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# A Colorful and Busy Season

It may seem Autumn is rather soggy this year – what with all the rain we've had – but it's shaping up to be a gorgeous time of year as Green Country is awash in red, yellow and orange.

I'll confess I'm not really an Autumn person. I much prefer the sunny, warm days of summer, but I do enjoy the beauty of Autumn.

I also enjoy using my fireplace as the days get colder. Getting cozy on the couch (usually with a good book) in front of a burning fire offers such a feeling of comfort and security, I think. The atmosphere and ambiance created by the fire makes the end of summer bearable for me.

Of course, safety is a concern when using a fireplace or a wood stove. Be sure to read the tips on page 11 to use your system safely.

November is a busy month at your cooperative. Members in districts 2, 4 and 6 will meet this month to elect their representatives on the co-op's board of trustees. Information about the meetings

and incumbent trustees can be found on page 5.

VVEC lost a good friend in September when long-time trustee Carl Long passed away. We honor Carl's many contributions to VVEC and the electric co-ops on page 4.

You will also want to read on page 10 about the new program we're offering. The Co-op Connections® Card offers you numerous discounts and savings from both local and national businesses. We'll have more information about this program in future issues of *The Power Circuit*.

November is the beginning of the hectic holiday season. Don't get so busy you forget to notice how beautiful our area is this time of year, and don't forget to take notice of all the blessings we enjoy, just not on one day at the end of the month, but every day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Kay Rabbitt-Brower**  
Editor

## VVEC Board of Directors

District 1 - **Carl Long, 273-2555**  
District 2 - **Jack Bogart, 371-9587**  
District 3 - **Vernon Lewis, 341-5225**  
District 4 - **John Hibdon, 847-2320**  
District 5 - **Jimmy Lambert, 342-4662**  
District 6 - **Dennis Lenox, 396-1574**  
District 7 - **Charles Huerter, 333-3107**  
District 8 - **Ken Howard, 371-4833**  
District 9 - **Buddy McCarty, 272-5134**  
or **272-5364**

**General Manager - Alice Houston**

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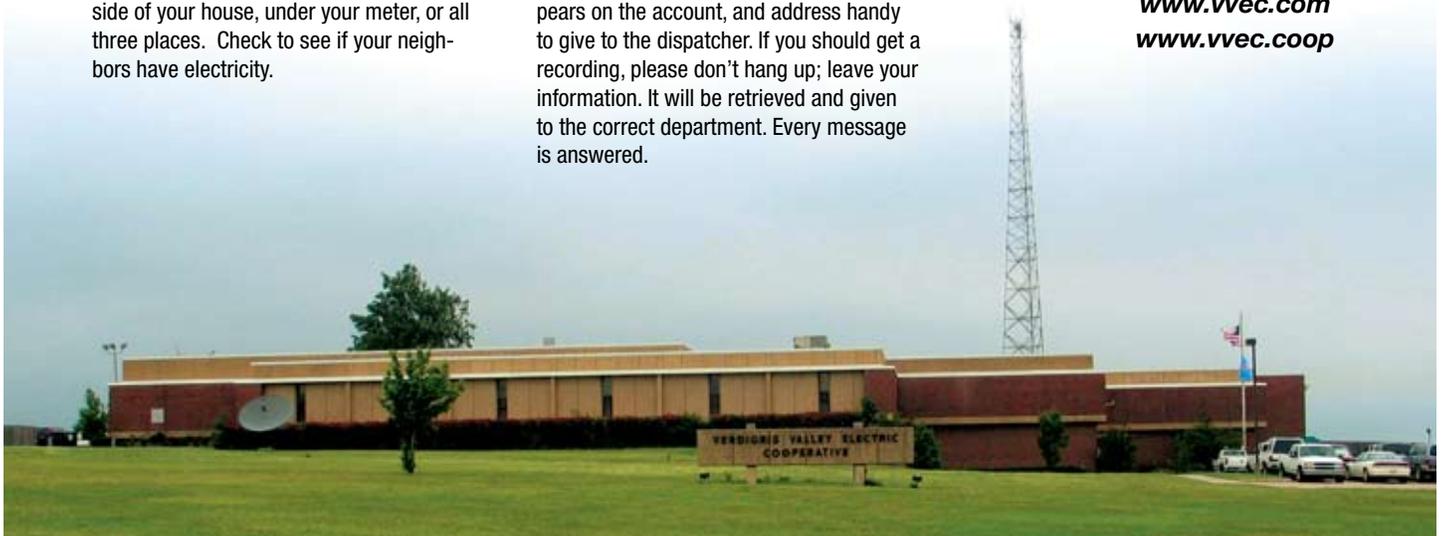
## What to do if Your Power Goes Off

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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# National Web Site Shows Impact of Taking Energy Saving Actions

**TogetherWeSave.com**

Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative and Touchstone Energy® recently unveiled a brand new national energy-efficiency campaign which was recently rolled out simultaneously across 46 states, and is designed to inspire consumers to easily save energy and money.



## November

### Calendar

- Nov. 7** 3rd Annual Craft Bazaar, Faith Lutheran Church, Owasso
- Nov. 7** Pocahontas Club Phoenix Awards, Claremore
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day
- Nov. 14** Turkey Dinner & Bazaar, St. Theresa Church, Collinsville
- Nov. 21** Skiatook Chamber Dinner & Auction
- Nov. 26-27** Thanksgiving holiday

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), location, and a telephone number. Information must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

Representatives from electric cooperatives across the nation convened on August 27 to mark the campaign's debut in St. Louis, Missouri, as Oklahoma co-ops watched live via Web cast.

A new Web site, TogetherWeSave.com, has been established to show cooperative members the immediate cost-savings impact of specific energy saving actions they can take. The site also contains a new Touchstone Energy Web-TV portal, showcasing new energy-efficiency videos.

"Touchstone Energy's 'Together We Save' campaign illustrates numerous ways our member-consumers can reduce their energy bills – and thereby save themselves money – by implementing a variety of changes around their homes and businesses," said Jim Bausell, COO of Touchstone Energy. "Whether

its unplugging unused appliances or adding an extra layer of insulation in the attic, what we're showing is how simple these energy-saving techniques are, so that our consumers go from just thinking about changing some of their habits to actually taking action," Bausell said.

Check out the newest energy efficiency information and take a virtual home tour now by going to: <http://www.togetherwesave.com/>.

"You'll be amazed as you watch your savings grow when you make small changes you might not have considered," says VVEC Member Services Representative Paula Lanni. She adds members can also visit [www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com) to get info on TogetherWeSave.com.

VVEC and Touchstone Energy are here to help you save time, energy and money, so get started today! 



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**Carl Long**  
1927 – 2009

A long and distinguished career serving the residents of northeast Oklahoma came to a close September 5 with the death of Carl Long, 81.

A retired county extension agent, Carl represented VVEC members in district 1 since being elected to the board in 1994. He was elected by his fellow trustees to serve as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer during that time.

Carl also served as VVEC's delegate to the board of trustees of KAMO Power, VVEC's power supplier. He was elected president in May 2008. He had previously served as vice-president and secretary.

In 1998, he received certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association as a cooperative director, and received his Board Leadership certification in 2003.

Carl graduated from Jay High School in 1945 and enlisted in the Army and Army Air Corp that Fall. He was stationed in Denver, CO for 18 months, then returned to Oklahoma and attended Cameron University. After receiving his Associate degree, he earned a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Education from Oklahoma A&M.

Immediately following graduation, he taught U.S. veterans in Grove, and then became the 4-H agent and assistant county extension agent in Vinita for 11 years. In 1967, he became the county

# Farewell to a Good Friend

extension agent in Nowata County, and remained there until he retired in 1984.

He and Midge, his wife of more than 50 years, enjoyed raising cattle on their ranch in rural Nowata County.

VVEC General Manager Alice Houston says "Carl's practical, common-sense perspective, coupled with his easy-going manner, inspired confidence among his fellow trustees. His first priority was always the membership. We are going to miss him."

"It was a privilege to have served with Carl," says Chris Cariker, KAMO Power CEO "He was there to serve in his role as a trustee and did so in a selfless manner...it was never about Carl. His ethics, morals and insight permeated the board room in a subtle but ever present style. People of Carl's stature have helped build and promote the cooperative mission. Thanks to his wife, Midge, for sharing his valuable time with the electric cooperatives."

In addition to his service to the

electric cooperatives, Carl was a former director of the Regent Bank in Nowata, and served as president of Rural Water District #2 for the past 40 years.

In addition to Midge, Carl is survived by two daughters, four grandsons, and one brother.

Members in district 1 retained Carl as trustee for another three-year term in 2008. As per VVEC bylaws, the vacancy shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining trustees for the unexpired portion of the term.

Any district 1 member interested in filling this position is encouraged to visit the co-op's Web site ([www.vvec.com](http://www.vvec.com)) to learn about trustee qualifications. A background check, conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is required. The member information form for this investigation can be picked up at our Collinsville office. It must be returned to the co-op by Friday, November 20. 

## Would You Like to Serve as a VVEC Trustee?

Here are the qualifications, as stipulated in the co-op bylaws

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the area served or to be served by the cooperative; or
- (b) is any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative; or
- (c) has been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to a felony; or
- (d) is a close relative of an incumbent trustee or of an employee of the cooperative, or
- (e) is or was an employee of the cooperative during the preceding three years prior to time of filing or being nominated.

# Trustee Candidates



Jack Bogart  
District 2

Jack and his wife Patti have been members of VVEC since 1980. Residents of Oologah, they have been married for 32 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.

For the past 25 years Jack has been the owner of J.R. Bogart Trucking.

He holds a Bachelor degree from the University of Tulsa.

He was elected to VVEC's Board of Trustees in 1997.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, National Reined Cow Horse Association, and the Bethel Baptist Church.

**District 2 Meeting**

Monday, November 23  
Zion Freewill Baptist Church  
3.5 miles north of Hwy. 169  
on Rd. NS 406, Oologah  
6 p.m. - Registration (closes at 7 p.m.)  
7 p.m. - Meeting



John Hibdon  
District 4

John and Cecilia Hibdon have been VVEC members since 1982 and reside in Barnsdall. Cecilia is a teacher at Barnsdall Elementary. They have two adult children, Aubrey and Adam.

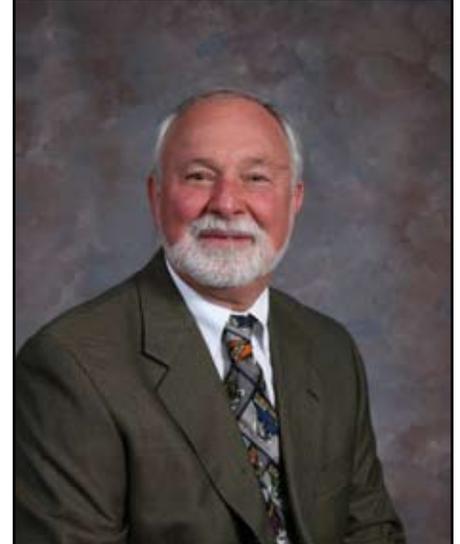
John is a certified public accountant and owns H&R Insurance and Accounting. He has been in business since 1981.

He was elected to VVEC's board of trustees in 1997. He has served as president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, and currently serves as VVEC's representative to the board of trustees for KAMO Power.

John earned a degree in business administration from Tulsa University. He is a member of the Barnsdall First Baptist Church, Barnsdall Quarterback & Takedown Club, and the Barnsdall Chamber of Commerce.

**District 4 Meeting**

Friday, November 13  
Barnsdall School Cafeteria  
401 S. 10th Street  
6 p.m. - Registration (closes at 7 p.m.)  
7 p.m. - Meeting



Dennis Lenox  
District 6

Dennis and Sherry Lenox have been members of VVEC for 35 years. They live in the Skiatook Lake area and are the parents of Justin and Julie. They also have three grandchildren.

Dennis is the executive vice-president of American Bank of Oklahoma in Skiatook. He has been in the banking business for over 30 years.

Currently, he serves as secretary-treasurer of VVEC's board of trustees.

When not helping Skiatook area residents with their financial needs, or representing district 6 members on VVEC's board of trustees, Dennis and Sherry enjoy riding motorcycles, NASCAR, spending time with friends and family, and meeting people.

**District 6 Meeting**

Friday, November 13  
Skiatook Municipal Building  
220 South Broadway Street  
6 p.m. - Registration (closes at 7 p.m.)  
7 p.m. - Meeting

In order to vote...

## Organizations Must Present Certificate at District Meetings

In order to be included in the district meeting quorum count and to be eligible to cast a vote representing an organization that is a member of VVEC, the accompanying form must be presented.

All commercial accounts, schools, churches, public buildings, and towns holding a membership with VVEC must present the Organization Certificate.

This certificate indicates the bearer as the official voting representative of the organization. The certificate must be completed and presented by the bearer at the time of registration.

# Organization Certificate

RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Person's name typed or written in ink)*

who is a member or officer of said organization, is hereby designated of-

ficial representative by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of organization)*

to vote at the District Meeting of Members of which said organization holds a Membership in the Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., to be held during November 2009 for Districts 2, 4 and 6, on all matters which at said meeting of Members may properly come before them; the action of said representative and all that he or she may do in this behalf is hereby ratified and confirmed as the act of

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of organization)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(President)*

*(Corporate Seal)*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Secretary)*

*Complete this form and present it when registering attendance at district meeting.*

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. 

## Holiday Office Closing

VVEC offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 to allow our employees to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Please call 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 to report an interruption in your electric service.



From a Friend's Kitchen

# Thanksgiving Leftovers

My mom's Thanksgiving meal is great. The next best thing, is having Thanksgiving leftovers.

I like to wait until late in the day, then go fix another plate of Mom's dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes and turkey. It's just as good the second... and third...time as it is when Mom first prepares it.

But if you would like to do something different with your Thanksgiving leftovers, then I think you'll like this recipe.

It requires a little more effort than warming up everything in the microwave, but it's worth the effort.

I hope your Thanksgiving meal is not only delicious, but that it is only a part of an enjoyable day spent with family and friends. 

*Kay Rabbitt-Brower*

## Day After Thanksgiving Dinner

- 5 Tbsp. butter
- 5 Tbsp. flour
- Salt & pepper
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1 (16-oz.) can chicken broth
- 1 cup gravy
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups roasted turkey, shredded or cubed
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 1-2 cups prepared stuffing
- 1 egg, beaten

Mix together the stuffing and mashed potatoes. Add the egg and mix thoroughly.

With your hands, form 1-1/2

to 2 inch balls (patties will work as well.) Place the balls on a greased baking sheet and bake in a 350° oven until heated through and a bit crunchy on the outside (about 15-20 minutes.)

While the stuffing balls are baking, make a roux, as follows:

Sift the flour, salt, pepper and thyme together.

Melt the butter. Add the seasoned flour, one tablespoon at a time, mixing after each. (Use a whisk to keep the consistency smooth.)

When the roux is smooth and bubbling, remove from heat and

slowly add chicken broth, stirring and incorporating after each addition.

Stir in the gravy and the milk.

Return to heat and bring to a slow boil, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth.

Stir in the turkey pieces and heat through. (Add more of any of the liquids if the sauce is too thick.)

Serve the turkey and gravy sauce over the crunchy stuffing balls. Any leftover vegetables can be served with the meal or a green salad would be a great compliment.

## Everything Goes

**Premium quality horse hay**, 4x6, net-wrapped, big/little bluestem mix, can load, 468-2213.

**Firewood**, \$40/rick, 341-3625.

**Topsoil**, we load your pickup, \$20; firewood, seasoned or green, \$55/rick, you haul; also campwood, 371-6238.

**Kenmore washer & gas dryer**, GC, \$150, 371-0023.

**Weight machine**; hexagon fish tank w/ stand & accessories, 283-1395.

**White upright Maytag freezer**, \$200; New Braunfels barbecue slow cooker, \$100, 381-2113.

**Kirby vaccum w/shampooer & attachments**, 8 yrs. old, used very little, EC, \$325, 288-8829.

**FREE – 27" console color TV**; 27" portable color TV; 11" portable TV, all work, 341-4636.

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

**Pet cage** – octagon on rollers, 5.5' high by 3' wide, used for parrots, sugar gliders, or ferrets, \$175 OBO, 346-2893.

**Set of aluminum ramps**, \$125; electric acoustic guitar w/amp, \$150, 371-4683.

**Women's snow skis w/bindings & poles**, \$85; men's snow skis w/poles & straps, \$20; 6-qt. ice cream freezer, GC, \$30; electric hedge trimmers, GC, \$5; hand miter box, GC, \$24, 494-2920.

**Solid maple curio cabinet**, w/5 glass shelves, 4 are adjustable, mirror back, fully-lighted, \$165, 341-2732.

**Two gold swivel rockers**, EC, \$175/both; beautiful oak entertainment center, EC, \$375; about 160 VHS videos, \$60; old records; Conversion II elliptical/stepper, EC, \$100, 341-6755.

**Antique hooked rugs**, EC, \$100-\$125; 8'x10' Ramana, black background w/flowers, EC, \$225, 341-5463.

**Hay** – prairie, sq. or 4'x5' rmd. bales, grass - 4'x5' rmd. custom baling, rmd. or sq. 371-5743.

**Piano**, very clean, good tone, pecan color, w/matching bench & detachable cushion & storage space, EC, \$300, 440-7340.

**Hanna Montana handmade**, double-thickness, new style fleece blankets, 60"x72", other characters also, 371-3459.

**Dining table** – beautiful 40"x72" beveled glass top, intricately carved solid wood base, 6 chairs, including 2 captain chairs, w/ivory seat cushions, 376-2269.

**Firewood** – seasoned oak, ash & hackberry, \$50/lg. rick, you load & haul, 342-1334.

**Copy machine**, \$10; 4-drawer dresser, \$10; toddler bed, \$20, 636-6767.

**Ham radio antennas**, 2 Cushcraft 17b-2 two meter boomers w/extras, \$375 for all; commercial made turtle traps, GC, \$20 OBO, 399-9456.

**Whirlpool duet washer & dryer**, lg. capacity w/transferable extended warranty, \$500 ea., 609-6212.

**Men's lg. Pendelton jacket w/ leather sleeves**, EC, \$195; Bassett oak baby bed, EC, \$75; wooden portacrib, \$25; 3 strollers, baby walker, \$8; teddy bear collection, priced per bear; quilts, all sizes & different patterns; baby sports motif crib set, fully machine-embroidered, EC, \$50; Winnie the Pooh crib set, mobile, lamp, water ball music box; 60"x80" braided rug, \$125; antique oak organ top, \$125; antique full brass bed, \$650, 396-7004.

**Kimball Swinger 300 organ**, EC, \$150; 25 assorted pieces of Shawnee pottery, \$175; assorted cloth M&M characters, \$25; 4" Memory Foam queen-size mattress, EC, \$100, 475-2245.

**Coda 8-pc. drum set**, EC, \$150, 342-1556.

**Voyager of the Seas 7-day cruise to the Western Caribbean**, a few cabins available, sails from Galveston Jan. 31, 2010, great rates on group cruise, 1-800-316-6235, ask for Shirley Butler cruise rate.

**Guns for sale**, 536-4215.

**Local pure honey**, 5 lb.; sq. baled hay, \$4/bale; many varieties of bareroot Peonies, \$10 & up, 504-6264.

**Wood desk**, 36"x72", credenza, 20"x72", \$400, 698-7887.

**Everett console piano & bench**, great starter piano, \$400, 266-5142.

**FREE** – windows, need to be removed for replacement windows, many storm windows, 255-6475.

**FREE** – mixed firewood, you cut; sq. & mixed hay, 814-4944.

**English saddle**, 17" seat, 48" girth, fleece pad, 2 schooling pads, \$100; genuine Crump show harness, black w/ red piping, EC, \$1,000, 845-5978.

**Four-pc. bedroom suite**; full-size Denver mattress, EC; 2-pc. vintage bedroom suite, RCA cabinet TV; pink velour rocker w/foot stool; lighted china cabinet; exercise bike; end tables; 40 to 50 boxes of household items – housewares, dishes, small electric appliances, linens, blankets, etc. 428-3295.

**Western saddles**, trail riding, \$145, youth/pony size, \$135; 20" by Buffalo, \$345; 15.5" by Court, \$210; saddle racks, \$15, 698-7106.

**Hay** – 73 bales 2nd cutting, big rmd. heavy net-wrapped bales, \$25/bale, you load & haul, 371-2802.

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

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

**Adidas men's golf shoes**, new in box, 12D, \$60; spa ozonator, new, fits many models, manual, hoses & video, \$65; bermuda or bluestem hay, 283-2777.

**Draft horse nylon harness hames**, 26", 27", 28" complete, GC, \$450; draft horse cart for team, GC, \$550, 625-1364.

## Cars &amp; Trucks

**1995 Lincoln**, very clean, good gas mileage, garage-kept, reasonably priced, 693-0607.

**2006 Jeep Wrangler Sport**, 35,700 miles, auto, AC, soft top, \$16,999, 371-0949.

**1992 Dodge Stealth**, 5-sp., PL, PW, carbon fiber hood, \$1,600 OBO, 341-3743.

**Dodge Ram 1500**, 4 dr., 74,000 miles, clean, 906-0681, after 5 p.m.

**1991 Ford van**, raised roof w/wheel chair lift, 302 auto, OD, PW, PL & AC, \$2,500 OBO, 371-0654.

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

**1990 Buick Riviera Luxury**, pearl white, spoked wheels, V-6, power, AC, auto, 99K miles, \$2,200, 371-2802.

**1967 Ranchero**, good rebuilder, good body, \$1,095, 260-3646.

**1989 3/4-ton Chevy truck w/new white paint**, tinted windows, 38K miles on new engine, \$2,500; 2002 Kia Sportage, electric power/AC, 2-tone red & beige paint; full-size spare tire, luggage rack & floor mats, 20K miles, \$7,000, 482-3295.

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

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

**2002 Chevy 1-ton truck**, w/dually bed, tailgate, gooseneck hitch, Reese hitch, step bunker, GC, \$1,000, 625-1364.

## Equipment

**All metal spudding-type drill rig**, w/3 sets of tools, \$10,000 FOB current location, 333-3974.

**Craftsman 5 hp shredder for leaves & limbs**, \$100, 396-1868.

**7' Brush Hog-brand brush mower**, EC, \$1,250, 344-0153.

**18" insulated stove pipe**, 8" inside, 11" outside, GC, 494-2920.

**Chainsaws** – ECHO, Dolmar, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com.

**Small commercial electric meat saw**, w/6 new blades, excellent for small game or animals, \$650, 260-3646.

**Scroll saw**, \$35, 399-9456.

**Chaparral 2-horse trailer**, goose-neck, cabinets & AC front, \$3,500, 283-2777.

**Small Gopher plow**, \$75 OBO, 396-1397.

**Air compressor**, 220, 5 hp motor; 6' air tank, 440-2332.

**20' car hauler**, \$500, 255-6475.

**John Deere-powered generators on trailers**, rental grade, low hours, any voltage, 25 KVA - 14,000, 45 KVA - 16,000, 75 KVA - 18,000, 582-1810.

Livestock

**Beautiful reg. Tennessee stud horse**, more than 18 mos. old, \$400; 18 mo. old filly, bay Quarter Horse, \$400, 231-4611.

**Two blue-eyed Paint geldings**, 1 Red mare, very sweet & loving, young, 277-0449.

**Bay Roan colt**, 6 mos. old, reg., filly, gentle, \$500 OBO, 847-3610.

**16-yr.-old reg. Paint mare**, brown/white, has been ridden, wonderful mother, \$500 OBO, 640-2670.

**Three 18-mo.-old purebred black Saler bulls**, your choice, \$1,500 ea., breed known for low birth weights, high weaning weights & quality, 396-1397.

**APHA yearling filly**, educated, top bloodlines, fantastic show filly, \$5,000, 845-5978.

Pets

**AKC reg. female Yorkie**, 8 wks. old, shots & wormed, \$600, 798-2352.

**Female Bird Dog puppy**, 1/2 Pointer & 1/2 reg. Britney, good markings, will hunt, \$25, 798-2610.

**Cavalier King Charles Spaniel**, male, 1 yr. old, excellent companion dog, \$150, 342-4577.

**AKC German Shepherd puppies**, working parents on site, shots & wormed, champion dog pedigree, \$395, 371-5890.

**FREE** – Beagles – 1 male, 1 female, 18 mos. old, full blood, no papers, 697-9887.

**Bird dogs**, ready to hunt this season, \$500 & up, 440-2332.

**Quaker Parrots**, hand-fed, weaned, green, \$125 ea., blue, \$275 ea., cages from \$10 ea., or buy everything (30+) for \$2,200, trades considered, www.ParrotLovers.com, 841-6066.

**Australian Shepherds**, fifteen-acre farms.com, Visa & MC accepted, 706-1931.

Real Estate

**RENT** – 3/2/2 brick home, Deer Creek Addition in Skiatook, no pets, \$1,100/month, \$1,100 deposit, 607-4095.

**45 acres**, 5 miles west & 1/4 mile south of Oologah on 4050 Rd., 698-6214.

**Refurbished home in south Nowata County**, 1,250 sq. ft., 3 BDR, 1 BA, to be moved, \$35,000, 274-3696.

**1968 Ford Open Road RV**, set-up in Lake Oologah Mobile Home Park, fully skirted, everything in working condition, partially furnished w/cookware, etc., 10'x10' shed, utilities low, \$135/month, water & trash included, \$2,000 OBO, 341-1524.

**Nice 3 BDR**, 2 BA house, plus more than 9 acres, sunroom, lg. 3-room garage w/new roof, Koi pond, updated w/new quartz stone countertops, new windows & interior doors, new vanities, jetted tub, crown moulding, east of Claremore, 260-2771.

**RENT** – 3 BDR, 2 BA, fully furnished, 2 car garage, \$850/month, 371-2282.

**Lot & shop building at 161st & Pine area**, 140'x100' lot, 24'x36' steel building w/loft, traveling crane hook overhead, gas & electric, \$40,000 negotiable, 234-9107.

**1992 Aspen 16'x80' mobile home**, 3 BDR, 2 BA, 6" walls, 12'x8' covered porch, range & new KitchenAid stainless steel dishwasher, new shingle roof, GC, must be moved, \$8,000, 855-9064.

**10 acres**, west of Skiatook, all utilities available, no mobile homes, 521-8727.

**SALE or LEASE** – 1.5 story 3 BDR, 2 BA home southwest of Nowata, home only or home & up to 40 acres, 273-8094.

**Three 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, S. of Hwy. 60, 4 miles west of Bartlesville, \$149,000, www.TheClays.com/fsbo, 841-6066.

**Three BDR**, 2 BA, 2,600 sq. ft. house on 5 acres w/48'x50' shop, 30'x50' horse barn, stocked pond, pipe & cable fence, 5 miles east of Catoosa on Hwy. 412, 1.25 miles north, \$254,000, 698-7887.

**RENT** – pasture for horses and/or cattle, 536-4215.

RVs & Boats

**2006 Yamaha**, 60 hp 4-stroke outboard motor w/controls, used 1 yr., \$4,000 OBO, 214-3466.

**1998 Rockwood Freedom pop-up camper**, refrigerator, inside or outside stove, heat & AC, queen bed on one end, full bed on the other end, dining room table makes into twin bed, \$3,000 OBO, 467-3574.

**Low Triton-Honda 130 hp fish & Ski trailer**, \$13,500; HO water ski, 4-person tube, \$85; Pontoon new bench, \$250; 3 props \$75 ea./ 2 gas cans, \$25 ea.; ski pylon bar, \$150, 283-2777.

Services

**Quail, Pheasant & Chuckah hunting**, www.okflyingfeather.com, to book a hunt; taxidermy services, www.lakesidetaxidermy.com, 440-2332.

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

**Livestock hauling**, in & out of state, 32' trailers, 2 trucks & trailers; tractor work, box blade, 814-4944.

**Remodeling**, big and/or small jobs, 409-8772.

**Will move small buildings and/or mobile homes**, 341-6856.

**Will haul off old tractors**, cars, trucks, etc. for free, 536-4215.

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

**Carpet installaion and repair**, 40 yrs. experience, vinyl, faux wood, 343-1845.

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

**Build new mailboxes**, repaired decaying ones, will remove rotted box and put in a new one w/o brick repair, 720-1820.

**Tile or cultured marble work**, 2" or 4", step-in or ramp w/full panels, showers, lavatory tops, w/molded sinks, 440-1774.

**Two dependable**, caring & experienced (17 yrs.) caregivers AVX to provide in-home care - CNA, Home Health license & CPR certified, 24 hr. high quality activities of daily living w/personalized care provided to meet clients' specific needs, 812-2513 to set up appointment & view presentation.

**Crocheted names**, 531-2358.

**John Deere-powered generators on trailers**, rental grade, low hours, any voltage, 25 KVA - 14,000, 45 KVA - 16,000, 75 KVA - 18,000, 582-1810.

**Post frame metal buildings**, barns, garages, shops, built to fit your needs, built to last, 333-4221.

**Quality concrete construction on driveways**, patios, porches, sidewalks, pole barn floors, all types of slabs, references available, 510-8205.

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

**Farrier (horse shoeing) services provided by a graduate of Oklahoma Farrier college**, forge work & knife making, 275-4571.

**Attic insulation**, reduce energy expenses & improve efficiency w/additional blown-in cellulose or fiberglass, free estimates, quality workmanship, tax-deductible, 706-4567.

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

**Visit www.NaturallyGourmet.scent-team.com**, for awesome products & business opportunities, register to win a gourmet candle & soap, 396-9766.

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

**Junk riding mowers**, go-carts, jet skis, 4-wheelers, etc. to be hauled away, 255-3223.

**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.

Wanted

**All-traction field & road tractor tire**, size 16, 9-30, 704-8339.

**Used postage stamps for education & teaching**; volunteering to help others, 864-6876.

**Female college student needing to rent a room**, 341-1339.

**Disabled veteran needs baby beds**, twin headboards, plywood and 1X material for crafts, or anything that can be repaired and refinished, 694-5122.

**Fire brick for Old Warm Morning upright coal or wood stove**, made by Locke Stove Co., (580) 716-0064.

**Old costume jewelry**, rhinestone & colored-stone types, 536-4215.

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

**Tortoise shell & Manx kittens**, 504-6264.

**Kelpie stud service**, jack donkey stud service for 14.2 hand mare, buffalo calf, 845-5978.

Will trade 4' & 5' John Deere rotary cutters for one good quality 6' cutter, or sell 4' cutter, 396-1397.

**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.

## Pre-season TLC Worth it for HVAC System

Servicing your heating system is a lot like getting an oil change or tune up for your car. Sure, it's an expense—but it's still cheaper than waiting until it breaks down to call a technician.

It typically costs less than \$100 a visit to have your heating system inspected by a professional, and you won't have to worry about the unit's making it through another season.

Some contractors offer an annual preventive maintenance agreement, which will cost a few hundred dollars a year and typically includes a fall inspection of your heating system and a spring once-over for your air conditioner and discounts on repairs and equipment.

# New Co-op Connections® Program Offers Discounts to VVEC Members

Being a VVEC member now has added value through the discounts and savings you will enjoy with your Co-op Connections® card.

This program offers discounts on products and services from participating local and national businesses.

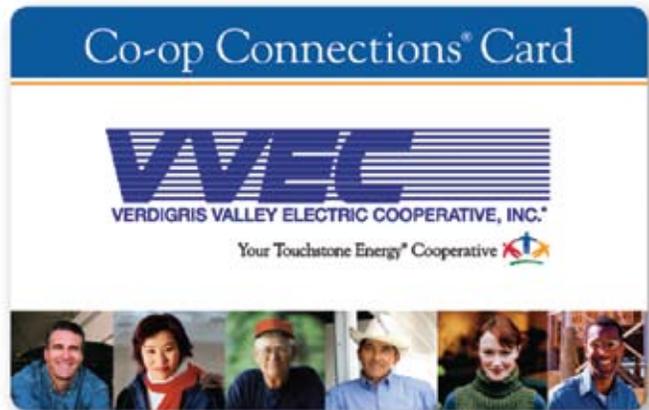
And it's free of charge. There is no sign-up, and no annual fees. You get your Co-op Connections card simply because you are a member of VVEC.

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."

Lanni goes on to explain the program was first introduced to cooperatives across the country by Touchstone Energy in 2006. Touchstone Energy is an alliance of more than 600 electric cooperatives nationwide, including VVEC.

"Participating businesses determine their own discounts, and the offers can change throughout the year.



Members can stay updated about the discounts and which businesses are participating in the program by visiting [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop)," she says.

"They can also look for the Co-op Connections participant stickers in storefront windows or near cash registers, and continue to read *The VVEC Power Circuit*," she adds. "Lists of participating businesses and some of their special promotions will be featured."

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 independent 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*. 

# Use Your Fireplace, Wood Stove Safely This Season

More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces and wood stoves in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks.

Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. Remember, all home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning.

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- Always use a metal

mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.

- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate. 

## Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bill

Here are some hassle-free ways to pay your monthly electric bill –

Web site – [www.VVEC.com](http://www.VVEC.com)

Co-op Office

Night Drop

Mail

By phone through ChoicePay (\$3.95 convenience fee per \$300 payment)

Automatic Funds Transfer (check, credit card, or savings account)

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# 'Beat the Peak' Program Continues

Summer's high temperatures are gone, but the high demand for electricity isn't.

VVEC can still set a peak for high usage when the temperatures fall, just as easily as we can when they rise.

That's why we are continuing our 'Beat the Peak' notification program.

The 'Beat the Peak' program allows us to contact you via a text message to

your cell phone or by E-mail to let you know you need to reduce your electric usage during the 'peak' times of the day.

"We will send out brief text messages on those days when temperatures are going to cause electric demand to go up, and when we need members to reduce their individual electric usage," says program coordinator Paula Lanni.

Peak usage times typically occur in the winter from 6 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 8 p.m.

It's not too late to join the program. Just complete the accompanying form and send it to our Member Services department at P. O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK, 74021. 

## Beat the Peak

Notification Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

VVEC Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Notification Method

Please enter the notification information for the method you would like VVEC to use in contacting you to 'Beat the Peak.'

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Brush Crew Locations

3 crews Bartlesville  
3 crews Claremore & Foyil

### 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.