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The Real Beginning of Summer

The calendar may indicate summer arrives in June, but everyone knows the real beginning of summer is Memorial Day weekend.

That is when we look forward to moving outdoors. We head to the lake, bring out the patio furniture, or fire up the grill. Yes, we know the heat of an Oklahoma summer will soon chase us back indoors, but for Memorial Day we officially send Old Man Winter packing and embrace the sight, smells, and activities that are summer in Oklahoma.

Many of you may have already started using your home's air conditioner, but getting the most from your energy dollars is more important in today's economy than it has been in recent memory. One of the best ways to be energy efficient is to weatherize your home. On pages 3 and 5 you can find information on how best to weatherize your house and to see if you are eligible for financial assistance for your weatherization efforts.

Since summer is always busy, informa-

tion on pages 6 and 8 reminds you of the many choices you have for paying your bill. As always you can drop your payment in the mail or come by the office, but you can also pay using the Internet or your phone.

Also, take a look at the recipe for Maple-Glazed Ribs on page 7. You may want to include it in your holiday activities.

No matter what your plans are for Summer's first long weekend, don't overlook the reason for the holiday. If you have a friend or loved one who is serving or has served in our country's military, tell them thank you.

If your friend or loved one is no longer with you, then take a little time to go to the cemetery. Area American Legion and VFW posts decorate veterans' graves this weekend, so the cemeteries are awash in red, white and blue. You will feel better for having gone and your veteran deserves the remembrance. 

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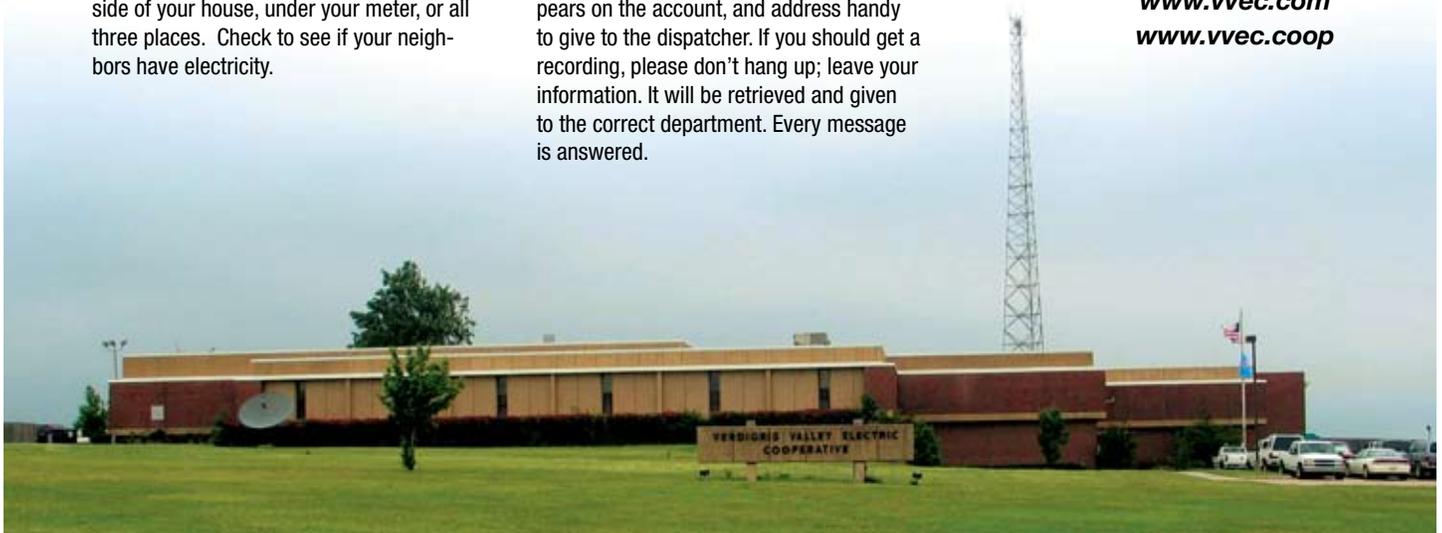
What to do if Your Power Goes Off

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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Don't Let the Air Out!

Get Back to Efficiency Basics with Weatherization

Children running in and out of the house on a hot summer's day may hear a common warning: "Don't leave the door open—you'll let the air out!" But how many adults do the same thing without realizing it?

While you may not leave your front door open, air leaks in the attic and basement let valuable air in—and out!—of your home.

Laura Matney, a Building Performance Institute (BPI)-certified building analyst, advises electric co-op consumers to look into weatherization before investing in other energy efficiency measures. "I certainly encourage the selection of energy-efficient appliances, but they don't provide the amount of savings that proper sealing of air leaks can. We're trained to look at the basics of building science – seal, insulate, and then look at the equipment. If a homeowner only has money for one area then nine times out of 10 I recommend sealing."

For example, the U.S. Department

of Energy's ENERGY STAR program advises addressing air leaks and ductwork in your home before investing in a new heating and cooling system; sometimes, those are the real sources of problems rather than your equipment.

If air leaks are generally hidden, where do you start?

In the attic, there are many small areas where air may come in, but focus on large spaces. For example, if your home has dropped soffits – part of the ceiling that has been lowered for lighting design – be sure they've been properly sealed. These design elements, common in bathrooms and kitchens, are often built before your home's drywall is installed, leaving part of your wall open to air from wall or floor cavities.

Even though there may be insulation covering dropped soffits in your attic, be sure all cavities around the soffits have been properly plugged. To do this, place fiberglass insulation inside plastic garbage bags and stuff it tightly into any cavities.

Pay attention to dirty insulation; it's a big clue that air is moving through the area. Be sure to seal gaps between the attic ceiling and the rooms below, including holes for wiring, lighting, and the attic door.

Weatherizing your home will save you money down the road – an average of \$358 each year according to the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program – but some people may not be able to pay for improvements. As a result of the

Common Household Air Leaks

Most air leaks are hidden in your attic and basement and can significantly raise your energy bill. Here's a list of common hiding places. Seal them with caulk, weatherstripping or other appropriate materials. Thirty percent of your expenses, up to \$1,500, may qualify for an energy efficiency tax credit!

Windows and Doors

Attic Hatch

Wiring Holes

Plumbing Vent

Recessed Lights and Open Soffit
(the box that hides recessed lights)

Furnace Flue or Duct Chaseways
(the hollow box or wall feature that hides ducts)

Basement Rim Joists
(where the foundation meets the wood framing)



Source: Alliance to Save Energy's Guide to Home Sealing

federal stimulus package, families with household incomes below 200 percent of the national poverty level are eligible for up to \$6,500 in energy efficiency improvements. For a family of four, that's an income limit of \$44,100. Information on Oklahoma's Weatherization Assistance Program is on page 5.

For co-op consumers not eligible for the program, the stimulus bill provides a homeowner efficiency tax credit of up to \$1,500, or 30 percent, of the cost for upgrades, including insulation that meets the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code.

There are many more ways to protect your home, including weather stripping doors and windows and sealing ducts. For step-by-step instructions on how to weatherize your home and start saving energy dollars today, download Sealing Air Leaks and Adding Attic Insulation, a do-it-yourself guide to weatherization from ENERGY STAR. The guide is available at www.energystar.gov. 

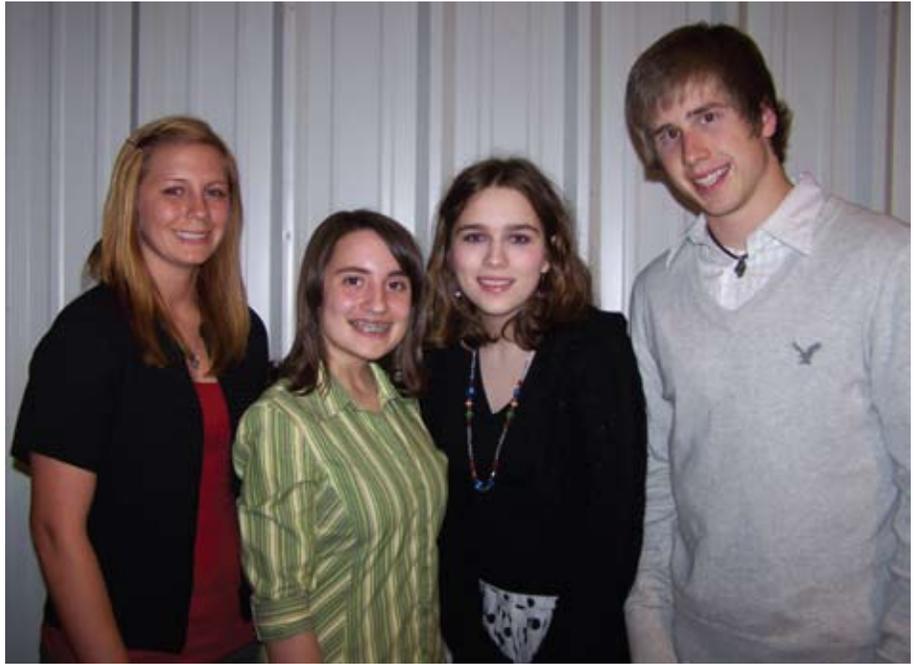
May Calendar

- May 9** Owasso Trail Days Run
- May 10** Mother's Day
- May 25** Memorial Day, VVEC offices closed

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.

Packing Their Bags

Cooperative-Sponsored Trips Highlight Summer Vacation for Area Students



Youth Tour finalists are (left to right) Halen Borrón, Elissa Stiles, Carleigh Houghtling and Taylor Scott.

Washington, D. C. Lots of walking. Summer heat. Climbing a utility pole. Swimming. Sunny days.

These are some of the conditions four area students are considering as they pack for the trips they will make this summer as winners of VVEC's Youth Tour and Energy Camp programs.



Oologah-Talala junior Halen Borrón and Collinsville student Elissa Stiles will spend a week site-seeing in Washington, D. C. as winners of VVEC's annual Youth Tour essay competition. Borrón is the daughter of Reed and Julie Fields, and a student of Rebecca Askew. Stiles is the daughter of Rick and Lisa Stiles and is home-schooled.

Borrón and Stiles will join high school juniors from across Oklahoma and the rest of the nation, for an all-expense paid week of site-seeing in the nation's capitol in June.

This is VVEC's 46th year to be a sponsor of the Youth Tour program.

The two runners-up

are Carleigh Houghtling and Taylor Scott, who also attend Oologah-Talala High School. They will each receive \$500 scholarships.

Owasso eighth graders Sydney Hazelrigg and Cassie Ward will spend four days at Canyon Camp near Hinton as VVEC delegates to YouthPower Energy Camp.

While at camp, they will develop their leadership skills by forming and operating a 'Coke and Candy' co-op, don linemen gear and climb a utility pole or take a 'high ride' in the bucket of a co-op line truck. At the same time learn about rural electrification and possible co-op careers.

They will also visit Celebration Station in Oklahoma City.

YouthPower Energy Camp winners are (left to right) Sydney Hazelrigg and Cassie Ward. They are both Owasso eighth graders.

Weatherization Assistance Program Helps with Energy Efficiency Services

What is weatherization?

The Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is the nation's core program for delivering energy efficiency services to low income households. The program's goal is to reduce energy costs to low income persons by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. Weatherization benefits low-income households and communities nationwide and generates an average energy cost savings of \$300 per home each year. Professional trained weatherization crews perform on-site energy audits using state-of-the-art equipment to identify outside drafts and inspect heating and cooling systems for efficiency. Weatherization crews install insulation, seal off air leaks, make modifications to (or replace) existing heating systems, and make minor repairs to ensure safety. Once installed, these energy saving measures help to reduce heating and cooling costs for years to come.

Who provides the weatherization services?

Community Action Agencies across the state provide weatherization and an array of other services in all 77 Oklahoma counties. The Community Action Agency that serves your county is listed in the accompanying chart.

Do I qualify for services?

WAP has income eligibility requirements. You are automatically eligible if you and/or family mem-

2009 Income Eligibility for the Weatherization Assistance Program

FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020

For each additional family member add \$3,740

County	Community Action Agency	Phone
Nowata	Community Action Resource & Dev.	918-341-5000
Osage	United Community Action Program	918-762-3041
Rogers	Community Action Resource & Dev.	918-341-5000
Tulsa - East	Community Action Resource & Dev.	918-341-5000
Tulsa - West	United Communitated Action Program	918-762-3041
Washington	Community Action Resource & Dev.	918-341-5000

bers receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for the Aged, Blind or Disabled, or cash assistance payments under Title IV (Grants to State for Aid and Services to Needy Families with Children and for Child Welfare Services).

You may also be eligible for assistance if your income meets the federally established income guidelines shown in the chart. You don't have to own your own home to qualify. You may qualify whether you own or rent, live in a single-family home, multi-family housing or in a mobile home.

Is preference given to certain groups?

Even if you do qualify, please be aware preference for services is given to the very low income, persons over 60, persons with disabilities and families with small children.

How do I apply?

To apply for services or to get additional information on the Weatherization Assistance Program, contact your county's Community Action Agency. Contact information by county is listed on the accompanying chart, you can also check the Web site at www.okcaa.org or call 1-866-933-4203 for referral to the appropriate Community Action Agency. 

Members Enjoying Ease of Free E-Bill Service

Almost 4,000 members are enjoying our new E-Bill service to access their VVEC account and pay their electric bill electronically.

Members began participating in the program when it came online October 1, 2008.

“By using this free service, members can view their account, their current and previous months’ bills, check their payment history, and pay their bill through a secured Web site,” explains Dell Butler VVEC office manager.

If you haven’t yet signed up for E-Bill, it’s not too late. All you have to do is visit our Web site – www.VVEC.com, click on the ‘Pay Online’ button in the bottom left corner of the Home page, or click on the Account Services tab toward the top of the Home page, then click on Payment Options, and Online.

This will direct you to the E-Bill page. You will need to have your VVEC account number handy. Then fill out the appropriate information (such as name, account number, etc.) and select Submit.

You will provide your E-mail address and select a password that will be known only to you. You will also be asked to provide information on the credit card, debit card or E-check you plan to use to pay your electric bill. Remember, VVEC accepts MasterCard and Visa.

E-Bill also allows you to E-mail us with billing questions or requests.

And E-Bill is free; there is no charge for participating in this program.

Charts showing views of kWh usage and charges are also at your fingertips.

It is just that easy and you’re on your way to accessing your account.

If you have questions about the E-Bill program, call our customer service reps at (918) 371-2584, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 



E-Bill gives you three payment options:

- Automatic withdrawal from a designated checking account
- Credit card
- Debit card

There is no cost to participate in the E-Bill program.



From a Friend's Kitchen

The Sweet Smells of Summer

Oklahoma has its own aroma. Ask any kid and he'll tell you the air just smells different as the school year ends and summer begins. And who doesn't enjoy the scent of freshly cut grass in the early evening of an Oklahoma summer.

Of course, there is the sweet smell of delicious barbecue cooking on a backyard grill, too.

I think most of you would agree with me that eating barbecued ribs is messy business. But I also think we'd all agree that's a part of their appeal. Some folks would even say, 'the messier, the better!'

I don't know how messy this month's recipe is because I haven't had the opportunity to try it yet. But it looks like it could certainly be a delicious one, at least.

I think I may give it a try during the long Memorial Day weekend. Barbecued ribs, along with homemade potato salad and deviled eggs is a great way to start the summer, don't you think? 

Maple-Glazed Ribs

3 lbs. baby back pork ribs
3/4 cup maple syrup
2 Tbsp. packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp. ketchup
1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. mustard powder

Place ribs in a large pot, and cover with water. Cover and simmer for 1 hour, or until meat is tender. Drain, and transfer ribs to a shallow dish.

In a small saucepan, stir together maple syrup, brown sugar, ketchup, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and mustard powder. Bring to a low boil, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Cool slightly, then pour over ribs, and

marinate in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Prepare grill for cooking with indirect heat. Remove ribs from marinade. Transfer marinade to a small saucepan, and boil for several minutes.

Lightly oil grate. Cook for about 20 minutes, basting frequently with the cooked marinade, until nicely glazed.

Using Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs Safely

There's no doubt compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are better for the environment – and our pocketbooks – than traditional incandescent bulbs. ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs use up to 75 percent less electricity than incandescent bulbs, last up to 10 times longer, cost little up front, and provide a quick return on investment.

However, concerns over the mercury in CFLs have raised questions about the proper disposal of them. CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury – an average of 4 milligrams – sealed within the glass tubing. By comparison, older thermometers contain about 500 milligrams. Mercury is an essential part of CFLs: it reacts with the coating on the inside of the glass tube to produce light using very little electricity.

Follow these tips to safely handle, dispose of, and clean up a bulb should it break in your home:

Handling

- Always take care when removing the bulb from its packaging, installing, or replacing it.
- Hold the bulb by its base and not the glass part.
- Never forcefully twist the CFL into a light socket. If it breaks, follow the tips below.

Recycling or Disposal

- The Environmental Protection Agency recommends consumers recycle CFLs. Local recycling options are listed at www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling or www.earth911.org. Home Depot also accepts intact light bulbs for recycling.
- If the state or local agency allows consumers to put CFLs in the garbage, the bulbs should be sealed in two plastic bags and put into the outside trash or other protected outside option.
- Never put a fluorescent light bulb

or other mercury-containing product into an incinerator.

- If the bulb burns out before it should, contact the manufacturer. ENERGY STAR qualified bulbs are required to offer at least a two-year warranty.

Cleaning Up if a Bulb Should Break

- Open a window and have people (including you) and pets leave the room for at least 15 minutes.
- Shut off central forced air heating/cooling system.
- If the bulb is broken on a hard surface, carefully scoop up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a glass jar (with metal lid) or sealed plastic bag.
- Use sticky tape to pick up any remaining pieces and powder.
- Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes. Place wipes in the glass jar or plastic bag.
- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces
- Immediately place all clean up materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area for trash pickup.
- Wash your hands after disposing of the materials. 

VVEC offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in recognition and in honor of Memorial Day

Please call 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 to report an interruption in your electric service.

Convenient Ways to Pay Your Bill

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

Web site – 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)

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.

Everything Goes

Heavy-weight pressure cooker, EC, \$80, 371-2036.

Oak china cabinet, \$100; solid oak pedestal card table w/flip top, \$100; black, corner computer desk, \$65; complete queen-sized waterbed w/heater & padded rails, \$80, all in EC, 341-6547.

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

Hay – excellent for horses, highly palatable, no waste, 1,000-lb., barn-stored bales, can deliver 6 bales as needed, \$20/bale, 724-4674.

Solid oak entertainment center, 45"x48"x17", w/Zenith TV & converter box, has several component spaces and storage area, EC, \$195, 275-8045.

Trailer boards available, up to 16', oak sawmill lumber, 907-1104.

Electric wheel chair, GC, \$550; bedside commode, EC, \$30; 2 push mowers, need some work, \$15 ea.; 10 aluminum windows, all sizes, EC, \$8 ea.; Remington 12 ga. shotgun, model 10, GC, \$275; black powder 57 ga. & all extras, EC, \$150; Weston 20 ga. pump shotgun, field model 650 CR, w/several extras, EC, \$450; entertainment center, wood & glass, GC, \$45 OBO; 2 med. microwave ovens, EC, \$35 ea.; 1 metal desk, GC, \$40; 2 TVs, GC, \$25 ea.; sm. wooden file cabinet, \$20, EC, 338-2766.

308 Savage rifle, make offer; 15" pleasure saddle, \$100, 273-0343.

Hay – 9 lg. rnd. 4'x5' bales, prairie hay, you pick up, we can store it as you feed out if necessary, Skiatook area, \$175, 263-2211.

Two cemetery crypts, in Chapel of Peace Mausoleum in Rose Hill Memorial Park on E. Admiral Place, \$5,000; E-Z Go golf cart w/tilt back, \$1,900, 288-6620.

XBox w/8games, 1 wireless controller, corded controller, remote to play DVDs, EC, \$75; size 9 prom dress, mauve w/flowered design beading on front, cleaned & ready to be worn, \$40; Furby, never used, still in box, \$25; The Firm TransFirmer series includes steps & DVDs, never opened, \$35, (620) 252-9566.

Four Michelin tires, P-22560x16, \$80, 536-4965.

Many varieties of warm season vegetable plants, 3" pots, \$2 ea., 504-6264.

Size 36x38 MWZ Wrangler Jeans, starched, wife bought wrong size, 798-2352.

Hay – square bales prairie hay, 333-3560.

Trail riding saddle, \$145; older, heavy made cowboy saddle, EC, \$195; C. W. Oliver roping saddle, EC, \$285; King saddle, never used, EC, \$295; double-weave saddle pad, never used, \$30, 698-7106.

Above-ground solar heaters for pool, fits 28' round, or 18'x32' oval pool, never used, 273-5552.

FREE Firewood – you cut & remove, Skiatook area, 381-2113.

Hay – prairie or mixed grass, big rnd. bales, 396-2206.

Taurus Ultra-Lite 38 Special, 1.5" barrel, excellent concealed carry, EC, OK drivers license required, \$250, 724-5611.

Dining room set, w/6 chairs, hutch, \$400; blue velvet couch, \$100; w/2 high-back tufted chairs, \$100; glass top coffee table, \$50; w/2 glass top end tables, \$50; rattan glass top dining table, 6'x3'6", \$25; lounge couch, \$25; 2 green velvet twin headboards w/rails, \$100; w/custom spreads, \$50; desk w/ chair, \$75; Nintendo Game Cube w/2 controls, plus 4 games, \$75; 341-7971 after 7 p.m.

Kenmore Elite gas dryer, \$100; oak entertainment center, \$350; trailer enclosed-pace American interior length, about 19', EC, \$4,800; oak waterbed, super single, storage in headboard & underneath, w/heater, \$225; Mickey Mantle autographed official American League baseball w/letter of authenticity, \$750, 341-6755.

30 yds. white tulle on bolt, 30 yds. lavender/purple tulle; 3-yd. pieces white tulle, all for \$50, or individual pieces for 50¢/yd., 371-9385.

Four burial plots in Claremore Cemetery, will sell in pairs, 341-1621.

Custom butcher beef, Black Angus steers, corn-fed, halves or wholes, custom processing, \$2.50/lb., 519-6949.

Large, heavy-duty smoker, 468-2304, evenings.

Jet 3 Ultra scooter chair, w/ramp & O2 holder, EC, \$1,500 OBO; cable come-a-long, \$5; 2 wood frame red velvet chairs, \$5; drop-leaf table, \$20; dresser w/mirror, \$35; bedside commode, \$10; Kenmore washer, \$60, 342-1732.

Natural surface limestone rock, 1 ton pallets for \$100, boulders sold individually, delivery available. 798-7770-.

Hay – 5'x5' rnd. bales, prairie hay, cut & baled in August 2008, \$30/bale, will load, 344-2446.

Collinsville Elementary cheer uniform, shirt, skirt, poms, bloomers, no stains, EC, \$50, 371-0315.

FREE – 10'x10' metal storage building, you disassemble, 287-4859.

Hay – sq. & rnd. mixed & erosion hay, 814-4944.

14" barrel saddle, \$400; 14.5" Circle Y show saddle, \$850, 706-1931.

Four used 33x12.50x15 B. F. Goodrich tires, \$100, 341-2675.

22 short Gallery Special, model 12B, \$500; 27" RCA color flat-screen TV, not HD, \$100, 443-2225.

18" gas grill, \$395, 260-3646.

FREE – beaver, just needs to be trapped off pond at 186th & Hwy., 75, 396-1087.

Weed Eater push mower w/bag, EC, \$150; push mower w/bag, \$100, 697-6112.

Wall-mount GymPac 2500 weight machine, \$35; 2 natural gas space heaters, \$50 ea.; 2000 and newer rear Dodge mini-van seat, EC, \$100; girls 20" bike, EC, \$50; boys 20" bikes, \$25 & \$75; portable basketball goals, \$100 ea. 639-6823.

Three unit solid cherry wood entertainment center, each unit is 6'x3'; 1 has glass doors & shelves, 1 is an open book shelf, and the center one houses the TV, closed door cabinets at the bottom of each piece, EC, \$900 OBO, 342-2930.

Fine handmade Western saddle, \$250, trades considered, 841-6066, www.TheClays.com/fsbo.html.

Frigidare commercial upright freezer, 2 yrs. old, \$450; traditional cherry finish executive L-shaped desk, credenza & swivel chair, \$350, 640-1690.

Four Bridgestone Weatherforce used tires, P205/70R15-95S, M&S, 1 General XP2000GT used tire, P215/70R15, lots of tread on all, all 5 for \$25, 272-6785.

Dark wood upright piano, \$200 OBO; aloe vera plants, 50¢ - \$2, 342-8124.

Solid oak table & 2 booth benches, black Southwest upholstery, EC, \$250; bermuda horse hay, 4'x5' rnd. & sm. sq. bales; 13" color TVs, manual & remote, 3 for \$85; Nacklaus golf clubs & bag, \$75; new hybrid extra tall golf club set & bag, \$250; Pirelli Scorpion 265-70-17 10-ply tires, 4 for \$395; 16" RV/truck simulator hub caps, 3 for \$75; 12-volt boat dash gauges & key switch set, \$95; boating ski vest, medium, \$15; shallow well jet pump, \$195, 283-2777.

Hoover Windtunnel sweeper, recently serviced, \$150, 371-3785.

Rheem 3-ton condensing unit, 532-4158.

York 120K BTU central furnace, propane or gas, EC, \$500, 371-9264.

Expand-it Weed Eater attachments, 10" pole chain saw; brush cutter & edger, GC; 2 twin-line, bump feed string trimmer attachments that have never been used, 2 Homelite power heads that won't start, will add them at no cost, all for \$150, 605-4079.

Large heavy steel gun vault, holds many firearms & accessories, recessed locks, \$800; custom hand-built gun cabinet, sliding glass doors, locking drawers, 1 of a kind, beautiful, \$1,500; Troy-Bilt 17.5 hp riding mower w/trailer, \$600, 396-2153.

Boys infant baby clothes, size 6-12 mos. name brands, 728-4236.

Redwood siding 8", about 1,500 BF, 75¢ per foot, OBO, 396-9669.

1920s Magic Chef gas range, green top, beige front, collectable item, \$150, 283-2794.

Chevy long wide bed camper shell for 1994 pickup, 724-3775.

Cars & Trucks

2001 Mustang convertible, GC, \$6,500, 855-8774.

1992 Mercedes SEL 500, 126,584 miles, call for new items, \$6,600 OBO, 396-9669.

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

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

2006 Chevy Cobalt SS Sedan, 2.4L, 171 hp, 5-sp., white, 31K miles, still under warranty, PS, 4-wheel power disk brakes, power windows, tilt, cruise, AM/FM/CD, rear spoiler, fog lamps, fun to drive, 30+ MPG, \$11,500 OBO, 605-4079.

2006 Limosine club car, 3-seater, 6-passenger, lift kit, gasoline, big tires, \$5,500, 532-4158.

2005 Toyota Sequoia, tan, leather, heated seats, 3rd row, 89K, \$16,500, financing available, 822-1500.

1989 GMC 3/4-ton pickup, 4-sp., 2-wheel drive, 350 V8, GC, \$2,200, 536-4215.

1992 Ford Aro van, dual AC, PW, PL, PM, captains chairs, AM/FM/Cassette, 163,500 miles, \$1,800; 1992 Ford Taurus GL, full power, not running, \$1,500; 1985 Ford F-250 ext. cab, 6.9L diesel, 5-sp. manual, not running, \$1,000, 342-3551.

2004 Ford F-350, 4x4, diesel, leather, power windows, sunroof, crew cab, 8' bed, new tires, \$20,000, 640-1690.

1995 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series, 111K miles, no dings or dents, garage kept, EC, 693-0607.

1994 Chevy Silverado, 3/4-ton, ext. cab truck, very low mileage, auto, 2-wheel drive, 350 V8, hideaway gooseneck hitch, bumper hitch & bedliner, velour interior, very clean, cold AC, cassette player, trailer breaks, \$4,800, 521-4596.

1999 Dodge Durango, V8, leather seats, 1 owner, garage kept, 158K miles, GC, \$2,700 OBO, 272-1095.

2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac, 4 dr., 4x4, V6, auto, 81K miles, GC, \$7,750, 697-2120.

Equipment

Small square hay baler, 273-3154.

1 hp submersible pump, \$190, 342-1732.

Small bird meat saw, \$650; Hobart 20 qt. mixer, \$1,295, 260-3646.

Ford pickup transmission, C-4 long shaft, fits 1984 Ford model w/tork converter, \$150, 338-2766.

2008 5'x8' utility trailer, 24" rails, ramp tailgate, V-tongue, \$1,200, 283-1003.

5'x8' trailer, 2' sides & ramps, 371-3496.

Massey Ferguson 65 tractor, 48 hp, 3 pt. L. P. overhaul 100 hrs., standard, 2-sp., GC, \$2,500, 536-4215.

Precision seed planter, plants all garden seeds, 6 plates like new, \$30, 341-6878.

Big Tulsa winch w/pto, \$550, 333-3974.

International Lo-Boy tractor, w/48" belly mower, 14" bottom plow, 48" blade front-end, cultivator, 6' sickle mower, 341-5302.

1959 John Deere 730, wheatland, good tires, new paint, GC, \$7,900; 1947 John Deere A, new paint, fair tires, 2-row cultivator mounted, runs great, electric start, 371-5280.

6'x12' Iron Ox cargo trailer, spare tire never used, peg board walls, carpet floor, tandem axle, \$2,550, 255-5334.

Ford tractors - 8N, 600, 800, Grass-hopper mower, \$1,250, 342-3228.

Tail gates for 2000 & 2004 Ford F-150s, \$200 OBO, 396-9669.

Befco/Eronoise 7' sickle mower, \$1,500; 2705 Massey Ferguson tractor, new injector pump, GC, \$7,000; DW14 Allis Chalmers, GC, runs good, \$3,000, 273-7462.

2-wheel pickup bed trailer, \$125; 3-axle, 18 plus 3-dove trailer/ramps, heavy duty, \$1,500; Chevy pickup bed, \$300; several good 15" tires, King Kutter 8' landscape rake w/48 tines, \$500, 475-2341.

Carry-all platform for class 1, 3-pt. hitch tractor, Galvanized steel, heavy duty, about 4'x5', \$350, 521-4223.

Antique drill press, from old blacksmith shop, hand-crank type, \$100; Craftsman high wheel weed trimmer, EC, \$100, 443-2808.

New Holland 575 square baler, used about 6 seasons, always shedded, all original, EC, \$10,000, 770-1050.

Troy-Bilt tiller, horse model 1980s era, hasn't run for a few years, needs work, \$280, 595-3695.

2004 Exiss 4-horse slant trailer, w/full living quarters, queen-size bed, leather sofa bed, appliances, lots of extras, \$25,000, 640-1690.

Fresh rebuilt 1993 Ford pickup Aead transmission w/papers, \$700 OBO; 2 GM PowerGlide transmissions, 639-6823.

1952 Ford 8N tractor w/brush hog, EC, \$3,800, 342-2930.

Old Texaco bob-tail fuel tank, used for single-axle truck, great for storing fuel for farm equipment, tank - \$500 OBO, w/stand - \$800; other farm machinery & few older model farm trucks, 327-4267.

16' gooseneck WW stock trailer, needs paint, reasonably priced; rotor tiller, Troy-bilt horse, \$200, 855-8774.

20' flatbed trailer, double axle w/ramps, \$400; 9' flatbed for a pickup w/hideball hitch, \$900; 1954 Allis Chalmers WD45, best offer; 5' brush hog, \$100; 5' box blade w/ripper teeth, \$200; 3 pt. bale spear, \$150, 342-3551.

Two small shapers, a radial arm saw, 724-3775.

19' heavy-duty car hauler trailer, bulldog hitch, w/ramps, 700x15 tires, 6 holes, \$1,200, (620) 515-3395.

Livestock

16-year-old reg. Paint mare, brown/white, green broke, very sweet, 99% color producer, wonderful mom, \$500, 640-2670.

12-year-old sorrel mare, very gentle, negative Coggins test, all shots for '09, has been roped off of, did playdays, ran barrels, would make a nice horse, \$1,200, (620) 252-9566.

Red & black, double-polled purebred Limousin bulls, 12-18 mos. old, 273-8075.

Red Angus bull, full-blood w/papers, gentle & productive, \$1,500, 266-1887.

Registered Angus bulls, AI sires, EPDs, tested, vaccinated, ready to work, 261-1484.

Nubian goats, milkers, buck kids, doe kids, bucks, all reg., \$50 and up, 619-2323.

AQHA, APHA chestnut overo mare, very gentle, trail ridden, goes through and over anything, leads, ties, bathes, hauls great, \$3,500; 2006 AQHA bay stallion, 7 time World Camp, sweet disposition, \$2,000, 724-9552.

16-year-old reg. AQHA Foundation-bred mare, kid broke, w/cutting bred stud colt, \$3,500, 706-1931.

Three-year-old stallion, half Quarter-horse, half Arabian, 333-8457.

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

Peacocks, 371-3052 after 6 p.m.

Two breeding pair of peacocks, all are Pied India Blue, \$100/pr., 231-6661.

Quaker parrots, hand-fed, weaned, green-\$125 ea., blue-\$275 ea., cages from \$5 ea., or buy everything (30 plus) for \$3,900, trades considered, www.ParrotLovers.com, 841-6066.

Pets

Beautiful Heeler puppies, blue, red & tri-colored, working parents on site, tails docked, wormed, 740-0549.

Akbash puppies, purebred, about 12 weeks old, working parents, raised w/goats, current on shots, \$300, 245-1291.

FREE - 8-month-old Akita, purebred, neutered, all shots, loveable, needs big yard, 272-5619.

Mini Lops & Mini Rex rabbits, starting at \$10 ea.; free puppies to good homes, mixed, very sweet, 255-6734 after 4 p.m.

AKC Yorkie puppies, 3 females, 2 males, born 3-19-09, shots & wormed, 798-2352.

Australian Shepherds, 706-1931.

Female Bichon Frise, born 6-13-08, can be registered, \$150, 443-2225.

Real Estate

10 acres m/l vacant land in C'ville, east of Sheridan Rd. on 136th St., 406-5581, <http://InfoTube.net/210264>.

2000 Fleetwood single-wide mobile home, 16'x80', 3 BDR, 2 BA, new water heater, lots of kitchen cabinets, \$25,000, 388-1217.

2006 Legacy mobile home, 16'x60', 2 BDR, 2 BA, new carpet & paint, kitchen has center island, EC, \$18,500, 697-9657.

Rent - 9 acres of grass, \$100, 381-2113.

Beautiful custom home, built in 2004, 2,700 sq. ft., 2 stories, 5 BDR, 3.5 BA, den, game room, 10 acres of hilly, treed property, 17808 Redbud Drive in Catoosa, \$370,000; about 1 acre lot in gated Flint Ridge, \$52/mo., P.O.A. fee includes 2 swimming pools, lodge, hiking, golf, etc, near Kansas, OK, \$4,000, 266-2639.

40 acres w/3 BDR, 2 BA, 1.5 story home, lg. kitchen, dining & breakfast nook, pond & crossfence, Nowata co., 273-8094.

2001 Solitaire, 16'x80', 3 BDR, 2 BA, new wood flooring in kitchen & living room, all appliances included, to be moved, \$27,500, 637-4891.

3 BDR home w/8.88 acres, close all shopping areas in Owasso, 695-9313.

45 acres 5 miles west of Oologah, on 4050 Rd., 3.5 miles north of Hwy. 169, 371-5211.

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40 acres, \$125,000 or 10 acres at \$35,000, Talala area, paved rd. utilities at rd., 272-3947.

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

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

2002 Solitaire double-wide to be moved, 2,128 sq. ft., 3 BDR, 2.5 BA, w/office, built-in desk, skylight, brick fireplace, total electric, fully upgraded, \$63,900, 241-8135.

Grand Lake waterfront home, near Grove, 3 BDR, 2 BA, 3 decks, boat dock w/lift, 333-8457.

4 BDR, 2 BA 1,800 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 S. of Hwy. 60, 4 miles W. of Bartlesville, \$165,000, 841-6066.

RVs & Boats

1994 Hitchhiker Champagne 5th wheel, 35', rear kitchen, living & BDR slideout, electric steps, new tires, seals & awning, very clean, \$12,500, 333-0365.

1994 Rockwood 24' Class A motor-home, 34K miles, 454 Chevy motor, like new interior, \$12,000, 371-1759.

1989 Southwind 33' motorhome, fully-contained, 454 Chevy motor, 33,799 miles, \$6,900 OBO, 534-6452.

2008 Yamaha motorcycle, 1100 Silverado, 2,200 miles, EC; 2 Yamaha Zuma scooters, 88 miles ea., EC, 371-6425.

2008 Kawasaki ZX14 motorcycle, 4,600 miles, silver, EC, selling for payoff, 728-4236.

Leer camper shell, tan, fits short/wide pickup, \$275, 371-5383.

2004 Four Winds 190 horizontal Bowrider boat, w/swim platform, Volvo V8 Penta engine, about 120 hrs., tandem-axle trailer w/collapsible tongue, 10 life vests, Bimini top, custome winter boat cover, garage kept, \$16,500, 396-1063.

2004 Harley Sportser, 3K miles, V&H pipes, extra chrome, \$6,500; 1997 Ski Doo, PWC trailer, cover, 110 hp, GC, \$2,100, 440-8408.

32' 5th-wheel travel trailer, garage kept, EC, 371-8790.

16' Ranger bass boat, 1980 Johnson motor, trolling motor, live wells, locator, \$3,000, 341-3047.

2007 Yamaha YFZ SE 4-wheeler, all stock, less than 30 hrs., white w/red graphic flames, EC, \$6,400, 288-7908.

1996 SeeDoo XP Bombardier, w/trailer, 110 hp, 2 person, in storage when not in use, new towable custom cover & battery, \$1,800, (620) 515-3395.

1987 Cajun 18.5' bass boat, 150 hp Johnson, \$4,000 OBO, 283-2794.

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

Services

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

Commercial & residential cleaning service, references available, 18 yrs. experience, sister & brother team, charge by job, not hour, 273-0428.

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

Lawn mowing, clean-up & hauling, 230-7484.

Stump grinding spring special – 24" in diameter or less, measured at ground level = \$50, ask about quantity discount on pastures full, 694-2297.

Cookie Lee jewelry, host a party, place an order, fundraisers, 845-7238, Chassidy_cookielee@Yahoo.com.

Experienced farm hand seeks weekend work, brush clean-up, fencing, etc., 978-8598.

Wedding decorations, hors d'oeuvres, photos & more, Inola/Claremore area, 625-0500.

Rid your home of swarming bee problem, 371-9502.

Farrier service, forge work, knife making, graduate of Oklahoma Farrier College, 275-4571.

RV service & repair, AC, awnings, hot water, plumbing, electrical, roof repair & replacement, wash & detail services, www.GreenCountryRVDoctor.com, 704-8329.

Horseback riding lessons, Western & English, your horse or mine, pleasure riding or show preparation, beginner to advanced, age 8 to adult, \$30/hr. private, \$25/hr. group, indoor/outdoor riding arenas, 371-7009.

Brick, rock, patch, cracks, mailloux & flower bed work/repair, free estimates, reasonable rates, 720-1820.

Local plumber, 30 yrs. experience, licensed, bonded, insured, 207-5611.

Christian home & office cleaning, weekdays & weekends, senior citizen discount, references available, 342-1130.

Home repair, remodel, add-ons, decks, daily clean-ups, references available, 20 yrs. experiences, reasonable rates, free quotes; free quotes on home & vehicle insurance, 396-7437.

Handyman services, specializing in home repairs, small construction, outdoor projects, reasonable & reliable, 625-7208.

Horseback riding lessons, between C'ville & Owasso, mature instructor, comfortable indoor/outdoor arenas, 371-6938, www.freewebs.com/gallupgirl.

General carpentry, free estimates, get storage & decks now for summer, 697-9183.

Above-ground steel safe rooms, 629-2707.

Brush hogging, finish mowing, garden tilling, 724-1324.

Carpet installation & restretch, 21 yrs. experience, summer odd jobs, 559-9387.

Quality concrete construction, metal building and pole barn floors, driveways, patios, extensions, porches, etc., 510-8205.

Lawn mowing, brushhogging, reasonable rates, free estimates, 408-5040.

Brick, rock work, new or repair, mail-boxes, settling, cracks, flowerbeds, etc., 38 yrs. experience, 282-9927.

Two dependable, caring caregivers with 17 yrs. experience, AVX provide in-home care, CNA, Home Health license & and CPR certified, 24 hr. high-quality activities of daily living w/personalized care provided to meet clients' specific needs, 371-4252 to schedule appointment and view presentation.

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

RV Park & boat rental, rent pontoon and sailboats, RV and cabin rentals, www.redbudmarina.com.

Visit www.naturallygourmet.scent-team.com, to check out awesome products and business opportunities, also register for free gourmet candle and soap, 396-9766.

Livestock hauling, trucks & 32' trailers, in & out of state; brushhogging, box blade work in C'ville area; sq. & rnd. hay bale hauling; soon begin baling 2009 hay at 2008 prices, sq. & rnd. bales, fence bulding, bare wire & other, 814-4944.

Construction company to build roads, clean out existing ponds, dig new ponds, land clearing & development, build pads, structural building removal, small concrete jobs, reasonable rates, 327-4267.

Wanted

Old costume jewelry, colored & rhinestone, 536-4215.

Railroad ties for shooting backstop, will pay extra for deliver, 396-2153.

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.

Someone w/tractor-tiller, to extend garden, 342-8124.

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

Yard sale leftovers, remodel leftovers, junk riding mowers, etc. 255-3223.

Classified Ads

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May is Electrical Safety Month

'Buyer Beware' Anti-Counterfeiting Campaign Emphasizes Consumer Safety

According to Gallup Consulting and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 64 percent of counterfeit electrical products in the United States are purchased from legitimate shops and retailers. More than one million counterfeit electrical products have been recalled in recent years, including extension cords, power strips, batteries, and hairdryers.

Every day, counterfeit electrical products are finding their way into our homes, businesses, and public institutions. These fraudulent items pose significant safety hazards, and can cause deaths, injuries and substantial property loss in the home and the workplace if left undetected.

"The current U.S. economic conditions have essentially acted as a catalyst within the context of counterfeit consumer electrical products," explains Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) president Brett Brenner. "People are going to great lengths in search of a bargain, favoring alternative retailers and online vendors, which is where these substandard products are more likely

to be found."

Counterfeit electrical products can be difficult to spot. They can be knock-off versions of brand name products or items that bear an unauthorized certification marking, and may be manufactured without key components or compliance to relevant safety standards in order to save money.

Fake consumer products are not tested for compliance to relevant safety standards. Often, manufacturers of counterfeit electrical products neglect to use key components or skimp in the manufacturing process in order to save money. While these short cuts offer cost savings, they pose great danger and aren't worth risking someone's safety.

ESFI says when purchasing electrical products, consumers should:

Purchase electrical products from reputable retail stores.

Avoid street vendors, non-authorized dealers, dollar and other deep discount stores.

If the price is well below the

competition, usually there's a reason. The product is most likely inferior, unsafe and counterfeit. For example, counterfeit extension cords are often flimsy because they are made from sub-standard materials and often lack the proper amount of copper needed to keep the cord from overheating. The copper found in a safe cord alone is worth more than one dollar.

Always read the packaging carefully.

Avoid brandless products. Make sure the manufacturer's name is visible along with their address.

Look for three basic certification labels - UL, CSA, or ETL. They often include holograms. Trademarked logos that look different than usual may signal a counterfeit. 

