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# Anticipation, Changes & Cheer

Even if you didn't know what month it is, you can feel the excitement in the air. It's Christmas!

Here at the co-op, we're not only anticipating Santa's arrival, but we are also looking forward to the arrival of the Co-op Connections® Card. This national program is another benefit of being a member of an electric cooperative. You will be able to receive discounts from local and national businesses by simply showing your card. We plan to send you your card after the first of the year. Information about this program is on page 4. Be sure to check future issues of Power Circuit for information on which local businesses are participating.

Since this is the season for giving, your trustees voted recently to share with you a refund from KAMO Power. That information can be found on page 5.

Also on page 5, you will find an article on changes to the minimum monthly charge, and the power cost adjustment.

There are also some changes coming to *Power Circuit*.

Beginning with the January issue, *Power Circuit* will be a four-page publication, and will no longer include the classified ads, the recipe column, or the calendar.

It will also be delivered to you as an insert in *Oklahoma Living*.

These changes will reduce the cost of printing and mailing *Power Circuit*, and are part of several cost-cutting measures your trustees and management feel are necessary during these tough economic times.

Changes are inevitable, and I think that is one of the reasons we cherish our traditions. So during this holiday season, I hope you are able to embrace and enjoy your family's traditions. Don't let the stress and chaos of the season overshadow the simple beauty of the season.

Have a joy-filled, Merry Christmas and may 2010 be a prosperous year for each of you.

**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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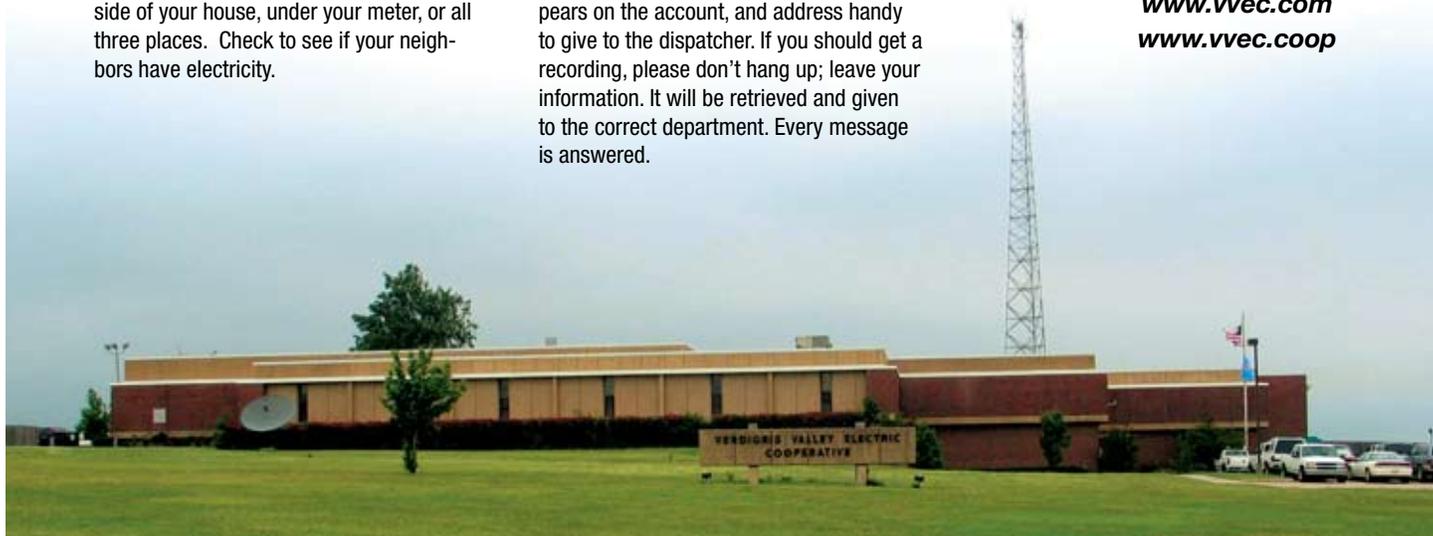
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# Wise Investments in Energy Efficiency

The economic uncertainty we're facing these days has many of us putting money into something we feel comfortable with: our homes. Making a few upgrades around the house generally pays big dividends. And when boosting energy efficiency is one of them, the decision becomes a no-brainer.

For any energy efficiency work made at your residence during the coming year, Uncle Sam will foot 30 percent of the bill, not a bad deal! Through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – better known as the stimulus bill – the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers a personal tax credit of up to \$1,500 for energy efficiency improvements made to existing homes during 2009 and 2010.

The credit covers 30 percent of the cost of adding insulation materials and exterior doors, windows, and roofs designed to help reduce a home's heat loss or gain. It also includes efficient



central air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, hot water boilers, and biomass stoves.

For weatherization-related work the credit covers only the cost of materials. With heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems as well as biomass stoves installation costs also count toward the credit.

So how does the math work out? Say you spend \$1,000 on new insulation. You would get, in the form of a tax credit, \$300 back. If you spend \$3,000 to purchase a new HVAC system and have it installed, you'd have a \$900 tax credit to show for it.

To take advantage of the program, a home improvement must have taken place after Feb. 17, 2009 (the day the stimulus bill was signed into law), and products must meet specific energy efficiency criteria. A few rules of thumb will help you determine those criteria.

For exterior windows and skylights, rely on the Energy Star label. For other efficiency upgrades, request what's called a "Manufacturer Certification Statement" that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit. Many manufacturers post these on their websites, but be sure to verify that the product does qualify before making a purchase. You can also visit [www.irs.gov/recovery](http://www.irs.gov/recovery) to review guidelines for eligible purchases.

Energy tax credits reduce taxes owed, dollar for dollar, and can be carried forward to following years. While they can help boost any refund you receive, you won't receive a check directly for the credit amount. You can file for energy tax credits using IRS Form 5695, with a total maximum value of \$1,500 for improvements made in 2009 and 2010. 

## December

### Calendar

- Dec. 24** VVEC offices close at 11:30
- Dec. 25** Christmas - VVEC offices closed
- Jan. 1** New Year's Day VVEC offices closed

# Privilege of Membership

## Members Enjoy Local and National Discounts with Co-op Connections® Card

VVEC members will soon be able to cash in on savings at a variety of local and national businesses. We're taking advantage of our status as a Touchstone Energy Cooperative to offer the Co-op Connections® program, a Touchstone Energy initiative.

### How it works

With the Co-op Connections Card, members receive discounts on products and services from participating businesses. To receive the discounts, members simply show their Co-op Connections Card to any participating business. A list of those businesses can be found on our Web site at [www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com), or at [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop).

And it's free of charge. There is no sign-up, and no annual fees. You get your Co-op Connections card simply because you are a member of VVEC.

The cards will be mailed to members near the first of the year.

"The top priority for electric cooperatives has always been their member-owners and the communities the co-ops serve," says Paula Lanni, coordinator of the Co-op Connections program for VVEC. "That concept is the cornerstone of this program."

### Pharmacy Discount

In 2008 a new prescription benefit was introduced offering cooperative members even more discount opportunities. Members presenting their Co-op Connections card to participating pharmacies can receive up to a 60 percent discount at more than 48,000 indepen-

dent pharmacies and national chains including CVS, Walgreen, Walmart, and Target.

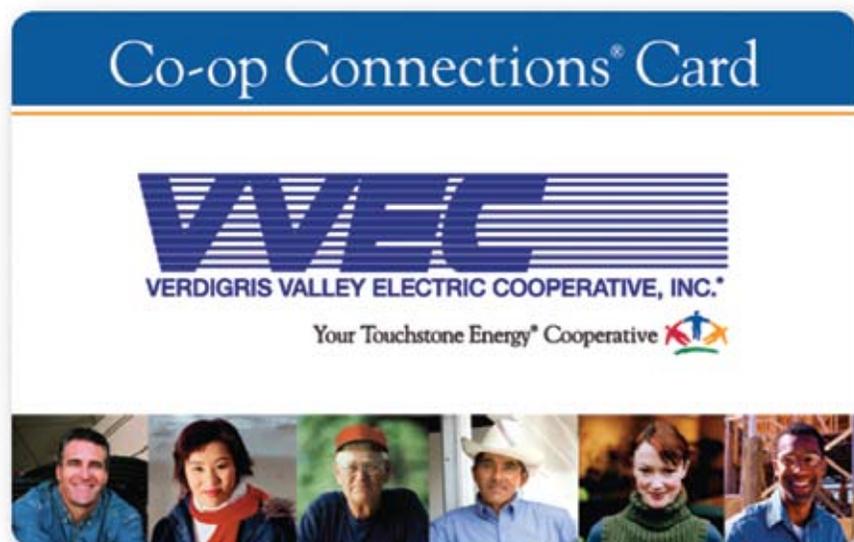
Lanni says partnering with businesses benefits the entire community. "There is no out-of-pocket expense for the companies," she explains. "We do the advertising for them, so the only costs they have are the ones associated with the savings they offer. We feel it's a win-win situation for our communities."

Businesses wanting to participate in the Co-op Connections program can contact Lanni at 371-2584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're excited about offering this savings program to our membership," says Lanni, adding more information will be included in future issues of *The Power Circuit*. 

## Businesses Offering Co-op Connections® Card Discounts

Barnes & Noble  
 Omaha Steaks  
 Sears Commercial  
 Alamo Rent-A-Car  
 1-800-PetMeds  
 Ramada  
 Samsonite  
 Sherwin-Williams  
 Six Flags Theme Parks  
 Sprint  
 Thousand Trails  
 Pro-Flowers  
 Meineke Car Care Centers  
 Red Envelope  
 Liz Claiborne  
 Jenny Craig  
 Home & Farm Solution  
 Fans Edge  
 Hertz  
 Hawthorn Suites  
 Husky Liners  
 iPlay Music  
 Best Western Hotels  
 LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
 Microtel Inn & Suites  
 Computrain Solutions  
 Energy Federation, Inc.



# Trustees Vote to Credit Members' Bills with KAMO Refund

KAMO Power, VVEC's power supplier, is refunding \$2,000,000 to its 17 member cooperatives, and \$218,938 of that is coming to Verdigris Valley. VVEC's trustees voted in November to pass on that refund to you through the pur-

chased power cost adjustment (PCA.)

Clyde Willard, VVEC's director of finance, says the KAMO refund appeared on VVEC's October and November power bills. The refund was \$109,469 each of those two months.

The PCA reduction to members' bills will be about \$2.79 per 1,000 kWh billed, and will appear on members' December and January electric bills as a reduction in the power cost adjustment.

"We appreciate having the opportunity to reduce the members' bills, especially at this time of year," says Willard.

He encourages anyone with questions about the refund, the PCA, or their bill, to call one of our customer services representatives at 371-2584, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 

## Changes Approved to Monthly Minimum Charge and Power Cost Adjustment

Results of a recently completed cost of service study by the independent engineering firm of C. H. Guernsey Company indicate the monthly minimum charges designed to recover the fixed costs associated with providing electric service are substantially understated.

Following an in-depth review of the study, VVEC trustees voted to increase the monthly minimum charge on all residential and small commercial rates. They also voted to reduce the power cost adjustment (PCA) charge to members by 1.5993 cents and instead recover this PCA reduction in the monthly minimum and energy charge. With the monthly minimum increase, this charge still remains lower than what the actual minimum should be as determined by the study. However, making these changes now is the beginning of a progression to raise the minimum charges to a level that truly matches the cooperative's actual cost of service.

"The power cost adjustment will be an additional adder to members' electric bills only if the actual purchase

power cost for that month exceeds 5.5993 cents," explains VVEC Director of Finance Clyde Willard. "If the actual per kWh cost is less than 5.5993 cents, the power cost adjustment will be a credit. Under the old rates the PCA was an adder anytime the actual purchase power cost exceeded 4.000 cents. The new rates have been designed to generate no additional revenue for the cooperative."

Willard goes on to say members who use smaller amounts of electricity will see their bills increase, while larger use members will see their bills decrease. (Please refer to the chart below.)

Anyone with questions about these changes should call our customer service representatives at 371-2584, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Residential Rate Comparison for Rates Effective January 1, 2010

(Assume a .01727 power cost adjustment for the old rate, and a zero power cost adjustment for the new rate.)

kWh Billed	Summer Old Rate	Summer New Rate	Chg. Increase (Decrease)	Winter Old Rate	Winter New Rate	Chg. Increase (Decrease)
0	12.24	20.40	8.16	12.24	20.40	8.16
100	21.01	28.57	7.56	20.30	27.86	7.56
500	56.09	61.25	5.16	52.52	57.68	5.16
1,000	99.93	102.10	2.17	92.79	94.96	2.17
1,500	143.78	142.95	-0.83	130.01	129.18	-0.83
2,500	234.02	227.21	-6.81	204.44	197.63	-6.81
5,000	465.99	444.21	-21.78	390.51	368.73	-21.78
7,500	697.97	661.22	-36.75	576.59	539.84	-36.75
10,000	929.93	878.22	-51.71	762.65	710.94	-51.71

# Changes Coming to *Power Circuit*

Every month we look forward to producing our monthly newsletter *VVEC Power Circuit*. It's the one way we are able to communicate with each of you every month.

We feel it's an enjoyable way to share with you information you need and want to know about your cooperative.

But in these tough economic times your board of trustees and co-op management have to be good stewards of your cooperative's financial situation.

Recently, it was decided costs associated with *Power Circuit* needed to be reduced.

So, *Power Circuit* will now be a four-page publication and will be delivered to you as an insert in *Oklahoma Living*.

*Oklahoma Living* is published monthly by our statewide organization, the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. It is delivered to members of every electric cooperative in Oklahoma. Based on circulation, it is the third largest publication in the state.

In order to reduce the number of pages in *Power Circuit*, some of the features that have been included in the publication are having to be eliminated.

We will no longer have room to include the classified ads, the recipe or the calendar in future issues.

"The decision to reduce the number of pages in the newsletter and eliminate these popular features, was not an easy one," explains VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. "But we are having to implement several cost-cutting measures throughout the co-op. By reducing the number of pages in the newsletter, we can reduce the printing cost. And inserting in *Oklahoma Living* eliminates postage, and the cost of meeting postal regulations.

"Our commitment to producing a quality publication that provides the members with information about their cooperative and fellow members, along with information on energy efficiency and safety will continue," she says.

The changes to *Power Circuit* begin with the January 2010 issue. 

## Trustees Retain Seats Following District Meetings

Members in districts 4 and 6 met recently, but low attendance prevented any business from being conducted. This includes holding scheduled trustee elections.

John Hibdon, district 4, and Dennis Lenox, district 6, 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 2 meeting will be included in the January issue of *Power Circuit*, because that meeting was held after the publication went to press. Jack Bogart is the district 2 trustee.

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NEWS

## 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](http://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

# Tasty Traditions

Making and decorating Christmas cookies was a favorite holiday activity for my brother and me when we were kids. In fact, my brother continues this tradition with his children today.

Mom would dig out the recipe and help us make the dough. We rolled it out and then the real fun began! Mom got out the big bag with all the cookie cutters and we enjoyed looking through them to pick out the ones we wanted to use. There were copper-colored ones with scalloped edges, tin ones, and the more recently added red and green plastic ones.

Once we had cut out as many cookies as we could, we decorated them with green and red icing, colored sugar and other decorations.

Naturally, we thought they tasted great. And Santa must have agreed, because he ate every cookie we left out for him every year.

I hope this is a recipe you can use to start making your own tasty traditions. Happy Holidays! 📺

*Kay Rabbitt-Brower*

## Merry Christmas Cookies

- 1/3 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1 tsp. lemon extract
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt

In a large bowl, cream vegetable shortening, sugar, egg, honey, and lemon extract until light and

fluffy. Sift in flour, baking soda, and salt; stir until well blended. Refrigerate dough at least 1 hour or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease cookie sheets. On a lightly floured board, roll dough to 1/4-inch thick; cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart onto

prepared cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks. When cool, frost and decorate as desired.

Yields 5 dozen cookies.

## Everything Goes

**Dining table w/6 chairs** – 2 captain chairs, 4 straight chairs – 2 leaves, extends to 7', \$125 OBO, 396-4038.

**Moving**, must sell Hallet, Davis & Co. piano, \$50; cherry entertainment center, \$275, 923-6138.

**Baby stroller**, \$8; Angel Trumpet (moon flower) seeds, 25¢/packet; barbecue grill & tank, \$25; 1 rooster & 1 turkey yard ornaments, \$20 ea.; tall red Canna bulbs, 12-\$1, 341-2340.

**Light pine headboard for full/queen bed**, \$50; white daybed, w/mattresses & sheets, EC, \$100, 341-1418.

**Juicer-squeezer-strainer**, removes seeds & skins from fruits/vegetables, cookbook too, EC, \$50, 232-3550.

**Maytag gas clothes dryer**, \$50; Brother sewing machine in carrying case, \$35; full-size bed frame & brass headboard, \$10, 371-9610.

**Beautiful hand-made baby quilts**, w/matching satin pillows, hand-sewn w/ lots of embroidery work, about 45"W x 48"L, \$65, 437-5413.

**Hand-crafted fleece blankets**, new style, double-thickness, Hanna Montana, High School Musical, custom-made orders; kitchen hand towel, new style, hangs on oven door, gift sets or singles, 371-3459.

**Hay** – quality horse and cattle hay, rnd. bales, net-wrapped, 4'x5.5', 341-4103.

**Heavy made ranch saddle**, \$125; trail riding saddle, \$195; pink or purple Ostrich-print seat, \$155; high-back saddle, \$310; roping saddle by Jim Sands, Vinita, \$500, misc. tack, 698-7106.

**Complete set of Firestone Touring tires**, P215/55R16, including rims & lug nuts, less than 100 miles on tires, \$300 OBO, 639-4356.

**Composite decking board**, 20'L 5.5"W, 8 pcs., EC, \$250, 341-2585.

**Santa Fe Railway Collection**, 4 plates by Gorham China, Indian Craft Series, \$200; Yankee Hall of Fame great Mickey Mantle autographed baseball, \$750; Fiesta China 2000 collector's pitcher & 4 tumblers, new in box, \$125; Hummel annual plates, 1st Edition 'Heavenly Angel' 1971-1978, \$950 for all, 341-6755.

**Clean wheat straw**, weed & chemical free, sm. sq. bales, \$5, 371-1871.

**Hay** - sq. baled hay, \$4; local pure honey, \$5/lb., 504-6264.

**Blue cloth recliner**, barely used, EC, \$75, 371-1350.

**Topsoil, we load your pickup**, \$22; firewood – seasoned or green, \$55/rick, you haul; also camp wood, 371-6238.

**The Wincher & telescoping tri-pod**, used for man holes & other things, \$250, 855-8774.

**Sleep # bed mattress**, \$300; Hide-a-bed sofa, brown & tan multi-color, GC, \$250; chrome Brush Guard for 2003 Chevy Trail Blazer, \$125; cattle head gate, \$150; 2 burial plots at Oakhaven Memorial Gardens in Claremore, \$2,500, 341-4601.

**Air hockey table, \$100**; tool box for small truck, \$100, 371-5657.

**Hay** – sprayed bluestem, sq. bales, delivery available; home-raised, corn-fed butcher beef, 1/4, 1/2 or whole available, 671-7591.

**Good**, used artificial Christmas tree, \$10; smoker/bbq grill, \$100, 381-2113.

**Compaq Presario 5000 series tower**, w/17" LCD flat monitor & keyboard, \$200 OBO; 30' round pool, 2-yr. pump, new extra liner, EC, \$2,000, 531-2327.

**Gas fireplace logs**, 30" long, glass fireplace doors in brass frame, 48.5" W x 32.5" H, 341-5302.

**Hay** – 2008 crop, 4'x5' prairie hay, net-wrapped, will load, \$20/bale; 2009 crop, \$25/bale, 697-6443.

**Maggie Sotterro wedding gown**, Veronica style, size 14, \$800 OBO; Edge Juice w/Attitude for 2005-2006 Duramax, \$600; electric fold-down steps for Chevy or GMC crew cab, \$800 OBO; gooseneck hitch for 3/4-ton Chevy or GMC, \$400 OBO; 6' bed liner for 1999-2007 Chevy or GMC, \$50, 606-0248.

**Kerosene convection heater**, 23K BTU, Dyna-Glo, used twice, \$75, 341-6438.

**Group cruise to the Western Caribbean on mega ship**, Voyager of the Seas, leaves Galveston Jan. 31, 7 days, limited number of cabins still open in each category, 443-2353.

**Firewood** – seasoned hackberry, etc., you load & haul, \$30/rick, 260-6687.

**Delta Champion aluminum diamond-plate tool box**, for full-size pickup, EC, \$175, 341-2732.

**Fiberglass camper shell w/ windows for small pickup**, \$38, 232-3550.

**48" rnd. dining table**, w/6 chairs & 2 leaves, heavy, dark, \$300 OBO, 371-2802.

**Jacuzzi ozonator light**, manual, hoses, video, \$50; 72" horse blanket, 2 trailer ties, horn, saddle bag, \$45; HO 4-person ski tube, \$85; Pontoon bench w/arms, \$250; 15" aluminum propellers, \$75; pylon ski rope, \$150; Garmin transducer & wire for fish finder, \$25; rear view boat mirror, \$15, 283-2777.

**14" Lamb barrel saddle**, \$400, Visa & MC accepted, 706-1931.

**Jasmine acoustic bass guitar**, w/ hard case & small amp., EC; 55" Hitachi LCD, HDTV, 3 yrs. old, 32" color RCA TV w/remote, EC, 335-1322.

**Fast food restaurant discount card w/no expiration date**, 24 locations, can be used nationwide w/most offers being 'buy one, get one free,' \$20, 638-0075.

**Firewood** – seasoned; cattle self-feeder, 275-4776.

**Guns**, used tires, seasoned firewood, 536-4215.

**Ultec Go-Go scooter w/extras**, can be disassembled for travel, EC, \$475; Recumbent exercise bike, EC, \$45, 630-8339.

**Western paperbacks**, 100 Louis L'Amour set, book case, \$70, 272-7811.

**Set of 20"**, 5-lug wheels for SUV or truck, nice, \$850, 697-6112.

**Four Dayton Timberline A/T tires**, new, 31x10.50x15 on Eagle alloy wheels, \$800 OBO; fender flares for Jeep, \$150 OBO; full-size truck cover by Wolfe Automotive, heavy fabric, \$100 OBO; about 500 board foot of rough sawn air-dried oak lumber, \$1/foot, 341-9431.

**Woman's square dance outfit** - emerald green skirt & blouse, w/white lace at collar, on cuffs, & skirt ruffle, size 8 (26" waist) new, never worn, full dance petticoat also available, \$50 ea., 396-7437.

**Chicken feeders**, water bottles, show cages, rabbit/chicken hutch, breeder pens, brooder boxes, 639-6135.

**Two electric hospital beds w/ mattress**, \$150 ea.; lg. roll of commercial carpet, beige, \$100; patio table, 45" tall, w/2 chairs & red seat covers, \$30; lg. smoker w/propane bottle, \$75, 371-5141.

**FREE firewood** – you cut; sq. & rnd. bales of 2008 & 2009 hay, 814-4944.

**Winchester model 94AE**, 45 long Colt, larger loop lever, \$325; Winchester model 94, Limited Edition Centennial, 1894-1994, 30-30 cal., \$800; Winchester 67-A, .22 long rifle, \$245; Remington 700, .270 ca. w/scope, \$375; Remington 700, 30-06 pre-64, scope, \$475, 343-3434.

**Wood stove**, lg. cold-rolled steel from Idaho, oven over firebox, \$800, 841-6066.

**Gas fire logs**, propane, used 1 season, 341-5766.

**Running boards for pickup or van**, came off 1991 Ford ext. cab, GC, \$75; tail gate from 1991 Ford pickup, \$75; tail gate from 1991 Chevy pickup, \$100; wall-mount GymPac 2500 work-out machine, \$75, 639-6823.

**Couch & loveseat**, \$250; entertainment center, \$100; coffee table, 1 end table, \$20; box springs for king-size bed, \$40, 371-4246 after 10 a.m.

**Over 25 pairs of used Goff shoes**, all sizes, Goff hats & misc, all for \$95; 20 ga. pump shotgun Winfield model 650 CR, lots of extras, EC, \$450; TV & VCR w/wall unit hanging EC, all \$100, 338-2766.

**Hay** – 900# bermuda horse hay, \$20-\$30; refrigerators, stoves, washer & dryer; furniture, clothing, baby items, exercise equipment, sporting items, much more, 371-2316.

## Cars &amp; Trucks

**1991 Ford Bronco**, new transmission, EC, \$4,000, 287-3798.

**1993 Ford Bronco**, needs rear drive shaft, must sell, \$1,800 OBO, 288-2224.

**1993 Lexus SC300**, coupe, auto, dk. red, sunroof, leather, all power, ABS, EC, \$6,000, 336-0949 after 7 p.m.

**2002 Buick Rendezvous CX**, 1 owner, 3.4 L, V6, all power, power sunroof, 6 disc CD player, leather, 3rd row seating, heads up display, back up warning system, alloy wheels, good tires, luggage rack, towing pkg., everything works, 169K miles, GC, \$3,500, 855-8946.

**1986 Honda Prelude**, \$500, 906-9687.

**Rare 1960 F100**, 4x4, 4-sp., 8' box, 86K miles, runs good, \$4,500, 520-6751.

**1992 Ford conversion van**, 302 auto, EC, 242-3243.

**1966 Ford 3/4-ton pickup for parts**, good motor, transmission & several parts, \$300, 338-2766.

**1988 Nissan flatbed pickup**, almost ready for paint, about 30 MPG, \$1,900; 1985 Ford pickup, tool box, cab rack, \$2,000 OBO; 2001 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport, \$5,000; 1993 Chevy conversion van, new battery, tires, brakes, etc. needs transmission work, \$950, 639-6823.

**1991 Lincoln Town Car**, Presidential Series, blue over blue, leather, gold spoke wheels, AC, auto, tilt & cruise, 371-5141.

**1998 Ford Windstar**, remote start, auto, PW, AC front & back, GC, reasonable price; 1997 Ford Contour, PS, PW, AC, 4 cylinder, great gas mileage, EC, 341-5766.

**1997 Chevy Suburban LT**, 2WD, 5.7L, V8 FI Votec engine, 18 MPG, front & rear climate control, AM/FM/cass/CD, alarm, leather, Anaheim conversion pkg., class III tow hitch, 205K miles, \$2,000; 1998 GMC Suburban SLT, 4WD, 5.7L, V8 FI Vortec engine, power everything, front & rear climate control, AM/FM/cass/CD, leather, class III tow hitch, 145K miles, \$5,500, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com.

**1966 Ford custom cab**, short, wide, clean, super nice, \$8,000, 697-6112.

**2006 Chrysler Town and Country mini-van**, w/wheel chair lift in back, loaded w/extras, less than 40K miles, \$21,000, 630-8339.

**1998 silver Cadillac DeVille**, 4-dr., V8, leather, body, tires & interior in GC, needs water pump & battery, 108K miles, \$1,055, 638-0075.

**1994 Ford 1-ton**, crew cab, Dually w/ stacks, fold down console, seats 6, tinted windows, 7.3 diesel, 5-sp., gooseneck hitch, \$4,500, 706-1925.

**1998 Ford F150, ext. cab**, 4.6L Triton engine, 2 8" J.L. subwoofers, 2 amps, CD player, 2" lift kit, 127K miles, \$6,200 OBO, 371-2802.

**2002 Volkswagen Jetta**, 4-cyl., 4-dr., white, \$6,300, 706-6964.

**1999 BMW 323is**, 2-dr., leather, sunroof, multi-CD changer, alarm system, 30 MPG, silver, 119K miles, \$8,000, 557-2491.

**2004 Chevy S-10**, dual cab, red w/ black leather, priced below BB value, 82K miles, \$13,000 OBO, 760-4782.

**1993 custom Jeep Wrangler YJ**, new Bestop soft top, bikini top, wind jammer, camo seat covers, new back seat, air horn, new sound bar w/amp, new CD player, new speakers in dash, after-market front & rear bumpers, spot lights, hoop steps, 350 Chevy motor, 3-sp. transmission w/B&M ratchet shifter, 3" body lift, 33x12.50 Kumho MTs, nice wheels, adult-owned, garage-kept, EC, \$6,000, 695-2357.

**1985 Chevy Blazer**, 350 engine, 6" lift kit, Mickey Thompson tires, \$3,500; 1992 Chevy K2500 truck, exe, cold AC, needs some work, \$2,500; 1997 Crown Victoria, 4.6, new tires, new battery, cold AC, \$2,950, 371-2316.

**Equipment**

**Heavy duty winch for truck**, Tulsa L-19, \$500, 333-3974.

**Large Sears Craftsman upright air compressor**, 22-voltage, used only 6 times, EC, \$250, 338-2766.

**2007 Artic Cat 4-wheeler**, used 1.5 yrs., truck-type bed., 341-6962.

**ECHO CS-305 chainsaw**, 30.1 cc, \$100, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com.

**150' of chainlink wire**, 5 gates, no posts, \$175; 16' flatbed trailer, new tires, winch, rails, GC, \$650, 272-7811.

**Goldblatt texture sprayer machine**, w/compressor, hopper, gun, swivel hose, EC, \$225; used chain saws, 536-4215.

**Befco/Eronoise 7' sickle mower**, \$1,500; DW 14 Allis Chalmers, runs good, GC, \$3,000, 273-7462.

**Pearson automatic head gate**, \$250; John Deere 4 bar side delivery hay rake, \$500, 440-9241.

**Livestock**

**Maine bulls**, semen checked, pasture ready, 18 mo. old, 5/8 Main, \$1,500; 4.5 yr. old, 1/2 Maine, \$2,500; 4.5 yr. old, 3/8 Maine, \$2,500, 261-3443.

**Black miniature mule team**, 38" tall, black horns, \$2,000, 231-0390.

**Registered miniature Herefords**, bulls, bred cows, heifers, steers, great for hobby farms, children's projects, pets or beef, herd bill is 43" and 1,200 lbs., 813-2945, www.sunshineacresminiherfords.com.

**Angus bull**, tested, from reg. Angus bull, born February 2008, \$1,100, 261-5345.

**Older Spend A Buck mare**, in foal on an early cover to Ra Ra Superstar, \$2,900, 371-6924.

**Show quality Bantam chickens**, White Crested, Black Polish, Bugg-laced Polish, 639-6135.

**Brangus bulls**, gentle, fertility tested, calving ease, delivery available, \$1,500, 695-2357

**Pets**

**Bearded Dragons**, 5 mos. old, \$50; Leopard Geckos, normal & leucistic, \$20-\$40; Western Hognose snake, proven male, \$100; 13-yr-old male Boa, \$100 OBO, 833-0954, hissnshers@yahoo.com.

**FREE - Chihuahua**, spayed female, 1.5 yrs. old, house-broken, well-behaved, 574-1526.

**Basset puppies**, ready in December, \$300, 724-1932, E-mail puppy-mom777@AOL.com for pictures.

**Heeler puppies**, blue, red & tri, working parents on site, 740-0549.

**Lab puppies**, Black - \$300, Yellow - \$400, HRC, shots, wormed, bred to hunt, look good too, 344-5795.

**AKC Pekingese puppies**, \$225; Rat Terrier puppies, \$125; ready mid-December, \$50 deposit will hold for Christmas, 847-3717.

**Beagle puppies**, 5 mos. old, ready to hunt, 371-4645.

**Quaker Parrots**, hand-fed, weaned, green - \$125, blue - \$275 ea., cages from \$10 ea., or buy everything (30 plus) for \$2,000, trades considered, 841-6066, www.parrotlovers.com.

**Australian Shepherds**, Visa & MC accepted, 706-1931.

**Registered puppies** - Boxers, 1 male & 1 female, Boston Terrier, 1 female, Jack Russells, 2 males & 2 females, 335-1322.

**Real Estate**

**3 BDR**, 2 BA, 16'x76' mobile home, on 1 acre lot in Ochelata, \$600/mo., 371-3936.

**1/2 acre lot in Bartlesville**, 1505 Armstrong, all utilities available, \$9,000, 536-4422.

**2 BDR house to be moved**, 5 yrs. old, 475-2341.

**Sale or Rent** - 3 BDR, 2 BA home on 40 acres, lg. kitchen, dining area, & breakfast nook, pond, cross fence & private drive, 273-8094.

**2000 Schult 30'x60' mobile home to be moved**, 3 BDR, 2 BA, lg. living room, fireplace, lg. closets, pantry, separate shower in master bath, 2 yr. old refrigerator, lg. laundry room, EC, \$40,000, 396-1301.

**3 BDR**, 2 BA home, w/fireplace, 2 car garage, south of Claremore, tax break for first time home buyers, \$104,000, 798-5213.

**Owasso auto shop**, car & booths, \$495; 2-3 BRD energy savers, rentals in Owasso, C'ville, & Verdigris, \$640-\$995, 371-2396.

**RENT** - 3 BDR, 1 BA home in C'ville, garage, lg. fenced back yard, no pets, 1007 N. 13th St., \$625 deposit, \$625/mo., 798-5213.

**Automobile service station w/ office area**, 2 bays, 2 lifts, tire machine & air compressor, 706-6963.

**RENT** - 2 BDR, 1 BA home in Skiatook, central Heat & AC, storm cellar, storage bldg. under carport, fenced yard, no in-door pets, attic fan, deposit required, 636-6767.

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

**3 BDR**, 2 BA, brick home on 5 acres w/new 1,600 sq. ft. metal building, sheds, pond, nut & fruit trees, fenced pasture, garden, no restrictions, just S. of Hwy. 60, 4 miles west of Bartlesville, \$135,000, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com/fsbo.

**RVs & Boats**

**1983 motor home**, 460 Ford gas engine, Onan generator, hydraulic jacks, GC, \$2,850, 284-6569.

**2001 Trail Bay travel trailer**, 31FKSS, garden tub, new refrigerator, Super Slide, 371-4235.

**Yamaha trail bike**, 2002 TTR 225 cc, adult-owned, EC, \$1,650, 343-3434.

**Project fishing boat**, 16' glass, wide & deep, 90% complete, w/trailer, great winter project, \$450, 341-4250.

**2004 Harley Sportster**, Vance & Hinds, windshield, crash bars, black & chrome, 3,000 miles, EC, \$5,950, 440-8408.

**1996 Polaris 300 4-wheeler**, \$500, 440-9241.

**1975 Glastron 15' fiberglass boat**, w/bass seats & 70 hp Johnson motor, \$1,500, 232-8665.

**2000 Jayco Eagle 5th wheel w/ bunks & pull-out**, can see in Ottawa County, \$9,500, 760-4782.

**M&M rodeo/hunting camper,** shower, sink, queen-size bed up top, fold-down bed/seating area on bottom, \$2,000 OBO, 557-2491.

**1978 overhead truck camper w/ AC,** stove, refrigerator & toilet, \$600; 12' Lowe Jon boat w/trailer, tie downs, anchor & trolling motor, \$600, 706-6964.

**Low 24' Triton-Honda 130 4-stroke,** trailer, fish & cruise, \$13,500, 283-2777.

**2003 CRX 150 dirt bike,** GC, \$1,350, 697-6112.

**4-person paddle boat,** GC, \$250, 343-3434.

**16' Blue Wave fishing boat,** 75 hp, 4-stroke motor, w/trailer & spare, trolling motor, locator, center console driving, 2" hitch front removable pedestal, 341-6962.

**2 Honda Rebel 250 street bikes,** \$1,000 for the 2001 model, \$1,300 for the 2005 model, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com.

Services

**Call VVEC about rebates on energy efficient appliances,** 371-2584.

**Improve your home's energy efficiency with a VVEC energy audit,** cost is \$50, call 371-2584 for more details or to schedule an audit.

**Tractor work,** brush hogging, gravel road grading, Ditch Witch work, 639-6823.

**Livestock hauling,** in & out of state, cargo insured, 32 stock trailers, horse vans; tractor work, brush hogging & box blading; fence building, barb wire & other, 814-4944.

**Home repair,** remodel, add-ons, decks, reasonable rates, work includes daily clean-up, references available, free quotes, 396-7437.

**Brick mason,** rock work & repair, chimney sweep, mail box construction & repair, specializing in fireplace repair, 697-6112.

**Diesel & equipment repair,** trucks, tractors, hydraulics, brakes, Visa & MC accepted, references available, 706-1925.

**Now taking horses for pasture,** good grass, water, \$50/mo., 536-4215.

**Affordable babysitter,** reasonable prices, hot meals, good references, 5 days a week, 5 a.m. to ???, 636-6767.

**Garage door repair,** 697-5622.

**Brick,** rock work, new or repair, mail boxes, settling, cracks, flower beds, etc., 35 years experience, 282-9927.

**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; rock & dirt hauling, trencher, backhoe, box blade & brush hog services, 273-7462.

**Affordable health,** life & dental insurance, free quotes, 371-9292, www.designcoverageinsurance.com.

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

**Mailbox construction & repair,** build new ones, fix decayed brick, will remove rotted metal box & install a new one w/o brick repair, made to look like new, 720-1820.

**Seamless guttering,** boat docks, decks & more, free estimates, 381-0561.

**Farrier service,** by graduate of Oklahoma Farriers College, 275-4571.

**General carpentry services,** contract work, add-ons, decks & storage buildings, free estimates, 697-9183.

**Double-hung windows,** both sash & channels only, no frames, various sizes, \$100 ea., 214-7240.

**Carpenter work,** dry wall, concrete, references available, 283-2412.

**Large or small remodeling jobs,** 409-8772.

**FREE** – reverse mortgage handbook for Seniors, 948-9141, www.seniorsreversemortgage.biz.

**Drinking water could be acidic,** find out about healthy water that is molecularly restructured, alkaline, and a huge antioxidant, no obligation, samples provided, RSVP in C'ville at 639-4356.

**Lose 25 lbs. before the new year,** lose it before you gain it, 800-848-7478, www.Lronlinediet.com.

**Professional heating & air conditioning sales,** repair, & installation, commercial & residential, licensed, insured, & bonded, 15 yrs. experience, free estimates on replacements, 637-4222.

**Excavation services,** French & area drains, sewer, water, electric & septic, reasonable, free estimates, 938-2161.

**Attic insulation** – reduce energy expenses and improve efficiency, tax-deductible, 706-4567.

**Professionally clean your home for the Holidays,** reasonable rates, 978-8598.

**Stump grinding,** no stump too big, priced fairly, same or next day service, insured, 694-2297.

**Concrete construction,** 30 yrs. experience, pole barn floors, driveways, porches, patios & extensions, tear out & replacements of all types, references, 510-8205.

**RV service & repair, winterizing,** heaters, AC, awnings, hot water, plumbing, electrical, etc., roof repair & replacement, also hitches, detailing, remodeling, flooring, great shop & mobile service, 704-8329, www.GreenCountryRVDoctor.com.

**Old-fashioned corn sacks,** use in place of traditional heating pads or ice packs to relieve muscle pain, soothe headaches & more, great gift, \$15, 706-4564.

**Homemade food gifts,** cookies, candies, breads, pies & cakes, 230-9172.

**Roof your house w/metal,** & get 20% discount on home owners policy w/most insurance companies; pre-engineered steel buildings, made clear span or w/trusses, one stop source for all building needs, regardless of project size, 535-2726.

**Horseback riding lessons,** indoor lighted & outdoor riding arenas, Western & English, your horse or mine, pleasure riding to show preparation, beginner to advanced, ages 7 to adult, \$30/hr. (private lesson), \$25/hr. (group), year-round, 10+ years experience, training and boarding also available, 693-3202.

**After-hours ATV repair,** 527-8630.

**All types of concrete work,** retaining walls, slabs, sidewalks, patios, 232-3769.

**Will pickup junk riding mowers,** scrap metals, go-cart junkers, remodel leftovers, etc., 255-3223.

**Health insurance consultation at no cost,** no obligation to obtain best coverage at lowest available cost from A-rated companies, 543-1980.

**Professional,** personalized dog grooming in your home, over 30 yrs. experience, 381-2113.

**Looking for RV owners interested in camping w/a great group of folks from C'ville & the surrounding areas,** 371-2227.

**Now taking Christmas floral orders,** also gift-wrapping & tree decorating services, delivery to B'ville & surrounding areas, reasonable prices & delivery rates, located in Ramona, 536-1095.

**Openings for piano students,** children or adults, reasonable rates, near Oologah, 443-9290.

**Fast computer help & repair,** in your home to assist you or to repair your system for a \$69 house visit, 520-2121.

Wanted

**Equine hay ring,** 260-6687.

**20-ton hydraulic press,** 341-4601.

**Persimmon trees in Owasso area,** will dig, 341-8793.

**Hammermill screen for Gehl 65 grinder-mixer,** 275-4776.

**Costume jewelry w/colored stones & rhinestones;** cash for tractors, hay rakes, farm equipment, 536-4215.

No More Classified Ads

In an attempt to reduce production and postage costs, *Power Circuit* will be a four-page publication beginning with the January 2010 issue.

Because of this, we will no longer be able to provide this classified ads service.

We have enjoyed providing this service, and hope it has been beneficial to our membership.

We look forward to continuing to produce *Power Circuit* and hope you will continue to enjoy reading it.

# 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 be fair to those members who pay their bills and to keep down bad debt, we must adhere to established policies for non-payments.

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. 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.

## Agencies Offering Assistance with Electric Bills

SEAC	Avant, Sperry, Skiatook	396-4108
Community Action	Nowata County	273-2868
DHS	Nowata County	273-2327
DHS	Osage County	287-5800
DHS	Rogers County	283-8300
Salvation Army	Rogers County	341-5000
DHS	Tulsa County	581-2011, 581-2401, 430-2300, 280-3100
Helping Hand	Tulsa County	584-6923
Salvation Army	Tulsa County	582-7201
Owasso Community Res	Tulsa/Rogers County	272-4969
Community Action	Washington County	333-8115
Concern	Washington County	336-4693
DHS	Washington County	336-2655, 338-5700

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 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 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 non-payment will not be reset on weekends, holidays, or weekdays after 7 p.m.

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. 



VVEC General Manager Alice Houston (near right) congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ekstedt who won the annual meeting grand prize - a \$500 credit to their electric bill.

Over 500 members registered their attendance, enjoyed refreshments, visited with fellow members, and listened to popular local entertainer Paul Bogart. The meeting was held Saturday, October 24 at the Claremore Community Center.



## Holiday Office Closings

*VVEC offices will close at 11:30 Thursday, Dec. 24, and remain closed Friday, Dec. 25. We will also be closed Friday, Jan. 1. Please call 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 to report an interruption in your electric service.*

### Winter Residential Rates

October through March usage, November through April billing

Customer Charge	\$12.00
1st 1,000 kWh	6.170 cents/kWh
Over 1,000 kWh	5.570 cents/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) is applied monthly to all bills when the average cost of power the cooperative buys is less or more than 40 mills/kWh.