 5 to 7 minutes per side or until they are lightly browned. Now, brush desired Bar-B-Q sauce over the ribs, making sure to get sauce on all sides. Keep grilling for 6 to 8 minutes per side, to make certain ribs are tender and well glazed.

Still Making Repairs from December's Ice Storm

Remember the December ice storm?

Of course you do. It's not a pleasant memory for any of us. But most of us have repaired the damage caused by the historic storm and are hoping we don't experience any more storms like that any time soon.

Like you, we think we have repaired all of the storm damages; unless we hear differently from you.

"We are still getting calls from members about ruts on their property caused by our repair vehicles, or equipment left at their site," says VVEC Member Services Representative Chub Brewer.

"We apologize, and want members to know we haven't forgotten about them, but instead, haven't known their situation needed our attention.

"We had so many contract crews here helping us out, trying to repair the system and restore service. We're learning some of them simply forgot to tell us they may have left ruts or damaged equipment on someone's property. So, if the members don't call us, we have no way of knowing," he says.

If that is the situation at your location, please call Brewer at (918) 371-2584, ext. 251, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We will be glad to come out and meet with the member to find out what needs to be done. We don't want anyone thinking we've forgotten about them," he says. 

Ruts and Damaged Equipment Caused by the Devasting Storm



Call Chub Brewer at (918) 371-2584, ext. 251 to report ruts, downed poles or damaged equipment left by crews repairing damages caused by December's ice storm.

Damage caused by the December 2007 ice storm:

- More than 1,700 VVEC utility poles had to be replaced
- Over 12,000 of the Co-op's then 24,800 members were without service
- Three of our 20 substations were without power
- 800 workers, from seven states, worked along side VVEC crews to repair the damage and restore service
- VVEC was the hardest hit utility in the state

Everything Goes

King Cobra Irons, 3-9, plus 3 wedges & 2 woods, Miller bag & Bagboy cart, \$200, 333-0199.

Hay – horse & cattle hay, 4x5.5 net-wrapped, 350 bales, 341-4103.

Nintendo Game Cube, w/2 controls, plus 4 games, \$50, 341-7971.

Electronic GE window AC, 18K BTU, 9.7 EER, \$200 OBO; propane, vent-free heater, 30K BTU, \$50; 4x1000-Watt baseboard heaters, \$10 ea., 371-3003.

Handcrafted Hanna Montana fleece blankets, good for birthdays & Christmas, \$70, 371-3459.

Navy blue leather sofa, EC, \$300 OBO, 371-0195.

Hay – good, clean bluestem prairie hay, 4x5 bales, \$25, 272-3212.

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

GE chest-type freezer, GC, \$400 OBO; Kenmore 21 cu. ft. refrigerator, GC, \$250 OBO, 557-7029.

Black cast-iron Quadra-Fire wood burner, 2 yrs. old, 18" firebox, Cape Cod model, twin glass doors, griddle on top, \$400, 342-0015.

Hay – 4x5 round bales, \$20, 371-3407.

Broyhill Duro-suede couch, tan, 7', \$175; Wilton Armatale collection, about 90 pieces, \$750; Franklin Mint Teddy Bear plates, Heirloom Series, 17 plates, \$150; Hummel annual plates, 1971-1978, \$1,000, 341-6755.

Generation Six Kirby vacuum, 1.5 yrs. old, w/attachments, bags & shampooer, \$600 OBO; 1950s walnut buffet, needs new veneer top & leg work, inside drawers, cabinet in perfect condition, \$350 OBO, 342-5514.

Hay – 4x5 bluestem, net wrapped, \$30/bale, 261-1484.

18' metal gate, never used, 273-2127.

Hay – sq. bales, mixed grass, barn stored, \$3.50/bale, can deliver, 698-3854.

Push lawn mowers, gas-powered Weedeaters, reworked & ready to use, 275-4415.

4-wheel walker, w/shopping basket & brakes, \$25; king-size headboard, mustard color, EC, \$30, 272-5580.

Concrete steps, 4 steps high, \$150; 6'x8' porch, made w/treated lumber & tin roof for mobile home, \$150; both for \$250, 371-5212.

Will trade female milk goat kid, or male kid for wood burning stove, 396-3192.

Table, 36"x72", doesn't fold, \$35; 2 4-file drawers, 28"Hx30"L, \$45 ea., 536-4445.

Buck wood stove, 5100 series, black, all steel w/glass in door, brick-lined, remove and haul away for \$500, 283-1862.

Hay – Bermuda & Johnson grass, sprayed, 4x6 bales, \$30/bale, 885-1268.

New Lasco shower w/seat, 48"x34", white, clear swing door w/side panel, never installed, \$750, 272-5501.

Selmer Bach TR300 brass trumpet, w/case & 2 mouthpieces (3C & 7C), \$400, 371-5378.

Brother printer toner cartridges #TN-100HL, used on Brother printers HC-630/641/645, WL-660, 655m, 660, unopened. 371-5792.

Sofa, \$150; rocking loveseat, \$50; twin sofa sleeper, \$50; entertainment center, \$175; TV cabinet, \$40; TV, \$40; bar height table & 4 chairs, \$250; desk w/hutch, \$50; dresser/mirror, \$25; rocker/recliner, \$50, 261-9601.

Hay – lg. round net wrapped, clean bermuda bales; 3 13" color TVs, \$100; Jack Nicklaus golf clubs & bag; swimming pool ladder, \$75; spa bromine chemicals, \$10; natural gas 1" plastic pipe roll; moving dolly, \$20; OMC boat dash gauges, \$100; life vests, girl's wet suit, safety cushion, trolling battery charger, 283-2777.

Gym Pac 2500 weight machine, \$25; boys 20" bike, \$20; girls 20" bike, \$25; race car cage, \$200 OBO, 639-6823.

Dining room suite, w/6 chairs, \$300, 255-6508.

Tailgate, fits 1994-2001 Dodge Ram 1500, \$275; Tonneau cover, blue, fits Dodge long bed, \$200; wooden dining room suite – lg. china cabinet, table & 6 chairs, table & chairs need refinishing, \$375; Sealy True Form, king foam mattress set, \$850; sofa & love seat, green tapestry, almost antique, \$300; free standing Lifetime basketball goal, stand, backboard, goal & net, \$75, 275-4719.

17" English saddle, EC, \$150, 845-5978.

Murray push mower, high-rear wheel, 22" cut, 5 hp Briggs engine, been in storage, used very little, EC, \$100; GE Stride Mate treadmill, 1 hp, 6-6 mph, auto incline, multiple read-out, \$100, 371-4061.

Hammond organ, w/tempo, upper & lower voices, upper instrumental voice, reverb, animations, sound simulator, memory, easy play, \$800; Paso Fina saddle w/blanket, \$250; new Jessica McClintock wedding dress, white w/pearls, veil, train, size 12, but can be altered one size smaller or larger, \$700, 698-3241.

Selling World's Finest Chocolate, 607-6233.

Hay – Bermuda, small square bales, \$3 in the field, \$4 after they are put in barn, 371-0850.

Hay – lg. round bales, \$25 ea., 371-2668.

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

Misc. scuba equipment, BCs, tanks, fins, etc., 440-8408.

Jeep hardtop, fits 1995 or later, beige, needs rear glass & fiberglass repair, \$200, 695-2357.

Metal cage for pickup bed, \$75; 4 lg. metal cages for rabbits or chickens, \$20 - \$25; 12'x4' tubular metal gate, \$35; 20'x5'x4' panel, \$20; 4 solid oak fancy swivel bar chairs, \$75 ea. or \$200 for all, 371-3380.

Coin-operated candy & snack vending machines, \$100 ea., 288-6482.

Ashley free-standing wood burning stove, 371-5124.

Assorted Western & English tack, 688-0753.

Hay – Bermuda horse hay, 900#, \$25-40; several refrigerators, stoves, GC, washer & dryer, vacuums, 371-2316.

Hay – Bluestem, 4'x5' - \$25, square bales, \$2.50, 671-2733.

Hay – 4'x5.5' net wrapped, grass, \$35/bale, 371-2747.

Truck bed liner for Chevy or GMC long, wide bed, \$25, 697-1236.

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

Electric hospital bed w/mattress, shown by appointment, \$400; cosmetic inventory, 341-1339.

3 17" Goodyear tires, \$10 ea.; 4 15" Ralley truck wheels, \$80; AXIOM Sports Mfg "The Pitch Master" operates on AC/DC 12-volt battery, 5-position speed control, 40-80 mph, includes 3 foam Dimple Balls & 11 Soft Balls, used twice, \$175; Donik Sports Hit-N-Stick, \$15; Cowboy collar youth, \$20, 640-9391.

Cars & Trucks

1996 Ford Taurus, cold AC, new tires, green, \$3,000 OBO, 242-3209.

2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT, V6, auto, sun roof, leather, hard cover, cassette & CD player, 40K miles, \$16,900, 231-7332.

1996 Isuzu Trooper Ltd. 4x4, loaded, leather heated seats, sun roof, power everything, very clean, 150K miles, GC, \$4,800, 636-6421.

1971 Chevy 3/4-ton long bed truck, w/disc brakes, AC cab & title, excluding engine & transmission, 1969 Chevy 1/2-ton long bed truck w/many extra parts, all for \$1,000, 697-5800.

1989 Honda Accord, 35 mpg, auto, blue w/plush blue interior, 157K miles, \$2,000 OBO, 343-6198.

1985 Ford Bronco, motor runs great, needs transmission, \$500; 1997 Toyota 4Runner SR5, runs great, nothing wrong w/chassis, been wrecked, \$500, 396-0845.

2001 Mercury Mountaineer, 5.0, auto, O/D, AWD, PDL, cruise, AM/FM/CD, 88K miles, EC, \$7,500 OBO, 607-4441.

2004 Ford crew cab, tow pkg., bed liner, tubular top rails, chrome handles & insets, bug guard, tubular iron cross step rails, tinted side windows, good tires, 54K miles, \$15,000, 341-4943.

1990 Toyota 4Runner, \$1,200, 440-5321, evenings.

2001 Dodge 2WD Quad cab SLT Laramie Cummins turbo diesel, 6-sp. manual transmission, very clean, well maintained, brush guard, new tires, step rails, spray in bed liner, 21-23 mpg hwy., 140K miles, \$13,000, 698-0075.

1994 ext. cab Silverado pickup, 350 V8, auto, EC, 371-3496.

1994 Ford Ranger 4x4, auto, custom flatbed, no AC, needs minor work, but runs & drives, 4x4 works, \$800, 645-7530.

1989 Ford F250 XLT pickup, 1 owner, new tires & battery, 38,500 miles, GC, \$3,500, 273-2555.

1986 Chrysler LeBaron convertible, 4-cyl., turbo, 288-6482.

CLASSIFIEDS

2004 Chevy Silverado K2500, 4-dr., heavy duty, short bed w/liner, raised w/railings & loud exhaust, \$15,950, 396-0787.

1972 Chevy Suburban, 3-dr., 3/4-ton, 2WD, 402 big block, 2" Flowmaster duals, needs restored, \$2,500, 371-4648.

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

1972 Chevy Cheyenne, 402, V8, auto, AC, 80K original miles, \$5,500, 272-4335.

2004 Honda Accord coupe, V6, leather, power seats, locks & windows, sun roof, tinted windows, 6 disc CD changer, 42K miles, \$16,500; 2006 Dodge 3500 Dually, Big Horn Edition, Quad cab, 5.7L diesel, auto, heated leather seats, power seats, locks & windows, CD player, tinted windows, 70K miles, \$26,000, 637-4891.

1997 Dakota, 4 cyl., 5 sp., fiberglass shell, grill guard, 85K miles, \$4,900 OBO, 284-9843.

1998 Pontiac Firebird, V6, 2-dr. coupe, auto, power seats & windows, good tires, 83K miles; 1993 Chevy Camaro, V6 2-dr. coupe, auto, good tires, front end damage, parts car, 139K miles, 808-9051.

Equipment

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

2005 Felson calf table, \$700, 333-7761.

8'x5' enclosed Wells Cargo trailer, full rear door, \$1,000, 333-9118.

2001 Dixon ZTR riding mower, 30" cut, GC, \$500, 273-8155.

New Holland 282 wire square baler, good shape, working in field nows, \$1,000, 693-0682.

1952 8N Ford tractor, GC, 536-4965.

1932 hay wagon, tandem axle, gooseneck w/brakes, self-dumping, 371-9264.

1945 John Deere, good engine, new rubber on front, rear fair, \$2,000; 1982 John Deere 2240, w/quick detachable loader, good engine, rear hydraulic, fair rubber, 50 hrs., very clean, \$9,500, 371-5280.

6" Delta jointer, \$200; Craftsman radial arm saw, \$100; Swiss-made Inca band saw, \$250; Draw Tite trailer hitch for Taurus or Sable, \$75; Cub Cadet garden tractor (roto-tiller), \$150, 274-4541.

1 3-axle bumper-pull flatbed trailer, 16' w/4' dovetail & ramps, new wiring & LED lights, treated floor, 4 spares, \$1,250; 1 3-axle gooseneck flatbed trailer, 20' w/4' dovetail & removable ramps, new wiring & LED lights, steel tread plate floor, 4 spares, \$1,500; 1 3-axle 18K-lb. GVWR, JFW brand backhoe trailer, 7' wide between fenders, reversible ball or pintle hitch, new wiring & LED lights, EC, but needs paint, \$2,000, 273-3498.

Featherlite aluminum 3-horse gooseneck trailer, w/front tack room & rear tack storage, GC, \$8,750, 688-0753.

Gooseneck trailer, w/overhead rolling chain hoist, \$400; 2 hay elevators, \$175, 284-9843.

25' Starlight dove-tail gooseneck trailer, spring-loaded ramps, EC, \$3,000, 629-2707.

New 32' hay wagon, tandem-axle, gooseneck w/brakes, self-dumping, 371-9264.

Massey Ferguson 231S tractor, 42 hp diesel w/rear hydraulics, 6' MF front loader, box blade, hay spears, 6' brush hog, GC, \$10,900, 605-0506.

Crump show harness, Arab/Morgan size, \$1,500 or trade, 845-5978.

Two-horse trailer, \$700, 698-3241.

1994 John Deere 7200 MFWD, 95 hp, front end loader, good tires, JD 740 7' bucket HiLift, \$29,000; John Deere 4430, 125 hp, runs good, AC needs to be charged, \$9,000; Gleaner model G combine, gas engine, w/20; ridged head, runs good, \$1,000, 371-0850.

Portable sand blaster & air compressor, powered by John Deere engine, several old tractors to be restored, 288-6482.

Stihl 16" chainsaw, w/case, extra chains, GC, \$150; 1982 Mercury motor, 25 hp, electric start, \$450, 440-8408.

1965 Massey Ferguson model 65 tractor, 52 hp, rebuilt engine, brakes, clutch & L.P.T., good tires, \$5,000 OBO; 6' roto-tiller, Muratori MZ6-185, \$2,000 OBO; 7' angle blade, \$150; 2 section barrels, \$50; 3-pt. hitch boom crane, \$65, 371-3380.

Dodge 283 engine & auto transmission, GC, \$275; lg. commercial air compressor, \$300, 288-6482.

Bar 6 cube feeder, holds about 800 lbs. of cattle cube, used 1 winter, \$400, 645-7530.

Deep well jet pump, good for 90', 2 free-standing propane gas heaters, 371-5124.

2005 New Holland 4x4, w/tiller, 25 hp, 18-hr., EC, \$9,500, 231-7332.

Livestock

Three milking does, currently giving milk, Alpine \$200, Nubian \$200, Alpine-Nubian mix, \$175, 1 yearling mini Alpine doe, \$125, 342-9034.

A-1 reg. Red Angus cattle, 371-4365.

Two-yr.-old red roan filly, \$300; 1-yr.-old stud colt, \$250; 8-yr.-old broodmare/open \$300, no papers, 636-3716.

Peacocks, Mandarin ducks, Trumpeter swans, 288-6543.

Four-year-old black & white mare, green broke, will make excellent roping horse, \$1,500; 2 yr. old gray Hancock gelding, \$1,500 OBO; Foundation-bred yearlings, 698-0072.

Older Appaloosa mare, \$500; Appaloosa stud colt, \$200; both horses are very gentle, mare is broke to ride, easy to catch & handle, 519-0653.

Barrel horse, \$3,500; Buckskin kid horse, \$2,500, 237-7845.

Five-month-old AQHA red roan colt, excellent bloodlines, handled from birth, \$400; 6-mo.-old roosters, \$4, 845-5978.

Ten bred black cows, w/reg. Angus bull, all very nice & healthy, \$11,500 for all, 605-0506.

Young black herd bull semen, tested excellent, \$1,250, 261-3443.

Pets

Six-week-old Shorkies, male & female available, \$400, 342-1267.

AKC Brittanies, born 4-23-08, hunting or companion dogs, shots, wormed, 371-9741.

AKC German Shepherd puppies, whelped 7-25-08, reserve for best selection, \$400, 371-5890.

AKC Parson Jack Russell pups, champion bloodlines, \$75-\$375, outstanding pedigrees & temperaments, 760-0875.

ABCA Border Collie puppies, champion bloodlines, \$165, 371-2530.

Purebred puppies – Basset, English Bulldog, Dogue de Bordeaux, home-raised, 24/7 care, excellent health, reg. papers, call for price, 724-1932, PuppyMom777@AOL.com.

Beagle puppies, shots & wormed, \$75, 371-2668.

18-mo.-old ferrett, w/3-tier cage & all accessories, \$250, 706-4459.

Heeler puppies, blue, red & tri-color, working parents, perfectly marked, 245-3255.

Real Estate

1998 double-wide mobile home, 28'x60', on 10.5 acres, 3 BDR, 2 BA, w/well & septic, no neighbors in sight in Okesa, 16 miles out of B'ville off Hwy. 60, 327-1765.

1/2 acre lot in B'ville, all utilities available, \$10,000, 536-4422.

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

4 BDR, 2.5 BA, 3 car garage, formal living/dining room, 3,000+ sq. ft. home on 1 acre corner lot in Pheasant Run, 125th & 161st. E. Ave, 3.5 yrs. old, non-smokers, beautiful landscape, \$289,900, 639-1069.

Lease – 5 acres, pond & fenced, \$250/month, 371-0949.

1.5 acres (m/l) in Claremore, zoned commercial, near high school, hospital & industrial park, access from Hwy. 66 & Blue Starr Dr., 691-8667.

24'x28' mobile home, master BDR, 2 BA, lg. walk-in shower, garden tub, extra long closets, add-on room, \$5,000, you move it, 274-3930.

Completely remodeled home, 3 BDR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, on 1.26 acres at 15526 E. 96th St. N. in Owasso, custom solid wood cabinets, granite counter tops, central H&AC, fireplace, 2 living areas, new built-in appliances, new carpet, tile, doors & much more, \$184,500, possible owner carry w/15% down, or rent for \$1,400/month, 371-1416.

Four lg. lots available in Shepherd Valley; Owasso auto body shop, 6 car & paint booth, \$995; 2-3 BDR energy saver rentals in Owasso, C'ville, Verdigris, \$650-\$995; 2-rm. office by Smith Center in Owasso, \$395; brick 3/2/1 rental in S. Tulsa, \$650, 371-2316, HomesbyFreeman.com.

45-acre vacant lot, pasture land, 5 miles west of Oologah on Rd. 4050, between 390 & 400 Rd., 371-5211.

5 BDR, 3 BA, 2 car garage, 2,745 sq. ft. house in Twin Creeks II in Bixby, \$247,500; 3 BDR, 2 BA, 1,548 sq. ft. home in Tulsa, w/2 living areas, Roddens Subdivision, \$66,000, 607-6233.

2001 Solitaire 16'x80' mobile home, 2 BA, new wood flooring in kitchen & living room, all appliances, you move, \$27,500, 637-4891.

CLASSIFIEDS

RV sites for lease – sportsman hide-away, quiet, rustic lakefront, boat ramp, Oologah Lake, \$175/mo. plus utilities, w/yr. lease, non-residency, 275-4719.

Cabin on 10 acres, 960 sq. ft., 1 BDR, decks 2 car garage/shop, pond, pasture, deer, 7 miles NE of Claremore, \$139,000 OBO, 284-9843.

4+ acres, north Sand Springs, walnut and overlook, 833-1797.

2 BDR, 1 BA mobile home on corner lot w/back fence in Prue, \$15,000, 242-3209/

RVs & Boats

1986 Ranger boat & 150 Johnson motor, new Minkota 54-lb. thrust trolling motor, 2 new Eagle locators w/ speed & temp., new tires, original seats & carpet, custom cover, \$5,700; 14' Jon boat w/9.9 Evinrude, electric start, 3-gal. tank, trolling motor, Lowrance locator w/temp. extra floatation, dbl. alum. floor & carpet, trailer w/new tires, \$1,400, 371-9352.

Yerfdog go-cart, 10 hp, single-seat, 28 mph top sp., \$250 OBO, 706-1692.

2005 12' Portaboat, folds to 4" flat, complete w/trailer & all accessories, \$1,000, 272-5074.

1996 Polaris Trailblazer 250 4-wheeler, extra tires, EC, \$1,100, 273-3498.

1989 22' Idelttime 5th wheel, converted to gooseneck hitch, new tires, GC, \$4,000, 261-3443.

5th wheel Avion, 29', 1 slide-out, EC, \$11,000, 255-6508.

2006 Honda 350 4-wheeler, electronic shift, EC, \$2,750, 605-0506.

Travel trailer, \$2,000 or trade for good truck, 237-7845.

1993 KX 250 motorcycle, 2 stroke, new top end, \$1,400, 371-4648.

1984 15' fiberglass fishing boat, w/ center console, new locator, 70 hp Mercury, live well, new tires, rod holders, \$2,250, 521-8727.

2004 Honda Rancher 4-track ES, w/ electric shift, \$2,500, 273-2555.

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

Prowler 19' camping trailer, 19' Runabout boat, w/45 hp Johnson motor, 371-5124.

Services

Auction service, for fund-raising, estate, farm & liquidation, consignment auction 2nd Saturday of each month @ 10 a.m., 371-5211.

Mary Kay cosmetics, 371-3501, www.marykay.com/tjohnson8303.

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

Auto detailing & stereo installation, by appt., 706-5427.

Brick & rock work, new or repair, mailboxes, settling, cracks, flowerbeds, etc., 35 yrs. experience, 282-9927.

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

RV service & repair, new 2-bay shop, mobile service, 704-8329.

Property management available for B'ville & surrounding area, 255-3223, Holly@Prentamerica.com.

Concrete staining, indoor or outdoor, free estimates, 274-9882.

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

Small engine repair, 230-0957.

Lawn mowing, brush hogging, reasonable rates, free estimates, 408-5040.

Funeral advantage program now available in Oklahoma, 231-1433.

Attic insulation, lower your energy bill, free estimates, quality work, competitive prices, guaranteed workmanship, 706-4567.

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.

Remolding, inside & out, home or office, 605-1714.

Wedding cakes prepared quickly, 3-tier, your colors, Claremore, Catoosa, Owasso, \$200+, 720-4939.

Mortgage decreasing term life insurance, 899-9222.

Above-ground steel safe rooms, 629-2707.

Affordable babysitting in my Skiatook home, Monday-Friday, beginning at 5 a.m., monthly/weekly rate, Wal-Mart gift card for my service, 396-9799.

Affordable home repair & roofing, 230-1150.

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

Avon, buy, sell, referrals welcome, 607-6233, www.youravon.com/marshsmith.

Cash for cars, running or not, will haul off all metal, boats, mowers, tractors; tractor work, portable welding, equipment repairs, 521-8727.

Maid service for residential, commercial, & apartments, free estimates, 859-5832.

Handyman services, home remodeling, decks, patios, houses built from the ground up, quality work, low prices, 242-3209.

Wanted

Ferguson hay rake #D-E0-20, series H 1141, complete rake or parts, 333-3974.

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

Property Manager looking for maintenance, painter, laborer, ranch hand, C'ville area, 371-2316.

Lost & Found

Lost – 4-mo.-old brown female Dachshund w/bluish collar, 12 miles west on Hwy. 20 and 1 mile south, 1835 Co. Rd. 1405, Skiatook, \$100 reward, 396-2589, 636-1809.

Found – Mother's ring in Wal-Mart parking lot in June, call to identify, 706-7137.

Found – Several years ago I found a paper bag with more than 100 black and white photos, some could possibly be Chouteau graduates, 341-2948, evenings.

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.

NEWS

No Classified Ads in October Issue

The classified ads section of Power Circuit is a hugely popular portion of the newsletter, and that is why we want to remind you the ads will not be included in our October issue. That issue is our annual report and does not include any classified ads.

Please do not submit any ads between August 10 and September 10. The ads will resume in the November issue, so we will accept them from September 11 to October 10 and will include as many ads as space allows.

October is National Cooperative Month

There's something special about the utility that brings electricity to your home: It's a consumer cooperative, and you're more than a customer. You're a member.

The hallmark of a cooperative business is its seven guiding principles. They are:

1. Voluntary and open membership. Your electric cooperative offers membership to everyone who lives in its service area and wants to join.

2. Democratic member control. Because you're a member of the cooperative, you're eligible to run for a seat on its board of directors and help the management make decisions. Don't have time to serve? You can still vote for others from your community who run for the seats.

3. Members' economic participation. When you pay your electric bill, you're doing more than buying electricity. You're contributing to the financial health of your electric cooperative. In return, your cooperative will send you a refund if it takes in more money than it needs after meeting all of its obligations to you and the community. These refunds are called "patronage dividends" or "capital credits."

4. Autonomy and independence.



Your electric cooperative doesn't sell stock to Wall Street investors. Cooperatives are owned and controlled by their members.

5. Education, training and information. You're reading this publication because your cooperative is committed to keeping its members up to date about what's going on at their utility. It also makes sure that the community members who serve on its board of directors—along with managers, employees and others—are trained and knowledgeable about the business of the cooperative.

6. Cooperation among cooperatives. If you've ever seen an out-of-town bucket truck after a snowstorm, it's likely from a neighboring electric cooperative that has lent its crews to help out during

an emergency. Likewise, your utility pitches in when other cooperatives need help.

7. Concern for community. The managers and staff who work for your cooperative also live in the community. So the utility takes a keen interest in the economic development and well-being of the neighborhoods it serves. 

Brush Crew Locations	
3 crews	Collinsville
1 crew	Watova
1 crew	S. Coffeyville
1 crew	Skiatook

