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# Ownership has its Privileges

Even though September is just beginning, our focus at the co-op is on October.

Not only is October National Co-op Month when the cooperative form of business is celebrated, October is also when we hold our annual meeting of members.

It's an event we plan throughout the year and one we look forward to each year.

This year we will again meet at the Claremore Community Center. The date is Saturday, October 24.

We will have free hot dogs with all the trimmings, soft drinks, and enjoyable entertainment, along with registration gifts, numerous prize drawings and a great grand prize.

We want it to be a morning of fun, when you have the chance to visit with your neighbors and your co-op trustees, management and employees.

But we also want you to recognize the privileges you enjoy as an owner of your cooperative.

There are no issues requiring your vote at this year's annual meeting, but if you live in districts 2, 4 or 6, you will be encouraged to attend your district meeting to select your representative on the our board of trustees.

These are the privileges, benefits and responsibilities of being a co-op owner/member and are unique to co-ops. Customers of PSO or OG&E don't get to enjoy an annual meeting, or have input on who directs their utility.

So take a little time October 24 to spend a few hours in Claremore at your annual meeting. We always look forward to seeing you.

**Kay Rabbitt-Brower  
Editor**

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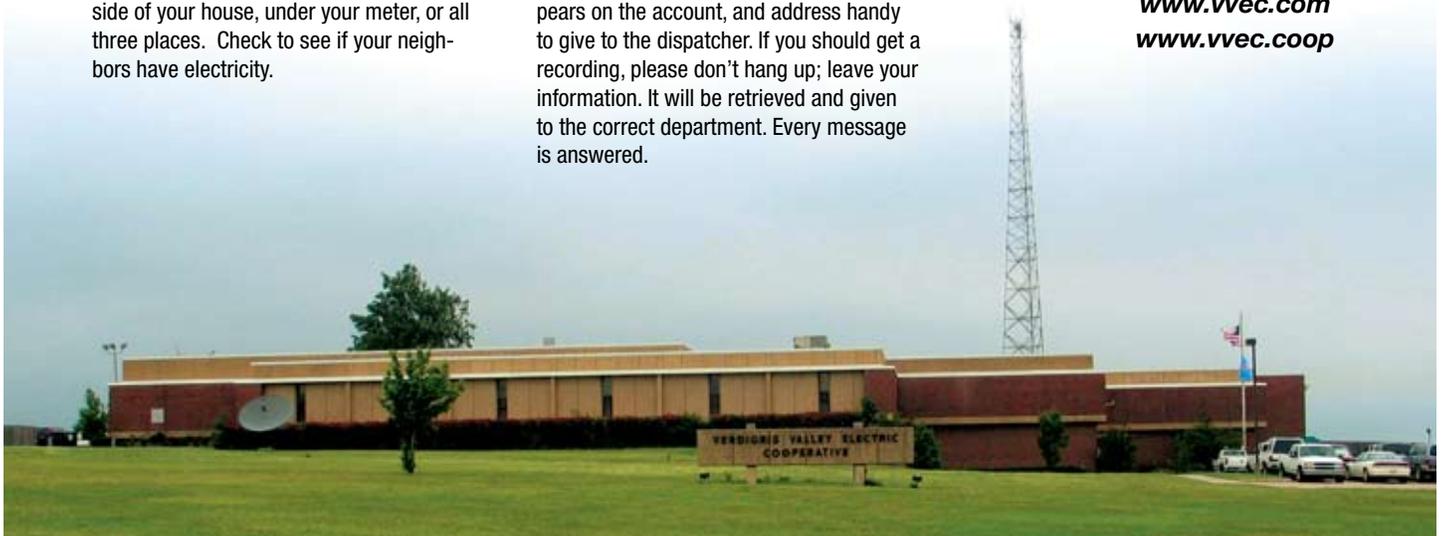
## What to do if Your Power Goes Off

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.
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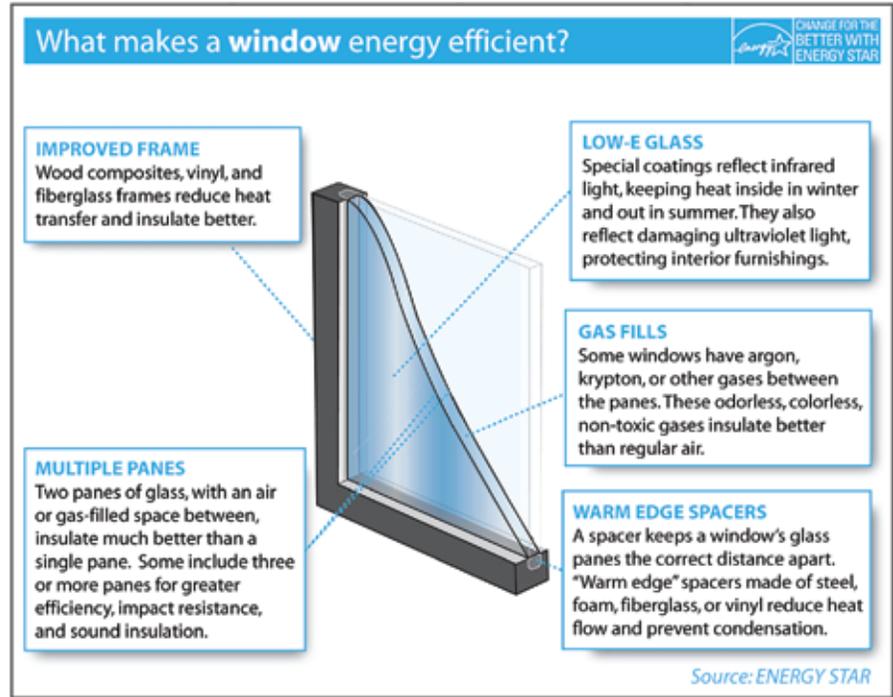
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# Get the Jump on Drafty Windows

Windows provide our homes with light, warmth, and ventilation. But when winter sets in they can have a downside.

Placing your hand against a window pane on a chilly fall morning proves the point: if the pane feels cold, it's a good bet you can reduce energy costs by either insulating your existing windows or installing new, energy-efficient upgrades.

Insulating with draperies is a low-cost quick fix to drafty windows and can reduce heat loss from a room up to 10 percent. And they're just as help-



ful in hot summer months by blocking sunlight. White plastic-backed drapes can reduce heat gain by up to 33 percent.

Interior storm window panels are another low-cost fix (available at most hardware stores), and consist of flexible or rigid plastic installed over or adhered to existing window panes. Installation is fairly simple, and panels are either taped on or mounted with Velcro, magnetic strips, or snap-in seals. Put them up in autumn and remove them in spring to reduce winter heat loss by up to 50 percent.

If you're in the market for new windows altogether, be sure to choose energy-efficient models that will shave heating, cooling, and lighting costs year round.

Energy Star® has established a set of energy performance ratings, tailored to four climate zones across the United States, to guide you in selecting windows perfect for your home. These performance ratings are broken into several categories, although the two most basic are U-Factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC), which can be

found on window stickers or packaging.

In simple terms, U-Factor measures how easily heat can flow through a window, not counting direct sunlight. The lower the number, the more energy efficient the window.

SHGC measures how much heat from sunlight can be absorbed by the window. A high number means the window remains effective at collecting heat during winter. A low number provides greater shading ability and may be best for Southern climates.

Here in VVEC's service territory, windows for the South/Central climate zone are best. Look for a U-Factor of .40 to .43 and a SHGC of .40 to .24. To determine your climate zone and corresponding U-Factor and SHGC numbers, visit: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=windows\\_doors.pr\\_crit\\_windows](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=windows_doors.pr_crit_windows)

You can also visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more details on our climate zone and other criteria to consider when shopping for new windows. 

## September Calendar

- Sept. 19** Skiatook Pioneer Day Festival
- Sept. 19** Green Country Bluegrass Show, Catoosa

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.

# Cowboys and Heroes are One in the Same



Chaz (left) and Chub Brewer. Chub is VVEC's member services representative.

by Kay Rabbitt-Brower  
Power Circuit Editor

Sarah Thomas' heroes may not always have been cowboys, but they are now.

That is after 16-year-old Chaz Brewer and his dad Chub found Thomas' missing 2-year-old daughter Sakari.

Chub is VVEC's member services representative.

Thomas, her husband Fabian, Sakari and their two sons, were camping near Hawthorn Bluff on Oologah Lake when Sakari wandered off in the wee hours of Monday, August 3.

Chub says no one is clear on where the little girl thought she was going when she unzipped the tent where she was sleeping with her mother, and wandered away. Or exactly when she vanished. But when her father returned from fishing with one of his sons about 3 a.m., he discovered her missing.

After a brief, but frantic, search, Rogers County authorities were notified

and a formal search began. In the next few hours, members of area police and fire departments would join the search, along with representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers, divers, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol's canine unit and helicopters, and numerous volunteers. Within a few hours, about 100 people were searching for Sakari on the ground, in the water and from the air.

Chub learned of the missing toddler from a news report on the television in VVEC's employee break room Monday morning.

"I stopped to watch the report and my heart just broke for that family," he says. "I have a 3-year-old grandson and I know if he was missing I would want anyone who could, to help us look for him."

So Chub told his fellow member services department members he was leaving work to join the search.

"Then I called Chaz and told him to saddle the horses."

Sakari had now been missing between seven and eight hours.

Naturally, authorities started the search near the family's campsite.

"People were looking in the wooded area around where they'd been camping, and since that area is bordered on three sides by the lake, divers were preparing to look in the water," Chub says. They were searching on foot, using dogs, mules, and All Terrain Vehicles. When no one found any sign of her, authorities began expanding the search area.

"I got to wondering if anyone had looked over by the PSO plant," he says.

"You know, during the day with all the traffic on the highway and everything, you don't hear the noise that plant makes. But at night...it's all lit up and can make a lot of noise. I just got to wondering if maybe that didn't catch her eye," he explains.

"Her mom said they were 'city folks,'" adds Chub's wife Christy talking about

## HEROES

the Thomas' who live in Tulsa, "and that they weren't used to being out in an open rural area."

Chaz and Chub hauled their Quarter Horses, Copenhagen and Pedro, out to some land they lease near the PSO plant, and began searching.

As the sun rose higher in the sky, the temperature was heading toward 100 degrees. Searchers were getting hot and tired and knew little Sakari must be feeling the same way too.

"We just worked our way across the pasture," says Chub, "and would stop every so often to listen for her or to see if there was any sign of her.

"We thought being on horseback, we were high enough to see a little better, but close enough and quiet enough to hear her too."

They had been searching for about 90 minutes, walking along calling her name, when Chaz heard her say "Daddy."

"We were in grass that was about four feet tall, so I couldn't see her," Chaz explains. "I called her name again, and heard her say 'Daddy.' I had to get down and walk toward where I'd heard her to find her.

"She seemed to be ok, and when I put out my arms to pick her up, she put out her arms like she wanted me to hold her," he says.

Chaz yelled to his dad, saying "I found her!"

Chub rushed to where Chaz and Copenhagen stood with little Sakari. He agrees she looked ok, but had taken off her Pull-Up diaper and was naked.

"I gave her my shirt and we gave her a drink of water. You could tell she'd been out in the weeds and grass, because she had some scratches on her, but nothing that looked serious. She looked like she might have been asleep too. I squatted down and sat her on my thigh and she asked about her daddy again. I told her he was on his way."

Chub notified the authorities they'd found her, and were told an ambulance was being dispatched to their location.

Once authorities verified she was the little girl they were searching for, medi-

cal personnel checked to see if she had any injuries. "They agreed she looked ok, but of course, they took her on to the hospital to be checked out," Chub says.

Authorities radioed the command post to let everyone know the little girl had been found – alive – and seemed to be ok. It was just after 11:30 a.m. and little Sakari had been missing between eight and a half and nine and a half hours.

"Her parents were so relieved," says Christy. "They were afraid they were going to get bad news. Some of their family from out of state were on their way here so they could be with them if the news was bad."

Chaz and Chub agree her parents could have easily gotten bad news.

"She could have fallen in the lake, or gotten hit crossing the highway (State Highway 88), or fallen into some ponds near the PSO plant, or even fallen off a 20-foot drop by the plant," says Chub. "The helicopters flew over us probably four times and they couldn't see her because the grass was so tall. It's just a miracle she was found and that she was alright."

Because of media attention focused on the search, both Brewers became instant celebrities; something that doesn't sit easily with either one of them.

"It was a little embarrassing when

I went to sign up for the (Bartlesville Round-Up Club Green Country) rodeo a few days later," says Chaz. "One of the ladies asked me if I was the one who found the little girl."

"When he got ready to compete, the announcer told everyone 'this is the young man who found the little girl who was lost,' and had everyone give him a big hand," Christy says.

"Yeah, it was kinda embarrassing," Chaz says quietly.

"I don't think any of us who know Chub found it out of the ordinary that his first thought was 'How can I help?'" says VVEC General Manager Alice Houston. "He's a generous individual and someone who genuinely cares about people – those he knows and those he doesn't know. He and Christy have raised their family to be that way, too."

Houston goes on to say "Although we may view them as heroes, I don't think they feel that way.

"After the little girl was found, Chub and Chaz went home, put up the horses, cleaned up and Chub came back to work. They had succeeded in doing what they set out to do and they returned to their daily responsibilities."

When asked what made them choose to search in an area away from the formal search, Chub grins and pauses as if to gauge the weight of his response.

"I guess I just had a feeling. Something just told me to look over here." 



Map by Oologah Lake Corps Office and Oologah Lake Leader

# Benefit of Co-op Ownership

## Trustees Vote to Return \$500,000 in Capital Credits

They say seven is a lucky number. If so, VVEC members are certainly lucky. For the seventh consecutive year, your board of trustees has approved returning \$500,000 in capital credits. The amount will appear as a credit on your October electric bill.

Capital credits are one of the benefits of cooperative ownership and are unique to the cooperative form of business. According to the co-op's auditing firm – Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby – one dollar in five of the co-op's equity has been returned to the members in the form of capital credit retirements.

Clyde Willard, VVEC director of finance, says about 65 percent of that amount, or about \$325,000, will be paid to members who were receiving electricity from the co-op in 2008. The remaining 35 percent, or about \$175,000, is being returned to members who were receiving power in 1980. Refund amounts are based on the usage of each member during 1980 and 2008.

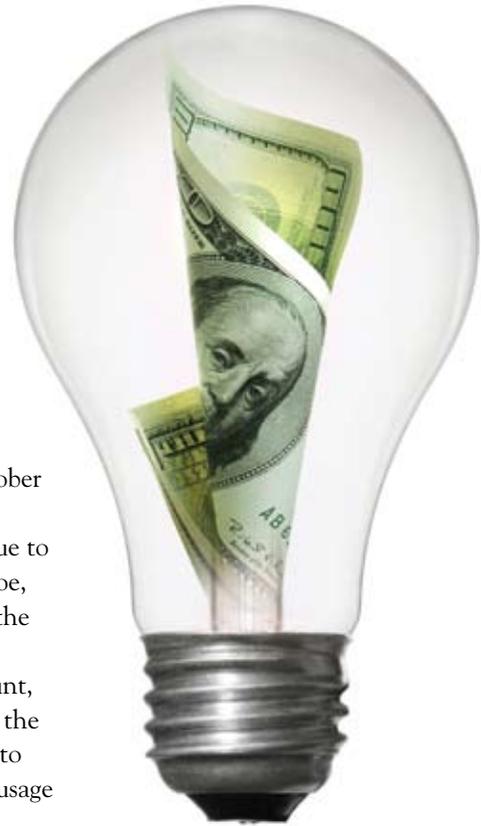
As in the past, the credit will be identified as a 'patronage refund' and will be subtracted from the total amount due on your October bill.

Willard says members with multiple accounts will receive one credit on their membership account. That one credit will reflect the total accumulated capital credit refund from all of their accounts.

Willard says this is the sixteenth consecutive year capital credits have been returned, adding \$12,093,488 has been returned since VVEC was founded.

Former VVEC members will be sent a check for their refund if it is \$5 or more. Lesser amounts will be held in each individual's capital credit account until it reaches the \$5 minimum.

If you have questions about your capital credit refund, please call one of our consumer representatives at 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. 




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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

# Healthy and Fun Snack

No matter what advances are made in our schools, nothing has changed about kids still coming home at the end of the day hungry for a snack.

The challenge for parents is to have snacks on hand that are healthy.

This month's recipe is a delicious way to get your students to eat fruit, plus it can be made ahead of time. You can even include the kids when making it.

These are also good to take to class parties, or as your contribution to such things as Boy or Girl Scout functions, Halloween parties, or church youth group gatherings.

There are a few tips I want to share to help make this an enjoyable, useful recipe for you, though.

Spritz the apples with lemon juice before placing them in the refrigerator.

Melting the chips or almond bark in a double-boiler instead of the microwave seems to make it adhere better to the apples.

And make sure the apples are dry before dipping them. 

*Kay Rabbitt-Brower*

## Mini Caramel Apples

- 4-inch lollipop sticks
- Melon baller
- Granny Smith apples or apples of your choice (one apple makes about 8 mini apples)
- Butterscotch or peanut butter chips, or almond bark
- Chopped nuts, nonpareils, sprinkles, shredded coconut (optional)
- Small paper candy cups

First, cut the lollipop sticks in half at an angle (the pointy end will go into the apple pieces easier.) With the melon baller, scoop little balls out of the apple. Each ball should have a section of apple peel. Push half of a lollipop stick into the peel of each ball.

Pat the apple pieces dry.

Melt the chips according to the package directions. (Using a double-boiler works best.) Dip and swirl the mini apples in the melted chips, then roll the apples in nuts, sprinkles, nonpareils, or coconut, if desired. Place the mini apples in paper candy cups to set.

## Everything Goes

**Maytag lg. capacity automatic washer**, \$225; Maytag lg. capacity electric dryer, \$125, 272-3900.

**Chickering piano w/stool**, \$100 OBO; brown leather sofa & love seat, \$300 OBO, 273-2338.

**Hay** – this year's rnd. 5'x6' twine wrapped, \$20, 255-6321.

**Circuit Trainer Home Gym**, uses hydraulic resistance, over 50 exercises, w/music CD, \$300 OBO, 232-6582.

**1989 EZ-GO electric golf cart**, fresh batteries, GC, \$1,300, 269-0206.

**Oak trailer board floors**, 273-1027.

**Four-station weight lifting equipment**, w/leg presses, bench press, lateral pull, squat rack & attachments, also can sell free weights & bench, \$100, 342-5495.

**Pure local honey**, 504-6264.

**Firewood** – seasoned, \$40/rick, 272-5796.

**Hand-crafted Hannah Montana & High School Musical fleece throws**, double thickness, 371-3459.

**Pioneer speaker system**, wood grain finish, blk. front, call for dimensions, \$35/set, 283-8049.

**New & used Western saddles**, starting at \$125; lots of misc. tack, 698-7106.

**Agrifab 38" lawn sweeper**, \$125; floor model drill press, 12 speed, \$125; 2 rolls barbless fence wire, \$45 ea., 272-7811.

**32" flat screen TV w/pedestal stand**, EC, \$150; Sears upright 19.5 cu. ft., frostless freezer, GC, \$150, 698-0344.

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

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

**Dog training collar battery used very little**, \$50; new underground dog fence, 500', line never in ground, \$100, 396-1589.

**Dog box for pickup**, 2 compartments, 1' sq. tubing frame w/aluminum skin, holds more than 4 dogs, will E-mail photo on request, \$85, 695-7628.

**Chain link dog pen**, 5.5' x 6' x 12', \$100, 698-3458.

**White's Surfmaster II Plus metal detector**, for underwater or beach hunting, EC, \$295, 371-2376 after 4 p.m.

**Four Burial plots in Memorial Park Cemetery**, \$700 ea., easy access, 272-3927.

**Old barn wood**, GC; canning jars, pint-size or smaller, full or empty, 504-5452.

**Hay** – 900# bermuda horse hay, \$25-\$50; frost-free refrigerator, washer & dryer, Hotpoint washer, prices vary; furniture, clothing, baby items, exercise equipment, sporting goods, much more, prices vary, 271-1746.

**Hay** – good quality horse & cattle hay, 4'x5' rnd. bales, net wrapped, not rained on, 341-4103.

**LG brand side-by-side stainless steel refrigerator**, 1 yr. old, \$400, 609-5463.

**Hay** – prairie, 4'x5' net wrapped bales, 2008 & 2009, 697-6443.

**China** – Apple Blossom pattern, full set for 8, w/gravy boat, vegetable bowl, platter, sugar & creamer, EC; Crown Victoria White Lace pattern, set for 12 w/ lots of extras, coffee pot, gravy boat, coffee & tea cups w/tea saucers, platters, vegetable bowls, salt & pepper, cream & sugar, 609-6212.

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

**Sony high definition TV**, 54", EC, \$800, 914-0517.

**Saddle**, 914-0110.

**Hay** – 4'x5' bales, 814-4944.

**61-inch DLP InFocus big screen projector**, 8" deep, works great but bulb is starting to fade, \$799 OBO, 396-1087.

**Fireplace insert w/blower**, 35' of double wall flue pipe, custom wood mantel, \$150; 5 hp push mower, \$10, 342-2715.

**Four 1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC 16" rims w/tires, caps & lug nuts**, \$250; white daybed w/mattresses & sheets, \$100, 341-1418.

**One-burner Coleman stove**, \$16; hand miter box, \$22, 494-2920.

**Cold-spot chest freezer**, 22.3 cu. ft., \$50, 272-5590.

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

**7'x8' wide garage door w/opener**, \$125, 275-4485.

**Sears matching washer & electric dryer**, \$300; antique 4-burner gas cook stove w/oven, \$300, 341-5073.

**1800s antique drop-leaf**, claw-foot dining table, w/6 matching chairs, beautiful wood finish, GC, \$850, 272-9486.

**Corner china cabinet**, 2 upper glass doors, 2 wooden lower doors, dk. walnut, 1 drawer, \$170; Ethan Allen hutch top, 3 glass doors w/inserts, \$150, 283-1070.

**Gas furnace**, for mobile home or any down flow use, w/manuals, \$750; new Ozonator, fits many Jacuzzis, manual & video, \$75; bermuda hay, lg. & sm. bales; 4 stall/trailer mats, \$95; 15" wheel rims, 6-bolt, 5 for \$95, 283-2777.

**Rebuilt 1993 Ford pickup transmission**, \$600; 3 GM Power Glide transmissions; 2 portable basketball goals, \$75 ea.; 46" RCA big screen TV, needs tube alignment, \$150, used Igloo dog houses, \$30 ea., 639-6823.

**Baseball**, basketball, football & some hockey, 693-5182.

**Oak game table & 4 chairs**, 371-4961.

**Camper shell**, fits '87 Ford long wide 1/2-ton pickup, \$75; chrome front bumper push guard, \$30; 8' kitchen cabinets w/sink, base, \$100; 40-gal. natural gas hot water tank, \$50; 4' aluminum window awning, \$20; 6-pk. aluminum Pepsi holder, \$25, 287-4859.

**50 yds.**, used carpet, GC, 693-0607.

**Glass front gun cabinet**, \$50, 272-0341.

**Dehaan .20 gauge side-by-side shotgun**, 28" barrel, screw in choke tubes, w/hard case, \$700, 399-9456.

**28' fiberglass 300-lb. extension ladder**, \$150, 272-7811.

## Cars &amp; Trucks

**1995 Lincoln Towncar**, pristine condition, wonderful ride, 693-0607.

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

**1969 4-wheel drive Blazer**, new motor & transmission, consider trade, 697-6112.

**1992 Jeep Wrangler**, 4-cylinder, 4x4, 127K miles, \$5,000, 255-6713.

**1997 Chevy Suburban LT**, 5.7 liter engine, V8, FI Vortec engine, 18 MPG, 2WD, cruise, tilt, front & rear climate control, AM/FM, cassette, alarm, leather, Anaheim conversion pkg., class 3 tow hitch, 205K miles, \$2,400, www.TheClays.com, 841-6444.

**1994 Chevy Corsica**, V6, good work or school car, \$400; 1986 Dodge 3/4-ton pickup, rebuilt transmission, re-enforced bed, good farm/work truck, \$700, 342-2429.

**1996 Ford Probe SE**, black, 4-cylinder, 5-speed, 1 owner, 233K highway miles, \$1,000, 341-1418.

**2007 Chevy Tahoe**, dk. gray, tint, DVD player, 69K miles, EC, \$23,500 OBO, 396-1087.

**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-speed transmission w/b&m ratchet shifter, 3" body lift, 33x12.50 Kumho MTs, nice wheels, adult-owned & garage kept, \$7,000, 695-2357.

**1976 Caprice Classic**, 371-3496.

**2001 Dodge 1500 van**, cold AC, \$3,800; 1991 Chrysler New Yorker, \$800, both run & drive great, 263-1071.

**Four 1970s VW Beetles**, 1977 VW transporter bus, 342-4507.

**2004 Ford F350**, 4x4, dually, diesel, loaded, leather, sunroof, tow pkg. gooseneck, 77K miles, EC, \$22,500, 640-1690.

**1969 Chevy C-10 1/2-ton truck**, 350 V8 auto, rebuilt transmission, \$3,500 OBO, 371-2316.

**1999 Chrysler Sebring JXI convertible**, V6, auto, AM/FM w/6-disc CD changer & Infinity Sound System, very clean, runs great, 95K miles, \$3,900, 245-5228.

**1997 Mercury Cougar Bostonian**, 4.6 liter engine, V8, \$2,800, 341-5073.

**1985 Ford F250**, diesel, \$2,000 OBO; 1993 Chevy conversion van, need transmission, \$1,100 OBO; 1974 Chevy 1-ton pickup, \$1,900 OBO; 1989 Nissan flatbed pickup, \$1,500; 1988 GMC pickup, 4x4 w/rack, \$1,900 OBO, 639-6823.

**Hunting vehicles** – 1981 Ford Bronco, 4WD, new tires, battery & starter, \$750; 1979 Chevy Blazer, 4WD, \$1,200, or both for \$1,800, 760-9526.

**1998 Toyota Camry CE**, 4-dr., power windows, locks & steering, cruise, cold AC, 180K miles, great first car for students, \$4,900, 443-2277.

**1993 Ford Bronco Eddie Bauer edition**, good body & interior, \$2,300 OBO, 288-2224.

**2001 S-type Jaguar**, executive driven, 3.0 liter, all power, moon roof, leather, navy exterior, tan interior, GC, 102K miles, \$7,500, 609-6929.

**2003 Dodge quad-cab pickup**, 5-sp. w/overdrive, long bed, 13,500 miles, \$12,500 OBO, 214-5907.

**2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser Turbo**, white, loaded, leather, power locks & windows, AM/FM, CD stereo, cruise, heated seats, sun roof, low profile wheels, new tires, 25-35 mpg., low miles, EC, \$6,500, 341-7540.

**1989 GMC short**, wide bed pickup, for parts, no title, \$200, 282-9977.

**1988 F150**, 4x4, for parts, no motor, 341-2675.

**2004 GMC Envoy SLT**, 1 owner, 58K miles, EC, \$13,500, 371-4906.

**Equipment**

**250 Hobart welder w/10,000-Watt generator**, on trailer, 2 tool boxes, spare tire, bottle rack & cover for welder, 779-5913.

**Troy-Bilt riding lawn mower**, 42" cut, 18 hp., manual included, EC, \$550, 371-3614.

**Nice Iron Ox cargo trailer**, side door, double back doors, electric brakes, single axle, lights, GC, \$2,250, 609-5249.

**Riding mower**, 38" cut, 11 hp, \$250; Craftsman 10" table saw, \$80; bench model drill press, \$35; Craftsman horizontal band saw, \$70; John Deere 82 riding mower, \$150, 272-0341.

**1952 John Deere 60 tractor, w/belt**, \$900; 6' sickle mower, \$250; hay rake, \$300; John Deere 214T square baler, \$900; head stall, \$150; heavy duty 3-pt. rock ripper, \$225; 3-pt. grader blade, \$175, 273-8476.

**John Deere 450 9' sickle mower**, \$800; Hay Monster, shop built, will hold 210 bales, \$7,500, 766-1565.

**All-metal spudder-type drilling rig**, w/3 sets of tools, \$10,000 OBO, 333-3974.

**2005 24' gooseneck trailer**, dual axle, single wheel, less than 4,000 miles, DOT approved, \$4,000, 371-4683.

**2008 5' brush hog**, \$350, 287-4859.

**Ford 8N tractor**, front distributor, w/brush hog & straight blade, GC, \$1,800; 3-pt. dirt scoop for tractor, \$75; 3-pt. furrow plow, \$25, 396-4769.

**10" Ridgid radial arm saw**, \$150; Delta 6" wood jointer, \$125, 855-6802.

**446 Case/Ingersoll lawn tractor**, 44" deck, 18 hp Onan, HDY. deck & 3-pt., new PTO clutch, mows great, \$750; True Life generator model 5000e, 4,500-Watt, electric start, new in box, \$450; True Life generator, model 4000, 3,200-Watt, electric start, used about 200 hrs., needs battery, \$250, 399-9456.

**Ferris zero-turn mower**, 1 yr. old, 24 hp, 44" cut, 27 hrs., 242-3232.

**Onan portable welder & trailer outfit**, 200 amp AC, \$2,000; 8" Craftsman jointer on stand, \$150; 10" Craftsman radial arm saw on stand w/wheels, \$250, 443-2808.

**350 motor**, needs to be rebuilt, \$200; rebuilt 5-speed transmission, less than 5,000 miles, \$500 or both for \$600, 282-9977.

**Utility bed**, fits 1999 & newer Chevy short bed trucks, \$500, EC, 371-4705.

**Heavy duty work 6' long work bench**, \$125; aluminum tread plate truck tool box, \$225; concrete rake and jitterbug, \$35/both, 272-3900.

**Craftsman 10" radial arm saw w/legs**, EC, \$600, 272-5590.

**John Deere drill**, 13 hole, fertilizer & seed box, GC, \$150; 10' tandem wheel disc, \$225; 3-pt. scoop, \$25, 275-4485.

**John Deere riding mower**, 48" cut, 20 hp, EC, \$1,350 or trade. 283-2777.

**Kubota ZD 21**, diesel zero-turn mower w/commercial deck, 225 hrs., EC, \$7,400, 331-5460.

**Several spools of smooth wire**; several rnd. bale feeders, 1 lg. one for horses; several feed bunks; 2 heavy made trailers; several steel shelves; 9' dozer blade for tractor, 475-2341.

**32' hay trailer**, self-dump, hauls 8 rnd. bales, 1 yr. old, EC, \$2,800; older Bob Cat, recently overhauled, bucket, spike, forks, auger, tree cutter, GC, \$7,500; car hauler bumper-pull trailer, ramps, wrench, new tires, GC, \$500; 2004 Exiss 4-horse trailer w/full living quarters, rear tack, drop down windows, escape doors, exterior lighting, queen bed, leather sofa makes into double bed, separate shower & toilet, refrigerator, microwave, TV/DVD, EC, \$24,000, 640-1690.

**1973 F250 welding truck**, 4x4, low mileage on rebuilt engine, Lincoln pipe-liner welder, \$3,250, 273-8094.

**3-pt. 5' disc riding mower**, 371-3496.

**Heavy duty box blade**, 697-6112.

**5' brush hog 3 pt.**; 1 angle blade 3 pt.; stick welder, 371-4961.

**Livestock**

**Fainting billy goat**, 5 mos. old, black w/white ring around belly, light blue/grey eyes, \$70 OBO, 255-6571 after 5 p.m.

**Registered Paint mare**, 16 yrs. old, brown & white, very sweet disposition, 99% color producer, makes a great mom, has been ridden but is green broke, sound, \$500 OBO, 640-2670.

**Miniature horse**, filly, Dunn Pinto w/white star, mane & tail white mixed, about 29" inches, AMHA & AMHR-registered, 341-9639.

**Registered Boer goats**, nice does for a flush, excellent moms, give lots of milk, \$75 & up; several show goats, also, 231-3650.

**Chickens**, 847-2860.

**Haflinger mare**, 5 yrs. old, bred to donkey Jack; 1 donkey Jack for sale or trade for equal value; registered buckskin gelding, 11 yrs. old, ranch horse, \$3,000, 408-5040.

**Foundation Quarter Horses**, stud, brood mares, fillies & geldings, all colors, \$300 & up, 640-1690.

**Registered Appaloosa mare**, 9 yrs. old, 914-0110.

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

**Pets**

**Australian Shepherds**, 706-1931.

**Anatolian Shepherd & Great Pyrenees crossbred puppies**, parents both livestock guardian dogs, \$50 ea., 331-5460.

**Quaker parrots**, hand-fed, green, \$150 ea., blue, \$275 ea., cages from \$5 ea., or buy everything (30 plus) for \$3,500, trades considered; New Zealand White rabbits, great for pets or meat, babies born this Spring, \$10 ea., www.TheClays.com, 841-6066.

**Registered puppies** – Welch Corgis or Boston Terriers, \$250; Boxer, \$250; Jack Russells, \$125; all wormed & shots, pair of sable Welch Corgis, breeder, 4 yrs. old, brindle female Boxer, 3 yrs. old, nice pet, \$125, 335-1322.

**Registered one-year-old male Mini-Schnauzer**, salt & pepper, very sweet, \$150; registered 11-mo.-old female Mini-Schnauzer Phantom, \$150, 440-2413.

**Blue Heeler/Australian Shepherd puppies**, out of working parents, beautiful markings, 5 females, 1 male, all shots, \$125, 440-1625.

**FREE** – female American Bulldog, neutered, about 2 yrs. old, very sweet; 3 Pymy goats as pets – 2 females, 1 male, 342-3372.

**Champion Walker Coon dogs**, 6-yr. old female, \$850; 3-yr.-old male, \$575, 440-3685.

**German Shepherd puppies**, titled bloodlines, parent on site, shots, wormed, \$450, 371-5890.

**FREE** – kittens to good home, out of good mouser, various colors, 200-9450.

**Real Estate**

**3 BDR**, 2 BA home on 1 acre, 2 car garage, open floor plan, lg. shop, \$118,000, 704-1661.

**Four lg. building lots**, 110'x150', in Shepherd Valley, Verdigris, all utilities, \$25,000; 2, 3 & 4 BDR energy saver rentals in Owasso & Verdigris, \$650-\$1,295; 2 rm. office rental in Owasso by Smith Center, \$350-\$1,995; Broken Arrow 3+2+2+2, w/extras on W. Elgin, \$1,150, 371-2316, www.homesbyfree-man.com.

**2001 Fleetwood Carriage Hill double-wide mobile home to be moved**, 3 BDR, 2 BA, plus 2 living areas w/rock fireplace, 1,800 sq. ft., huge open kitchen w/bar, big master BDR w/walk-in closet, tile kitchen & baths, total electric, EC, \$49,000, 245-5228.

**40 acres w/3 BDR**, 2 BA, 1.5 story brick home, private drive, improved grasses, Nowata County, \$209,000; 3 BDR brick home for lease w/5 to 40 acres NW of Talala, available Oct. 1, 273-8094.

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

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

### RVs & Boats

**2005 Honda 1300 VTX Cruiser**, w/ windshield, sissy bar, luggage rack, floor boards, heat-toe shifter, set back handle bars, 8K miles, \$5,500, 283-1819.

**2003 Kawasaki 1500 'Mean Streak'**, over \$3,000 in extras, 16,500 miles, \$6,995, 371-8289.

**1991 Harley-Davidson FXSTC**, new top end, valves & pistons, lowered w/ many upgrades, 34K miles, \$11,000, 371-8790.

**2002 26' Mallard travel trailer**, lg. slide, all hook-ups, EC, \$8,000, 371-3372.

**1983 Bass Tracker boat**, w/'83 Mercury, 75 hp, needs battery, \$2,300; 1986 Harley-Davidson Sportster, 1100 cc, \$3,400; 1972 Triumph 650 cc, needs work, \$2,000; 2002 Suzuki RM 250, \$1,400; 1981 Yamaha SR 500, low miles, \$900; 2 Hondas, 450 cc, \$900; 1977 Suzuki SP 370, \$350; 3 Hondas, 305 Scramblers, \$1,200 for all 3, 521-4227.

**2008 Yamaha motorcycle**, 1100, V-Star Silverado, black & chrome w/leather saddle bags, windshield, 3K miles, EC, \$8,500, 371-6425.

**Two 2004 Polaris 500 HO Scrambler AWD all terrain vehicles**, no abuse, clean, well-maintained, \$5,200/both, 200-9450.

**1983 16' Kingfisher boat**, w/60 hp Evinrude motor, trolling motor, lots of extras, EC, \$3,200 OBO or trade, 230-2812.

**2006 Marin Corte Madera 17.5" hybrid road bike**, trigger shifters on handle bar, Shimano shifters, flat Sun and Ski insurance for life, Sun and Ski tune-up for free at beginning of each season, Cats Eye cadence computer, water bottle cages, travel pouches, original manuals, light weight, 398 miles, \$475, 272-9486.

**2000 VIP 18' boat**, w/140 hp in & out MerCruiser, s.s. prop, power trim, red & white finish, needs radio, garage, kept, custom trailer, \$8,300, 852-0061.

**2005 Tahoe 24' pontoon boat**, w/ Mercury 115 engine, trailer, equipped w/ trolling motor, depth finder & live well, lightly used, EC, \$17,500, 331-5460.

**1981 Catamaran boat, 342-4507.**

**2005 Suzuki C90 motorcycle**, 800 cc, V-Twin, black, \$4,350, 263-1071.

**2001 23' Crestliner**, w/220 hp MerCruiser, 2 layout decks, storage, Porta Potty, sink, table, live well, fish finder, 2 up front fishing chairs w/remote trolling motor, seats 10, stainless steel prop, double axle trailer, top & cover, garage kept, low hours, \$18,500; 2004 Harley-Davidson Classic, soft tail, lots of extras, garage-kept, low miles, \$14,000, 914-0517.

**1973 18' Starcraft Deep-V aluminum boat**, rebuilt front to rear, w/1984 Yamaha 90 hp, rebuilt top to bottom, Minikota foot control motor, Hummingbird fish locator, heavy-duty trailer, \$5,500, 333-4221.

**1986 Mallard travel trailer**, sleeps 6, clean, new refrigerator & tag, good tires, GC, \$4,900, 342-2429.

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

**16' aluminum V-bottom boat**, w/ trailer, 9.5 hp Johnson motor, & trolling motor, 440-2113.

**1989 17' Suntracker triton boat**, w/50 hp Johnson motor, new decking, carpet & seats, \$5,000, 255-6713.

**2003 Honda CRX 150 dirt bike**, 697-6112.

### Services

**Will move mobile homes**, and set them up in the Foyil, Claremore, Chelsea, Verdigris and Catoosa areas, 549-8337.

**Will do a neat mowing job**, along with edging & trimming, fair & reasonable rates, Owasso area, 625-9169.

**Dog boarding w/personal**, loving & affordable pet care, \$12/night w/ discounts for additional dogs, lg. covered runs & play yards, indoor air conditioned rooms, food bedding, exercising, playing, walking & chew bones included, excellent location off Hwy. 169, 10 minutes north of Owasso, 938-2609.

**Professional**, personalized dog grooming in your home, 30 yrs. experience, Skiatook, C'ville areas, 381-2113.

**High efficiency heating & AC systems**, including heat pumps, get up to a 30% tax credit on qualifying equipment, 439-1009.

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

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

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

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

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

**Brick mason**, repair work, chimney sweep & repair, mailboxes, all repairs, reasonable rates, 697-6112.

**Alternative health care & massage therapy**, nutraceuticals, injectable nutrients, and more, www.ClayMed.com, 841-6066.

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

**Ceramic tile work**, showers/shower pans, marble & granite tiles, 30 yrs. experience, 698-9944.

**Remodel & repair**, 693-5182.

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

**Janitorial work for small businesses & homes**, good old-fashioned cleaning, honest, dependable service, over 20 yrs. experience, 371-7841.

**Handyman for remodels**, repairs, ceramic tile, wallpaper, painting, installation, free estimates, references available, 520-5945.

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

**Brick**, rock, patching cracks, mailboxes, flowerbeds, free estimates, no job too big or too small, also clean-ups & haul offs, free estimates, 720-1820.

**Welding for equipment & trailer repairs**, fencing & general welding, 341-2675 after 5 p.m.

**A veteran who is a concrete specialist for steps**, walks, house & garage slabs, sheetrock, framing for garages & houses, also do yard work, 902-4870.

**Mary Kay cosmetics**, skin care & glamour products, plus outstanding career opportunity, free delivery, facials & samples, 273-8016, www.marykay.com/pknotts.

**RV service & repair**, AC, awnings, hot water, plumbing, electrical, etc. roof repair & replacement, mobile services available, www.GreenCountryRVDoctor.com, 704-8329.

**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.

**Two dependable**, caring & experienced caregivers (with 17 yrs. experience) 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, 371-4252 to set up appt., & view presentation.

**Remodeling** — specializing in tile & natural stone, also full remodels, 530-7786.

**Fairly priced stump grinding**, no stump too big, 1 tree or a pasture-full, same or next day service, 694-2297.

**Christian home & office cleaning**, weekdays & weekends, sr. citizen discounts, 342-1130.

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

**Post frame metal bldgs.**, barns, garages, shops, build to fit your needs & to last, 333-4221.

**Home repair/remodel/roofs/decks/fences/tile/paint/new construction**, free estimates, family owned, fully insured, carry an 'A' rating w/Tulsa Better Business Bureau, 263-1071, angel@HandA-concepts.com.

**Brush hog**, dump truck, Ditch Witch, & other tractor work, 639-6823.

**Hay hauling**, sq. & rnd. bales, 814-4944.

**Livestock hauling**, in & out of state; tractor work, 275-8053.

**Brush hog**, portable welding, shop welding, 245-8258.

### Wanted

**Looking for a care-giver who can check on me**, buy groceries, run to the V.A. if need be, light cleaning in my small house, light meal preparation, and we can talk about more, possibly have a nursing background, Barnsdall area, 535-2614.

**Property for bow hunting**, within 30 miles of C'ville, 698-1427.

**Junk riding mowers**, appliances, remodel leftovers, jet skis, concrete blocks, etc. 255-3223.

**6-volt generator w/cut out on top**; rear tractor tire, 1100x28 or 1200x28, 494-2920.

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

Lost

**Red bull calf**, weighs 300 to 400 lbs., 639-7039.

Help Wanted

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

Classified Ads

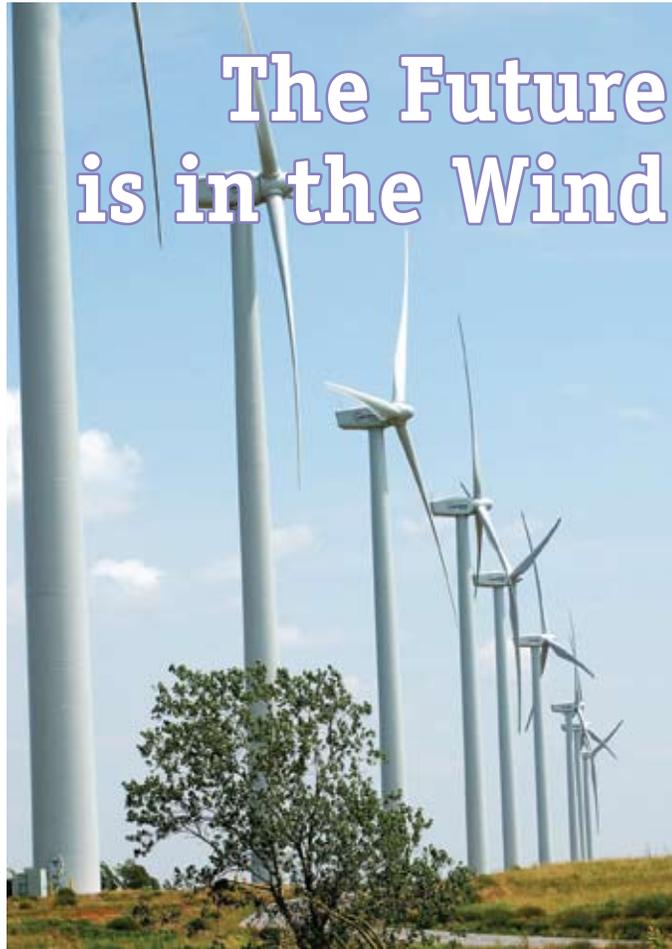
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Your account number, name, address, and a phone number is required on all ads.

As many ads as space allows will be included in each issue. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.

REMINDER

No Classifieds Ads will be included in the October issue of Power Circuit because it is our annual report issue.



*VVEC's Power Supplier is a Partner in Missouri's Largest Wind Farm*

Winds blowing across Missouri will benefit Oklahoma electric co-ops when the Lost Creek Wind Farm is completed.

Construction on the wind farm, located in DeKalb County about 70 miles north of Kansas City, began in July – one month ahead of schedule. Wind Capital Group is developing the wind farm and completion is scheduled for spring 2010.

It will be Missouri's largest wind facility at 150-megaWatts, which is almost as much as Missouri's three current wind farms produce combined. "The 157

megaWatts currently produced by those wind farms can power 45,000 homes," explains VVEC's General Manager Alice Houston.

VVEC's wholesale power supplier Associated Electric Cooperative (AECI) will purchase all of the electricity generated by the wind farm's 100 massive turbines. That power will enter the electric grid at one of AECI's substations.

AECI is owned by and provides wholesale power to six regional and 51 local electric cooperative systems in Missouri, southeast Iowa and northeast Okla-

homa that serve more than 875,000 customers. It is a Touchstone Energy Cooperative.

"This is the fourth Missouri wind farm developed through a partnership between AECI and Wind Capital Group that harvests the wind energy in Associated's service area and invests in our rural communities," says VVEC Trustee Carl Long who is currently president of the board of trustees for KAMO Power. KAMO is one of the six regional generation and transmission cooperatives that owns AECI. Along with generating electricity, it also buys electric power from AECI and sells it to VVEC and other distribution co-ops in northeast Oklahoma.

"This will help VVEC meet our members' need for reliable, low-cost electricity in the future," he adds.

He goes on to say the Wind Capital Group estimates Lost Creek will create 2,500 new jobs in manufacturing, construction, and maintenance, including positions at GE Energy which will assemble the wind turbines.

**Interesting wind turbine facts:**

- ▲ Each turbine stands more than 260 feet high and has three blades.
- ▲ Each blade is almost 140 feet long and weighs more than 14,770 pounds.
- ▲ The rotor diameter is 289 feet.
- ▲ Foundation for each tower is 15 feet in diameter and 34 feet deep.
- ▲ Each turbine generates at 600 Watts and has a rated output of 2,100 Watts.

# Plans Underway for October Annual Meeting

Plans are already underway for our 71st annual meeting, Saturday, October 24.

On that morning, VVEC members will enjoy the privilege of membership by visiting with trustees and fellow members, along with hearing some great entertainment and being eligible to win any number of wonderful gifts.

The meeting will be held at the Claremore Community Center, located east of Route 66 at 2301 N. Sioux.

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

The registration gifts this year are a dozen new energy efficient CFL light bulbs, and VVEC caps. The light bulbs are each 20-Watt bulbs, which is equal to 75-Watt traditional bulbs. These are 'instant on' bulbs with a minimum life of 8,000 hours.

Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m.

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

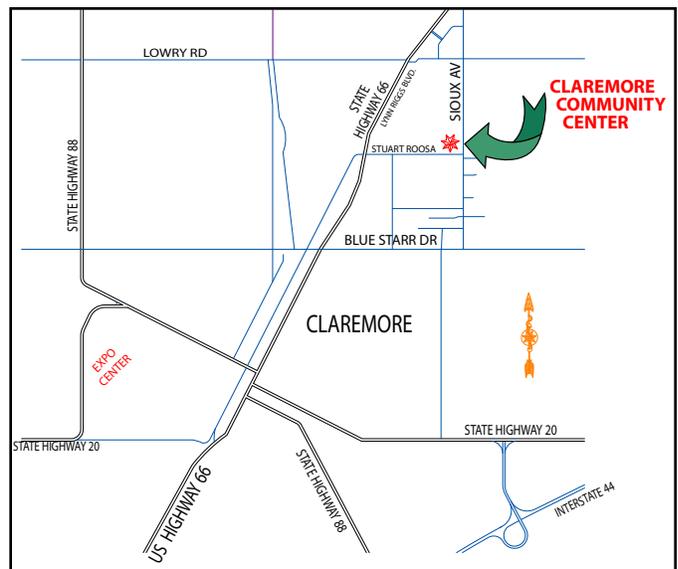
A free light lunch of hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips and cool soft drinks will be served from 10:30 until noon.

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

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

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

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 24 and plan to join us for your annual meeting.



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

