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Spring's Arrival

Spring arrives this month and I'm glad. Thankfully, winter has been a great deal more tolerable this year than it was last year. And although some of the biggest snowfalls I've ever experienced happened in March, I think winter will take his leave unceremoniously this month.

I've already seen some of the signs of Spring. I was delighted to find two Robins taking flight from my front yard as I left the house and went to the car last week.

And I noticed some tender green leaves pointing skyward in the yard just recently. Granted, they're probably weeds I'm going to need to remove later in the season, but right now I'm delighted to see something green fighting its way through the drab, dead, brown grass.

Days getting longer and temperatures getting warmer will affect our electric usage. Buying and using energy efficient appliances will make an impact on energy usage also. If your Spring plans call for some home remodeling, be sure to read

the information on page 3 about the benefit of using ENERGY STAR appliances.

One thing that is occurring earlier in the year this year is Daylight Saving Time. Take note that it's starting March 8. The article on page 6 explains that Daylight Saving Time was actually adopted by Congress to save energy.

As Spring unpacks her bags to stay awhile, most of us take advantage of the pleasant weather to work in the yard or begin home repair projects. Before you start, read the safety tips on page 12 and remind yourself to work safely.

No matter if you have to be outside or just want to be outside, take a little while to enjoy the beauty that is Spring in northeastern Oklahoma. 

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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.

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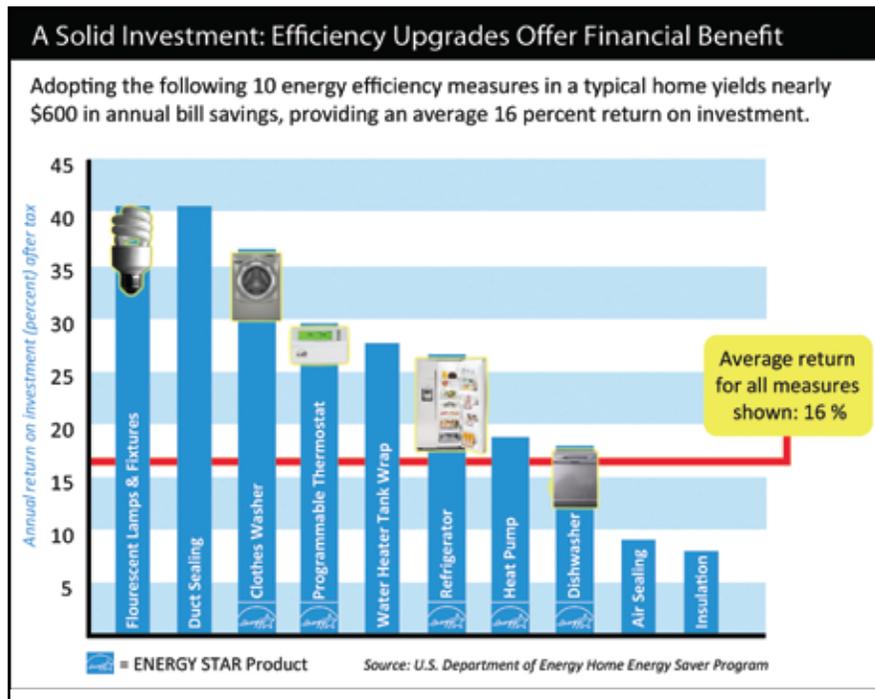
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Investments in Efficiency Deliver Strong Returns

In today's troubled economic climate, people are searching for places to sock away money that offer the promise of a healthy return. While no one can predict when, or if, the stock market will fully recover, crunching a few numbers does show one safe investment alternative: energy efficiency.

Even in good financial times the annual Wall Street return on stocks averages 14 percent, followed by 4.2 percent for 30-year bonds and 3.5 percent for money market accounts. In comparison, incorporating 10 home efficiency measures carries a 16-percent rate of return, according to the U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Saver program.

Looking at it another way, the energy bill for a typical American home averages \$1,283 per year, while a home that has purchased and installed EN-



ERGY STAR products spends just \$774. That's a savings of more than \$500 annually. Even better, you get to keep the money you save on your electricity bill; normal investment incomes are taxed heavily.

The first two energy efficiency areas to invest in—those with the highest rates of return—are lighting and sealing ducts. Upgrading to compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) and fixtures in a typical home costs about \$200, but with an annual savings of \$80 the initial investment pays for itself in 2.5 years with a 41-percent rate of return. Proper duct sealing, which can cost up to \$250, pays for itself in 2.6 years and matches lighting's high rate of return.

Your next purchase should be an ENERGY STAR front-loading clothes washer. Even though one costs an average of \$194 more than a non-efficient model, you reap a 37 percent rate of return—allowing you to recoup the extra expense in less than three years.

A water heater tank wrap with an R-12 insulation rating should be your next step; the initial cost of \$85 saves you \$23 every year, offering a 28-percent return on your investment. An ENERGY STAR refrigerator, heat pump, and dishwasher follow with rates of return ranging from 18 percent to 27 percent. Finally, adequate air sealing and increasing wall and attic insulation offer between an 8 percent and 9 percent return.

To find out how you can start investing in your home's efficiency, visit Home Energy Saver at www.hes.lbl.gov.

Meanwhile, Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives offer several efficiency programs at www.touchstoneenergysavers.com, including Touchstone Energy Home (a set of nationally recognized standards for building efficiency), a Home Energy Savings Guide, a Light Bulb Energy Saver calculator showing how much money you can save by using CFLs, and Seal the Deal, a do-it-yourself video showing how to effectively seal your home. 

March

Calendar

- March 8** Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 20** First day of Spring
- April 4** Career Fair, Johnson Activity Cntr., Skiatook
- April 4** NorthEast Oklahoma Square Dance Assc. 62nd Festival

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.

Trustees and Co-op Personnel Bring Members' Perspective to State Legislators

As a new legislative session begins each February, electric co-op personnel from across the state meet with elected representatives to discuss upcoming legislation, while attending the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperative's (OAEC) annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

During the two-day meeting co-op trustees, management and key staff attend sessions on issues affecting the electric utility industry and Oklahoma co-ops.

Then the group reconvenes at the Capitol to meet one-on-one with senators and representatives. Discussions are held on the impact of upcoming legislation on co-op members, and the need for keeping electricity affordable in the future.

"Being knowledgeable about issues facing our industry today is a large part of the responsibility of a co-op trustee," explains Buddy McCarty, president of VVEC's board of trustees. "We work at developing and maintaining a relationship with each of the representatives from our area so that we can discuss members' needs with them, while also being a source of information for them."

Other annual meeting activities included a legislative overview, consideration and approval of proposed resolutions, along with featured speakers such as Sheldon Peterson, governor of Cooperative Financial Corporation; Pete Delaney, CEO of OGE Energy Corporation, Mike Williams, Texas Electric Cooperatives; Shawn Deines 2008 Youth Tour Youth Leadership Conference winner; the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange update; and awards for newsletters and Web sites. 



Representing You

VVEC Trustees Jack Bogart (above left) and Chuck Huerter (above right) visit with Rep. Tad Jones (X) in his office at the Capitol.

VVEC General Manager Alice Houston (center) accepts the Award of Merit for best Web site. Presenting the award is outgoing OAEC President Bill Kimbrall and Oklahoma Living Editor Chelsey Simpson.



Several Factors Cause High Bills

Storm damage, increased cost of materials and supplies, coupled with an increase in the cost of power VVEC purchases, all contributed to members receiving higher than normal electric bills recently.

"In January and February, members received the highest electric bills they have ever received for this time of year," says VVEC Director of Finance Clyde Willard. "Primary factors for the increase are two fold."

"First," Willard says, "the cost of power we buy from KAMO Power increased from an average cost of 4.047-cents per kiloWatt hour (kWh) in 2007 to a projected average cost of 5.480-cents in 2009. Our current rate design is based on 4.000-cents per kWh to cover the cost of purchased power."

Willard explains anytime the cost of purchased power deviates from 4.000-cents, the difference is passed to the membership in the form of a power cost adjustment (PCA.)

"So, from 2007 to the end of 2009, the power cost adjustment has increased from zero to a probable 2.000-cents by year-end," he adds.

For a number of years prior to 2007, the power cost adjustment was a credit. The PCA factor is used to keep VVEC from having to change its rates frequently.

"With a small profit margin built into the rates and 64-cents of every dollar billed to the members covering the co-op's purchased power costs; small changes in the cost of power can have a substantial effect on the cooperative's financial position," Willard explains. "The PCA is used to soften the impact of purchased power fluctuations on the co-op."

Willard goes on to explain that if VVEC does not adhere to the financial standards stated in its loan covenants, the co-op can be considered in default of its mortgages and will no longer be

eligible for loans.

"Loans are necessary to finance our growth and improvements. The costs are too great for us to rely solely on the funds generated by our rates, so we have to rely on loan funds," he says.

Willard points out Oklahoma has been "very fortunate" to have some of the lowest electric rates in the United States.

"In fact, utility rates in southern Oklahoma have been much higher than electric rates in the northeastern part of the state. Over the past 10 to 15 years, VVEC's residential rates have been one of the lowest, if not the lowest, rates in the state when compared with all types of utilities – cooperatives, investor-owned, and municipals. The cost of generating power has been steadily increasing, so it was inevitable the increases would eventually hit VVEC. But even with these increases, we expect to be in the bottom tier again when comparing utility rates for 2009."

Also contributing to the increase in electric bill amounts was the rate increase VVEC put into effect December 1, 2008.

"With the PCA increasing all year, it was unfortunate it had to be implemented at this time," he says. But the devastating ice storm that hit VVEC in December 2007 caused over \$18 million worth of damage to the system.

"FEMA promised financial assistance for up to 87.5-percent of the approved repair costs, but not much of that amount has been received. Sadly, this created an immediate need for short-term financing, and drove our 2008 interest expense through the roof. Our 2008 interest expense exceeded budget by over three-quarters of a million dollars.

"We hadn't planned on seriously considering another rate change until sometime in 2009, but we needed to pay

the repair and restoration costs. Remember, VVEC was the utility hardest hit by that storm."

Willard says Mother Nature continued to frown on VVEC when a mild 2008 summer caused sales to be about 8-percent under budget.

"The rates in effect prior to December 2008 were designed to generate the co-op's needed annual margins only in the summer month sales. It wasn't uncommon for the co-op to have an operating deficit approaching \$1 million by the beginning of summer.

"But it was decided it was no longer prudent to 'ride the tide' of Oklahoma's weather and to depend on just the summers to determine if the co-op was financially sound for the entire year. The December 2008 rates were designed to generate an additional \$2 million in annual revenue."

Willard says it was also decided that two-thirds of the increase needed to come from winter rates, with the remaining third coming from summer rates.

"KAMO's new purchase power rate beginning April 1, 2009 includes an energy charge to VVEC of .0380-cents per kWh. We don't feel it's financially feasible to continue to sell kiloWatts in the winter at .0307-cents when the energy costs alone to purchase these kWhs were going to be .0380 per kWh. So we eliminated that third block of residential winter rates."

"Decisions on rate increases are recommended by co-op staff and approved by our trustees, who are VVEC members also. So they understand the impact a rate increase or high bill can have," says VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. "Sadly, sometimes these events are unavoidable. I encourage anyone who has questions about their bill or who might have difficulty paying it, to please contact us so we can work with them." 

Daylight Saving Time: A Classic Energy-Saving Idea

Noticing that shades were often drawn against the early-morning summer sun, William Willet suggested a novel change for 1907 England.

If the government could move the clock ahead during the spring and summer months, people would rise with the sun rather than blocking it out. He wrote an essay, "The Waste of Daylight," and Daylight Saving Time was born.

The United States latched on to the idea during World War I, and then dropped it, and later reinstated it during World War II, not to save daylight—but to save energy. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 made Daylight Saving Time consistent throughout the United States except in Hawaii and Arizona.

This year, Americans will set their clocks forward one hour on March 8, the second Sunday in March.

The country continues the practice with the hope that longer daylight hours will reduce the need for electric lighting in the evening. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 even extended Daylight Saving Time, once an April ritual, by a month, so Americans spring forward on the second Sunday in March and fall back on the first Sunday of November.

This year, use the time change to save energy in your own home. Turn off unneeded lights and relish the evening sunlight.

While you're at it, honor another tradition: When you set your clocks ahead, also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



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.

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 Neighborly Offering

I have the best next door neighbor. She's a retired teacher, who is in her 80s. She's active in several organizations, including her community and church. About the worst that can be said about being her neighbor is that we have to struggle to keep our yard looking as nice as she keeps hers.

On Valentine's Day she brought over a big bowl of Santa Fe soup (from the recipe I'm including) along with Chinese salad, warm homemade corn bread, and some strawberries.

She did this because she wanted to check on my husband who's been taking chemo to combat his cancer. As sweet a gesture as this was, it meant even more to us because our dear little neighbor had just gotten home from a month-long stay in two hospitals following a light heart attack and bout of pneumonia.

Her generosity reminds me we choose how we let life's situations affect us – is the glass half empty or is it half full?

Obviously, she views her glass as being half full; thankfully, half full of some delicious soup. 

Santa Fe Soup

1 lb. lean hamburger
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 can black beans
 1 can original Rotel
 1 can beef broth
 1 cup frozen corn

Brown hamburger meat and chopped onions.

Add black beans, Rotel and beef broth and cook for 30 minutes.

Add the frozen corn and cook for another 30 minutes.

OUR ENERGY, OUR FUTURE

America's families are facing tough economic times. Many struggle to afford the basics: food, housing, and energy. In fact, the cost of residential electricity climbed an average of 26 percent between 2002 and 2007, and it is projected to go even higher. As if that weren't bad enough, today's electricity supplies won't be able to keep pace with future demand.

Now, elected officials in Washington, D.C., are poised to make important policy decisions that will determine our nation's energy future. To guide lawmakers in a sound direction, electric cooperatives are making sure your voice, the voice of the consumer, gets heard during legislative debates.

Through the **"Our Energy, Our Future"**[™] grassroots awareness campaign, hundreds of thousands of electric cooperative consumers have already sent more than 1.5 million messages to their members of Congress. Through this outreach, co-ops have shared our insight drawn from decades of offering safe and reliable electricity at affordable rates; service that always makes consumers – not the bottom line – priority one.

If you haven't already done so, please get involved in the campaign by asking your representatives on Capitol Hill one important question: Are you willing to work with electric cooperatives like Verdigris Valley Electric to ensure our nation has reliable power at a price consumers can afford? The stakes are too high to miss this opportunity to help secure YOUR energy future.

Begin the dialogue with your representatives today.

Visit www.ourenergy.coop.

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Everything Goes

Oak roll-top desk, \$200; round oak pedestal table, \$100; small dk. oak dresser, \$150; beautiful dk. oak buffet, 23"x60," "rose Moss" china collection, all in EC, 343-8999.

Bridal gown, w/veil, tiara, slip, from Private Collection, size 4-6, \$250, 272-3409.

Superior hot tub, 28 jets, seats 6, w/cover, EC, 536-5306.

8 plaster pedestals, 20" tall, nice wedding decorations; large glass vases, several styles, 607-0941.

13" carriage IBM electric type-writer, EC, \$150; Hastain's Township plats of the Creek Nation, \$150 OBO; antique reproduction couch, lots of wood trim, \$500 OBO, 341-1535.

50" Mitsubishi HD 1080 rear projection big screen TV, \$325, 5 yrs. old, 697-6082.

Trail riding saddles, \$145 & \$175; Bonnie Allen saddle, \$200; roping saddle, \$245; Circle Y saddle, \$300; youth/pony saddle, \$65, 698-7106.

Bowflex sport, \$385; Lifetime basketball goal, \$50; tailgate for 1994-2001 Dodge Ram 1500, \$100, 938-3161.

Hay – 4'x5'; net-wrapped cattle hay, priced reduced, 341-4103.

Hay – good quality grass hay, 4'x5', 10 or more, \$15/bale, horse hay also, 371-5743.

Toyota 9-needle embroidery machine, 2 set high & low cup kits, over 3,000 designs, stitcherize design system, scanner, cabinet, all size hoops, \$25,000, 341-1839.

42 metal chairs w/storage rack, \$150; golf bag & clubs, \$25; turkey roaster, \$5; exercise bike, similar to Healthrider, \$25; bull riding chaps, \$100; 105K BTU natural gas floor furnace, \$100; Hawes single action 44 pistol, \$500, 287-4859.

Hay – bluestem, 1,000-lb. barn-stored bales, excellent for horses, highly palatable, no waste, can deliver 6 bales as needed, 724-4674.

Oak water bed, storage in headboard & underneath, w/heater, \$250; Kenmore Elite dryer, white, \$125; light oak entertainment center, \$375, 341-6755.

Hay – heavy sq. bales, \$4, C'ville area, you load; vegetable plants available April 15, call for varieties, 504-6264.

Display cabinets, wood & glass, lighted, GC, 8' - \$500, 6' - \$425; G. E. commercial stainless steel gas convection/conventional oven, 64" tall, EC, \$995, 519-0918.

Full 100-lb. propane tank, \$150; 2 case Lithium grease - waterproof, \$25; 400 bales sq. hay, sprayed & fertilized, \$13.25 ea.; 2 pop-up hay loaders, 1 EC, \$200, 1 needs work, \$50; 1 pr. aluminum car ramps, 12' long, \$100; Mec reloading shell tumbler w/media L/N, \$125, 693-0682.

5 hp MTD front-tine Roto tiller, \$225; gas-powered lawn edger, both EC; 27 Avon lg. Porcelain Mrs. Albees, 1978-2004, mint condition, boxed, \$1,900; Avon Golden Achievement award bracelet, 10K gold, 8 jeweled charms, \$125, 342-5249.

Firewood – green or seasoned, will cut to your length, you haul, \$55/rick, 371-6238.

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

Queen-size Sleep Number bed, in original box, EC, 1 yr. old, \$300, 341-8790.

Unsplit wood, you haul, \$30/rick, 545-2655.

FREE – canning jars, 2 doz. quarts, 2 doz. pints, 371-2747.

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

Craftmatic I Wave adjustable bed, \$1,000, 467-3489.

Hay – lg. rnd. mixed grass or prairie, 1,000 lbs., 396-2206.

Firewood – oak, you haul, \$60/rick, 2.5 miles west of Avant county rd. 2230, 263-2139.

Refrigerators – G.E. side-by-side, almond, GC, \$200 OBO; white frost-free, missing bottom crisper drawers, GC, \$100 OBO, 946-5940, after 6 p.m.

2 12-gauge pump shotgun, \$500 or \$300, your choice; 1 20-ga. pump shotgun, rib-pad, lots of extras, \$500 OBO; aluminum windows \$8 ea., or all for \$66, EC; full metal desk, GC, \$40; lg. wood & glass entertainment center, \$40; 2 med. microwave ovens, EC, \$35 ea., 338-2766.

Beige carpet, hi-lo weave, about 9'x12', never used, \$75; upright marine locker, about 6' tall, good for storing fishing gear & life jackets, \$95; candle molds, 30, various sizes & shapes, \$85, 371-5998.

Hay – bluestem & mixed grass 4'x5' rnd. bales, net wrapped, good quality, can load, 396-3202.

Handcrafted 55"x72" double fleece throws, Hannah Montana, High School Musical & others, 371-3459.

4 tires, 215-65-R16, like new, \$100, 693-3839.

Firewood – free, mixed, you cut; second cut 2008 mixed sq. & rnd. bales of hay, clean, 814-4944.

Complete set tattooing equipment, \$500, 398-3109.

2 natural gas floor space heaters, \$50 ea.; GM metric body race car cage, \$200 OBO; wall-mount GymPac 2500 weight machine, \$50, 639-6823.

17" English saddle, w/48" girth & 3 pads, EC, \$150; genuine Crump show harness, Arab-Morgan size, blk. w/red pinstripe, EC, \$1,500 or trade, 845-5978.

2 antique dressers, \$100 ea., 440-6566.

Oak table & 2 benches w/under storage, blk. Southwest upholstery, EC; Remington 700 .223 cal., w/nice scope, EC; 1,000 lbs. quality bermuda horse hay, 4'x5' rnd. & sm. sq.; 13" color TVs, 3 for \$85; Jack Nicklaus golf clubs & bag, \$100; 12-volt boat dash gauge & key switch set, \$100; boating ski vests, \$15, \$20, \$25, 283-2777.

FREE – firewood, you cut, Skiatook area, 351-2113.

Used, medium-size dog houses & metal feeders purchased from Wal-mart & Atwoods, \$20 for dog houses, \$10 for feeders, 440-9544.

Shelter for goats, sheep, etc., \$85 OBO, 260-6687.

Over 100 books – Westerns, Louis Lamour, etc. – in small bookcase, \$75; over 100 mixed assortment books, including Westerns, in small bookcase, \$65; 10 aluminum full-glass patio & storm doors, \$15 ea., 272-7811.

Woodstove, made w/14-inch thick pipe, \$150; Goodyear Workhorse LT 7.50 16, 60% tread, \$40, 273-8622.

Sears 5 hp leaf/limb shredder, \$150, 396-1868.

Girls twin-size quilt set, \$35; baby bed, EC, \$35; Teddy Bear collection, buy 1 or all; antique school desk, \$20; white metal horse bench, \$125; Big Wheel trike, \$40; Coke-Cola pop display rack, \$25, 396-7004.

Golf clubs – 1 set of Tight Lie irons, 3 thru lob wedge, \$100, 341-4595.

Bedside commode, EC, \$30; electric wheel chair, \$500; walker, EC, \$35; ceramic kiln, 220-volt electric, EC, \$175; 30 molds @\$7.50 ea., or \$160 for all; kiln & molds together for \$335; long dresser w/wood drawers, EC, \$35; used push mower, needs some work, \$15; aluminum windows \$8 ea., \$60 for all, EC; storm door free w/windows, 338-2766.

Cars & Trucks

1986 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, nice family car, 68,346 miles, \$6,000, 371-5212.

1987 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, very nice, \$2,000, 341-4595.

1994 Silverado pickup, EC; 1976 Caprice Classic, EC, 371-3496.

1997 Chevy Suburban LT, 5.7L, V8, FI, 2WD, leather Anaheim conversion pkg., class III tow hitch, \$3,000, www.TheClays.com, 841-6066.

3 parts cars, 1 complete car, all are older Mustangs, all for \$2,500, 333-3974.

1966 Chevy C10 pickup, extra front clip, original straight 6 cyl., \$1,000; 1991 Ford Explorer, needs transmission, \$1,000, 851-2566.

2001 red Chevy Venture van, V6, 121K miles, \$3,000, 371-9095.

1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited, 4x4, leather interior, 4.0L straight six, GC, \$1,800; 1988 Ford Bronco II, 4x4, body & interior in EC, \$1,800; 1984 Ford Bronco XLT, 4x4, blk., chrome wheels, running boards, flares, 351 HO, \$2,600, 371-8724.

1986 Chevy 3/4-ton pickup, new transmission, good tires, \$950, 245-8258.

2001 Mercury Mountaineer 5.0, V8, all WD, auto, power windows & locks, auto OD, alloy wheels, AM/FM/CD/Cassette, cruise, tinted windows, power drivers seat, EC in & out, 88K miles, \$6,750 OBO, 607-4441.

1984 Ford F-150, power steering, brakes, lots of new parts, need carburetor work, \$1,250 OBO, 906-4748.

CLASSIFIEDS

1990 Ford F-150, AC & cruise, good tread, needs some body work, but dependable work truck, \$1,200; 1979 Chevy 350 1/2-ton, 4WD truck, body straight, in process of being re-done, runs good, 946-5940.

1 owner, Ford Expedition, Eddie Bauer edition, quad bucket seats, 3rd row bench, red w/tan interior, gargage-kept, 47K, 371-8783.

Equipment

Rebuilt Ford 390 V8 motor, w/transmission, \$400, 638-3943.

1 sheetrock lifter, used once, \$150, 371-3437.

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

PJ utility trailer, 16'x6.5' dovetail, fold down ramp, brakes, EC, \$1,500, 688-9521.

Sears special edition 42" mower, 42" deck, motor needs work, \$325, 396-7004.

Western snow blade, HW 10', hydraulic & joy stick control, light bar & bracket for F-700 truck, \$3,500, 636-4834.

1959 John Deere 730 Wheatland, soft lively, like new tires, very good mechanical condition, new paint & decaled ready, \$79,000; 1947 electric-start John Deere roll-o-matic, new battery & lights, rock shaft, good tires, excellent paint, straight metal, has 2 row cult-mounted, \$2,950, 371-5280.

2008 6'x12' utility trailer, 24" rails & gate, \$1,000, 283-1003.

Quincy 10 hp air compressor, single-phase w/starter box, 120-gal., horizontal tank, fresh overhaul on electric motor, \$1,000, 273-8457.

Auto transmission for Ford pickup, C-4, long shift & T/C, \$150, 338-2766.

5th wheel for RV, articulating, goose-neck plate, \$225, 371-5998.

5/8" cable, 100' lengths, 50c/ft.; Massey Ferguson tractor, \$3,500; 1946 Ford 9N tractor, \$2,750; 16' bumper pull-style stock trailer, \$1,100, 5' brush hog, \$250, 706-1293.

5'x8' utility trailer, 2' sides; garden tillers, 371-3496.

Anderson 24"x36" double pane window, \$50; 48" half-round double pane window, \$50; 2 full, 2 half, 9' concrete pillar w/caps & bases, \$400; 50' rolls vented ridge cap, \$20/roll or \$50 for all 3; sheetrock hoist, \$175, 214-6667.

4'x5' utility trailer, \$150; Craftsman professional router, 2 hp, \$70; 1,250-watt Sears generator, \$200, 440-6566.

A. O. Smith well jet pump, \$200 OBO, 283-2777.

Single-axle trailer, lights, railings, tilt bed, 60"x130", GC, \$450, 272-7811.

3 GM Power Glide transmissions, 1993 Ford pickup E 40D auto transmission w/paper work, fresh rebuild, \$700 OBO, 639-6823.

1973 165 Massey Ferguson tractor, w/3 pt., GC, \$5,000, 468-2367, evenings.

16 horse trailer, bumper pull, sell or trade, \$800, 237-7845.

2004 Exiss 4-horse slant trailer, w/full living quarters, leather sofa, shower, kitchen, tack room, etc., \$25,000, 640-1690.

1982 Windpower generator, 6,000-Watt, 2 cyl., electric start, heavy-duty industrial model, runs good, \$400 OBO, 766-3475.

200 6-cyl., motor, for 1966 Mustang, runs when pulled; parts for 1986 Ford pickup, 371-7366.

Craftsman table top 5" jointer-planer, \$75, 272-7811.

2006 9311 Belarus tractor, turbo hp, 670 hrs., cab w/AC, heat & radio, 2WD, w/501 Memo self-leveling loader, joystick, 3 remotes, Syncro mesh trans. w/reducer, \$18,500, \$16,500 w/o loader; heavy-duty bale spear can be used for front-end loader or 3 pt., \$300; 2007 John Deere 467 baler, 5400 bales, surface wrap or twine, maega wide pickup, monitor, push bar, roll of net wrap in baler, \$210 value, EC, \$21,500; Yard Machines MTD garden tiller, Briggs 5.5 engine, 1 yr. old, \$225, 273-8622.

E-Z Go gas golf cart, 2 seater, w/lift kit, EC, \$1,500, 396-7004.

New Holland 6' finish mower, \$950, 545-8258.

Livestock

Double reg. Paint/Pinto stallion, 3 yrs. old, easy to handle, great disposition, ready to start under saddle, \$2,000, call for appointment, 231-6052.

AHA reg. miniature Hereford cattle, great for 4-H/FFA projects, as pets or for beef, www.miniatureherefords-sunshineacres.com, 813-2945.

FREE – to a good home, 20-yr.-old gelding, will make good companion for other animals, 260-6687.

1 3-yr. old donkey, 1 8-mo. old donkey, 337-9315.

Double reg. AQHA, PHBA Palomino mare, trail ridden, very safe, \$1,900; standing AQHA bay stallion, foals eligible for Go for Gold Futurity, \$350, 724-9552.

Dexter Angus cross heifer, born 4-14-08, \$700; reg. Dexter bull, born 11-12-07, \$800; Peidmontese bull, born 4-22-08, \$700, 273-8622.

Purebred Brangus bulls, fertility tested, very gentle, low birth weights, delivery available, \$1,500, 695-2357.

Top quality horses, good for kids, youth horse, ready to show, 237-7845.

Registered Llamas, \$100 & up; miniature spotted donkeys, \$100 & up; Hancock Quarter Horses, 3-yr. old fillies; 2 yr. geldings, \$300 & up; Zan Parr Bar fillies, 6-mos. old, \$250 & up; reg. Hancock red roan, 4-yr. old stud; pedigree all red/blue roans, rides, easy to handle, \$1,800, 640-1690.

16-yr.-old grey mare, used for checking cattle, gentle enough for kids to ride, \$900 OBO, 440-3544.

2 male guineas, 396-2206.

Royal Plam turkey hens, \$40 ea., www.TheClays.com, 841-6066

Miniature Jenny donkey, halter broke, tame & friendly, \$300; spotted gelding donkey, very flashy, 45" tall, lies down on command, super tame, started under saddle, loads in trailer, quiet nature, loves people, one if a kind \$500, 845-5978.

Pets

Quaker parrots, hand-fed, weaned, \$150, www.pardotlovers.com, 841-6066.

AKC Pembroke Welsh Corgis, sable & tri-color, tails & dew claws, 1st shots, wormed, 342-5717.

FREE – to a good home, Border collie & Wolfhound mix dogs, born June 23, 2008, 549-8883.

AKC Yorkie puppies, 3 females, born 12-24-08, \$500 ea.; 1 female, born 10-29-08, \$500, 343-9104.

Real Estate

Nice 1,100 sq. ft. 3 BDR, 2 BA house in C'ville, privacy fence, lg. deck, dog run, landscaping, freshly painted inside, move-in ready, 230-1759.

FREE – 1980 mobile home, 14'x70', 2 BDR, 1 BA, no title, must be moved, 955-1830.

45 acres, 5 miles west of Oologah on 4050 rd., between 39 & 40 rd., 371-5211.

2.5-acre lots starting at \$75/month, some mobile home ready, in Pawnee Co., near Cleveland, www.ccepawnee.com, 520-2121

2 BDR, 2 BA, 5-car garage, remodeled A-frame on 9.5 acres, 2 living areas, deck & lg. shop, 695-9313.

Owasso area, 3 BDR home on 8.88 acres, close to all shopping areas, 695-9313.

Lots in new development overlooking Skiatook, hilltop views, covenant restrictions, utilities provided, Wifi service & lawn service available, developer builds energy efficient custom homes, 214-1664.

Taking bids on 3 BDR, 1 BA, 1,200 sq. ft. home to be moved from 10 miles north of Nowata on Hwy. 169, has metal roof, vinyl siding, wood floors, 440-9700.

4 BDR, 2 BA, 1800 sq. ft. home on 5 acres, w/new 1,600 sq. ft., metal building, sheds, pond, nut & fruit trees, fenced pasture, garden, no restrictions, 7979 CR 2145, just south of Hwy. 60, 4 miles west of B'ville, \$179,000, www.TheClayscom/fsbo, 841-6066.

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

Newly remodeled house on 7 acres, 3 BDR, 2 BA, located near Will Rogers Downs in Claremore, can E-mail photos, 798-2352.

RVs & Boats

1981 Glastron 16' boat, w/1972 Johnson motor, trailer, GC, \$1,000 OBO, 378-6989.

2008 Yamaha 1100 Silverado motorcycle, 2,200 miles, EC, \$9,000; 2 2008 Yamaha Zuma scooters, 85 miles, EC, \$1,800 ea., 371-6425.

Camper for long bed Ford pickup, \$200 OBO, 636-1860.

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

1986 Ranger 350, stored inside, Minn-kota trolling motor, Maxxum 54, new electronics, new batteries & tires, hot foot, 3 bank chager, keel guard, EC, \$5,400; motor guide trolling motor, 36-lb. thrust foot control, \$175, 693-0682.

Guidon pickup camper shell deluxe, insulated, interior light, walk-thru rear door, sliding front window, currently on '97 Dodge long box, \$600, 443-2808.

CLASSIFIEDS

1987 19' Glastron, 135 hp, Bowrider, \$3,500, 396-3490.

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

2008 Kawasaki ZX-14, 4,600 miles, EC, selling for payoff amount, 728-4236.

Harley Davidson low rider, basket case, new motor w/extras, \$6,000 OBO, 398-3109.

2000 Suzuki 4-wheeler, 80cc, speed controlled by governor, new battery, well-maintained, runs great, \$1,000, 695-2357.

2001 Yamaha Bear Tracker, 250cc, 4-wheeler, adult-owned, EC, \$1,500, 371-5212.

Services

Small engine repair, 230-0957.

Horseback riding lessons, Western & English, pleasure riding to show preparation, beginner to advanced, beginning at 8 yrs. old, \$30/hr. private, \$25/hr. group, 371-7009.

Horse boarding, pasture w/loafing shed, shed row stall w/small run & pasture access, 10489 N. 68th W. Ave. Skiatook, 346-3068.

Family, senior & sports photography, 331-6631, www.all4UpPhotography.com.

Dozers, track hoe, back hoes, dozer work, pond construction, fence rows, etc. 467-3295.

Drop-in daycare, \$4/hr., 86 hrs. available at \$3/hr., 8255 S. Owasso Expressway, 288-7858.

Tree stump removal service, fair prices, fast service, 694-2297.

Above-ground steel safe rooms, 629-2707.

Residential & business cleaning service, supplies provided, will fit your schedule, reasonable rates & references, 948-3492.

Health & dental insurance, local broker, www.designedcoverageinsurance.com, 371-9292.

Heating & AC sales, repair & installation, commercial & residential, licensed, insured, bonded, 15 yrs. experience, free estimates on replacements, 637-4222.

RV service & repair, heater, hot water, AC, plumbing, electrical, etc., specializing in roof repair & replacements, shop & mobile service, www.GreenCountryRV-Doctor.com, 704-8329.

Lawn mowing, tree trimming, clean up, 341-5652.

Inexpensive air purifiers, great for allergy sufferers, kills mold & bacteria, try one for free, 639-4356.

2 dependable caring & experienced caregivers, AVX to provide in-home care, CNA, Home Health license & CPR-certified, call 371-4252 to schedule appointment & view presentation.

All seasons commercial & residential tractor work, bucket, box blade, brush hog & mowing services, 695-1943.

Bulldozer work, pads, ponds, & roads; oil & gas drilling or pulling, oil lease operating & management, 698-7285.

Register for FREE Gourmet Candle & Soap, check out products & business opportunities, www.naturallygourmet.scent-team.com, 396-9766.

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

Farrier service, graduate of Oklahoma Farrier College, 275-4571.

Birth to weaning calf care, replacement calves available, no out of pocket expense, steer program, powdered Colostrum & milk replace on hand, 96% success rate, 640-4012.

Elder caregiver/companion, Christian woman 49 yrs. old, light housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, Bible reading if desired, personal hygiene care, references available, 341-1524.

Brick, rock, repair cracks, mailboxes, flowerbeds, free estimates, 720-1820.

Mobile mechanic service, diagnostic & repair, anything gas or diesel, tune-up, oil change, brakes, motor rebuild, 519-1603.

Western & English riding lessons, all ages, indoor arena, www.freewebs.com/gallupgirl, between Owasso & C'ville, 371-6938.

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

Portable welding service, fence construction, repair, fabrication, 24 hr. service, 766-3475.

Home repair, remodel, add-ons & decks, daily clean-up, specializing in PermaCrete application, reasonable rates & references, 396-7437.

Brick mason, rock work & repair, chimney sweep, mailboxes, specializing in fireplaces, outside fireplaces, roof repairs, reasonable rates, 371-7366.

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

Brush hogging, gravel work, Ditch Witch, chain saw sharpening, 639-6823.

Professional, personalized dog grooming in your home, certified master groomer, references, Skiatook area, 381-2113.

Professional carpet cleaning, 33 yrs. experience, free estimates, 283-2777.

Livestock hauling, in & out of state, 2 trucks, 2 32' trailers, 2009 hay hauling, fence building, barbed wire or other fence, 814-4944.

Wanted

Propeller for 1976 70 hp motor, 396-1868.

Disabled veteran wants baby beds, bed headboards, any lumber or plywood to make crafts, 694-5122.

Large antique working wood stove, 283-1233.

Owner's manual for American Harvest bread machine, Classic II, model BC-2000, 396-3202.

1993 to 1995 Ford Thunderbird, or Mercury Cougar body in good shape, 906-4748.

Shotgun, Franchi, 20 ga. 48 AL, 371-5971.

Deer hunting lease, within 75 miles of C'ville, 833-2836.

Classified Ads

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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.



Energy Saving Tips

Replace any light bulb that burns more than one hour per day with its equivalent compact fluorescent bulb.

Use outdoor security lights with a photocell and/or a motion sensor.

Spring Outdoor Safety

After spending long winter days indoors, most folks love to get outside in spring, even if it's just to do chores. However, outdoor chores can bring electrical hazards.

For example, ladders contacting power lines cause 9 percent of electrocution-related deaths each year, according to recent data from the Consumer Product Safety Commis-



sion. Landscaping, gardening, and farming equipment cause another 7 percent. To avoid electrical hazards, make sure you and your family follow these simple tips:

General

- Teach children to stay away from electric transformers and substations and explain what posted warning signs mean.

- Avoid damp conditions when using electricity. Keep all electrical devices and cords away from water.

- Place waterproof covers on all outdoor outlets.

- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in outlets where water may be present.

- Only use extension cords marked for outdoor use; match power needs of an electric tool or appliance to the cord's label information.

- Dial 8-1-1, the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number, at least 72 hours before engaging in any type of excavation work. Local

utilities will be notified to mark the approximate location of any underground lines on your property.

Power Tools

- Inspect power tools and appliances for frayed cords, broken plugs, and cracked or broken housing, and repair or replace damaged items.

- Store power tools indoors.

- Unplug outdoor tools when not in use.

- Don't carry power tools by the cord.

Ladders

- Use only a fiberglass or wooden ladder if you must work near overhead wires.

- Never touch a person or an object that has made contact with a power line. 

Brush Crew Locations

2 crews Bartlesville
3 crews Keetonville
2 crews Claremore