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Members Elect Representatives at District Meetings

Electing representation to the board of trustees is both a privilege and a responsibility of being a cooperative member-owner.

Member-owners in districts 1, 3, and 5 will be electing trustees at their district meetings in November.


Registration for all meetings will be from 6 to 7 p.m., when the business sessions begin.

Members who are the official voting delegates for organizations such as churches, will need to submit a completed organization certificate, which can be found on page 2 of this issue.

The certificate needs to be submitted at the time of registration.

If you don't know what district you live in, you can call our consumer service representatives at (918) 371-2584 to find out.

VVEC trustees are co-op members just like you. Running for the board, and selecting trustees are just two of the advantages of owning your electric cooperative.

Exercise the privilege of co-op ownership by attending your district meeting and voting for your representative. 

District 1

Monday, Nov. 7

Hillside Christian Church
1348 W. Davis Drive
Nowata

District 5

Friday, Nov. 11

Justus-Tiawah School
South Campus
15011 E. 523 Rd.
Claremore

District 3

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Hilldale Christian Church
21085 S. Keetonville Rd.
Claremore



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Members Select Representatives at District Meetings



Jim Brackett
District 1

District 1 members are represented by Jim Brackett.

A rancher originally from Collinsville, Jim has been a VVEC member since 1972 and was appointed to the board in March 2010 following the death of long-time trustee Carl Long.

Jim retired from VVEC in 2006 concluding a 33-year career in the co-op's operations department.

He holds an associate degree from Claremore Junior College. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Quarter Horse Association.

He and his wife Pam are the parents of Stacie, David, Sheila, and Kyle. They also have nine grandchildren.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys horseback riding and camping.



Vernon Lewis
District 3

Vernon Lewis represents members in district 3.

A VVEC member since 1968, he has served on the board since 1984. He has served in every officer position on the board including president, along with being VVEC's trustee and voting delegate to the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors, and an alternate to National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Vernon completed certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in 1998.

He has also served on the Owasso Board of Education.

A graduate of Howe High School, he is the retired manager of Vernon Lewis Lumber Co., in Collinsville.

He has one son, Kenny, and two grandchildren.

He and his wife Sara attend the Owasso Assembly of God Church, and he enjoys gardening and woodcrafts.



Jimmy Lambert
District 5

Representing district 5 members is Jimmy Lambert.

A resident of Claremore and a graduate of Owasso High School, Jimmy owns Lambert's Auto Salvage.

He is currently working to earn his certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Jimmy is a member of the American Angus Association, and the Oklahoma Cattleman's Association. He attends the Church of Christ.

He has three sons, Trey, Cole, and Austin.

In addition to spending time with his sons, he enjoys car racing, rodeos, and raising Angus cattle.

CoachesAid Media Day Spotlight




**2011 Verdigris High School
Girls Volleyball Team**

Verdigris High School girls volleyball team was VVEC's delegate to the 2011 CoachesAid Media Day event held at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah.

CoachesAid is Oklahoma high school sports' online magazine. The Media Day event is aimed at high school athletes and gives them the opportunity to have media exposure, which is a 'first' for many of the students. It also gives them exposure to potential colleges and a portfolio piece if their interviews are chosen for publication by local media. The day involves sports celebrities signing autographs, having professional team photos taken, and drawings for items such as Apple TVs and video cameras.

Students also attended a leadership summit lead by nationally-recognized author Bill Cordes who spoke about personal direction, motivation and goal achievement.

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives of Oklahoma is a corporate sponsor of the event. 

RECIPE

Pecan-Pumpkin Bread



- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 lg. eggs
- 1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin
- 3 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1Tbsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 & 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Beat first 8 ingredients at low speed with electric mixer for 3 minutes or until well blended. Add 2/3 cup of water, beating until blended. Fold in pecans. Pour batter into two greased 9x5-inch loaf pans. Sprinkle a little bit of additional sugar on top of each loaf before placing in oven, Bake at 350-degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

GLAZE:

- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 cup orange marmalade
 - 1 tsp. grated fresh orange rind
- Stir together all ingredients until blended.