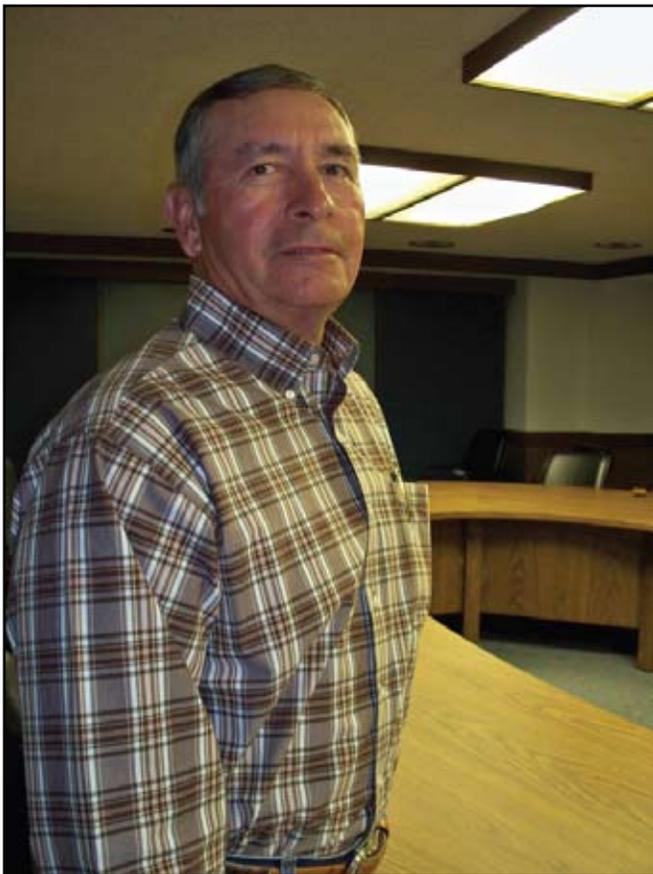


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New Trustee Brings Unique Perspective to Board Room



Jim Brackett

Newly appointed District 1 Trustee

When Jim Brackett retired four years ago, he knew he wouldn't spend his time sitting in a rocking chair on the porch. But he didn't foresee a chair at VVEC's board table in his future.

During the March meeting, the co-op's board of trustees voted to appoint Brackett, a former VVEC employee, to fill the unexpired term of district 1 trustee Carl Long who

Former Employee Jim Brackett to Complete Carl Long's Term

passed away in late 2009. Brackett accepted and was officially seated during the April meeting.

Brackett and his wife Pam live on 480 acres near South Coffeyville where they run a cattle operation, and "bale hay in the summer," he says. They moved their home there after Brackett retired in 2006, bringing to a close a 33-year career with VVEC. He started in 1973 operating a digger truck, and retired as maintenance superintendent, overseeing the service and maintenance department.

"Having worked at the co-op, I feel I have an insight that will help me help the members up here," he says. "There are a lot of people up here who are like me, who work for a living and have families. I think I understand what they expect from the co-op and from their trustee."

He goes on to say he plans to be accessible to the members in his district.

"I want to be able to help," he says. "I think that by being a former employee, I'll be able to answer questions about how we restore power and what is involved in getting electric service to them."

Long was in the first of the three year term when he passed away, so Brackett has about two years to serve before the position is up for re-election.

"I knew Carl," he says. "He was a nice guy and I liked him. He worked hard at this job, and I'd like to represent the members in this district with the same level of commitment as he did.

"There are good board members on the board, and I hope to learn from them. I'm excited about this opportunity and I'm looking forward to serving," says Brackett. 

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Congratulations!

Six VVEC linemen were recognized recently for satisfactorily completing the four-year journeyman lineman certification program. They received their certificates at a special presentation ceremony during the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Standing left to right are Zac Thurman, Clifton White, Matt Montgomery, Jason Adair, Ricky Rimpley and Tracy Horner.

VVEC also received an Award of Excellence for Best Web Site, while VVEC Power Circuit received an Award of Merit for Best Promotion of Cooperative Services. 

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Outstanding

Six outstanding Owasso students are winners of WVEC's two youth programs.

Owasso High School juniors Mikay Elliott and Malakai 'Kai' Hodo will join more than 70 high school juniors from across Oklahoma, for an all-expense paid week of site-seeing in the nation's capitol in June. Riley Larson and Jimmy Stillson have each won \$500 scholarships. All four are students of Dr. Tobi Thompson.

Elliott is the daughter of Kirk and Missy Brown, and Hodo is the son of Larry and Rae Hodo. Larson is the daughter of Curtis and Christine Larson and Stillson's parents are Phil and Cathy Stillson.

The annual Youth Tour essay contest is open to juniors attending high school in WVEC's service territory, but their parents do not need to be members of the cooperative.

Youth Tour Essay Contest winners are (left to right) Riley Larson, Jimmy Stillson, Mikay Elliott, and Malakai Hodo.



Eighth graders Bailey Jordan and Haley McFarland will spend a week at Energy Camp as winners of the annual Energy Camp essay contest.

Bailey is the daughter of Kimberly Joyce and Haley is the daughter of Kimberly and Kenneth McFarland.

While at camp, Jordan and McFarland will take part in the creation and operation of a 'Coke and Candy' cooperative, tour a generation and transmission cooperative, don linemen gear to climb a utility pole and ride in a bucket truck, along with swimming, and visiting Celebration Station in Oklahoma City.

Energy Camp winners are (left to right) Bailey Jordan, teacher Kim Derby, and Haley McFarland.



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VVEC offices will be closed Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday. Please call 371-2584 to report an interruption in electric service.



RECIPE

Grilled Peaches

- 3 Tbsp. white sugar
- 3/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp. freshly ground black peppercorns
- 2 large fresh peaches with peel, halved and pitted
- 2 1/2 ounces blue cheese, crumbled

In a saucepan over medium heat, stir together the white sugar, balsamic vinegar, and pepper. Simmer until liquid has reduced by one half. It should become slightly thicker. Remove from heat, and set aside.

Preheat grill for medium-high heat.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Place peaches on the prepared grill, cut side down. Cook for about 5 minutes, or until the flesh is caramelized.

Turn peaches over. Brush the top sides with the balsamic glaze, and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.

Transfer the peach halves to individual serving dishes, and drizzle with remaining glaze. Sprinkle with crumbled blue cheese.