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What does the flag mean to me?

More than 100 area students submitted essays for this year's contest held in conjunction with the distinguished flag ceremony sponsored by Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and area veterans' organizations. The essays are judged by professors at Seminole State College and one from high school and one from junior high school is chosen. Each is awarded a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.



Nira Herrod is a 10th grader at New Lima High School.

"Never forgotten: Forever grateful." My mother told me that when my grandpa died, fighting for us in the Vietnam War. I remember when she used to tell me stories. It was the first time he came back. One of his stories, I still remember was about the American Flag. When he first left, he took an American Flag, and it was so old that mother always asked him to get a new one, but he always said "No, my daddy gave this to me."

It had holes, rips and tears. It was dirty and the stars looked liked dots, but he did not care. To him it was patriotism, courage and respect. When he died, he had that old dirty flag still in his pocket.

My grandpa also had a love for the importance of the design of the flag. He told me the red represented all those who had died for us, the white represents innocence and purity and the blue stands for those who stayed true to our country. The stars stood for the fifty states and the stripes stood for the thirteen colonies.

For almost all Americans red, white and blue are not just primary colors. When they are brought together, they represent patriotism, love for our country, and illustrate one of the sacred living symbols in the U.S., the American Flag. The flag has become more than a piece of cloth that waves all across America. It is a meaningful symbol that should be treated with dignity, respect, and gratitude.

That symbol of dignity, respect and gratitude was that for people during the 9-11 crisis. My grandpa was not alive for that, but if he was, he would have helped in any way possible. After 9-11, we as Americans could have just hung our heads and given up, but we did not, we as a nation united and that flag reminded us of the unity in which we all share. The flag still flies high and proud, like that piece of cloth, because we are courageous, like that American Flag. I will continue to remember the fallen, my grandpa and all others who served and died with respect.

All in all, I would like to say, I had never before seen the flag for what it truly is, but now I do. It stands for patriotism, respect and courage. That is why we recite the Pledge of Allegiance, with our hands over our hearts and looking at the American Flag. This nation, I think, came together after 9-11, as these people of this nation. We not only have courage, but heart which shows every time the flag is flown.



Heather Nutter, 12, is a student at Meeker Middle School.

The American Flag means many things to many people, but to me it makes me feel many different things.

The most important thing that the flag makes me think of is my family. We always watch the fireworks together on the 4th of July. Tyler and Thomas have always loved the "Firework Flag." When it explodes in the sky, Tyler and Thomas' faces light up and stare at the space where it exploded long after it has disappeared. We always eat the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner and have sweet watermelon for dessert. My family means a lot to me and I love to see them happy and that's what the flag makes me think of first.

Another thing the flag makes me think of is the stars. When I watched the stars with my papa they looked like little, tiny, beautiful lights from the heaven. The stars on the flag remind me that my life isn't a dream, but everything that has happened is real. I love the starry sky and that's another thing the flag makes me think of.

The final most important thing that the flag makes me feel is proud. I am proud that everyone works together when worse turns to worst. People care for each other and won't admit defeat when we have been beaten down time and time again. The American Flag makes me proud to be an American.

By George

A large new oil pipeline is planned to deliver oil from Canada and the northern U.S. to Cushing and on to the refineries along the Gulf coast. The project is behind the original schedule due to regulatory delay. This pipeline will provide a new and more secure source for imported oil to our nation. Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative has been chosen to supply electric power to one of the large pumping stations. This project will provide economic advantages for the area and our customers. I was asked to make a statement at the Interest Determination Hearing held by the Department of State concerning this proposed pipeline project. The following is that statement.

"My name is George E. Hand. I am the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. I have served in this capacity for 26 years beginning in February 1985. I have been involved in the management of electric cooperatives in Oklahoma for 40 years beginning in 1971. I was born in eastern Oklahoma. To date I have lived my entire life in Oklahoma and plan to continue my working career here and retire in eastern Oklahoma. My cooperative, Canadian Valley Electric, serves more than 24,000 primarily rural residential consumers in a 10 county area located in the east central part of Oklahoma. This service area includes Seminole County through which this proposed Keystone XL pipeline will pass. Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative will provide electric power and energy to one of the pumping stations along this pipeline. I am here today to speak in support of the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline project.

The Keystone Pipeline project will pass through eastern Seminole County with a large pump station to be located a few miles outside the small community of Cromwell. I want to emphasize the economic impact, both short and long term, which this project will have on this part of Seminole County and the people who live there. The economy and population of Cromwell, like much of rural Seminole County has declined greatly since its hay days during the oil boom of the early last century. Today the economic base of the area is primarily ranching and haying operations with some remnants left

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Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
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Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

In Case of Trouble

1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not call the office and report the trouble.

Operating Statistics for August

	2010	2011
Operating Revenues	\$5,477,119	\$6,000,143
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$4,008,457	\$4,378,243
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	73.19	72.97
Revenue Per Mi of Line: MTD	\$1,063.93	\$1,161.02
Consumers per mile of line:MTD	4.56	4.58
KWPeak Demand -This Month	148,810	165,676
Billing KW Demand	115,005	110,748
KW Peak Demand: YTD	158,984	165,676
KWH Purchased - This Month	75,462,470	79,215,980
Taxes Paid	\$114,205	\$122,183
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$188,615	\$189,330
System Load Factor	68.2	64.3

New Services Staked in September

During the month of September 35 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2011 is 359. This compares to 330 for the same period in 2010.

By George cont.

from oil and gas production. Some drive as much as 200 miles per day to find jobs in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and elsewhere to support and maintain the lifestyle of the area in which they were born and raised. Many do so on limited incomes. These people are the members and customers of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative. The economic boost to the area from the jobs during construction and ongoing operation of the pipeline will be significant to the area.

Most of the schools in this area have been consolidated. The schools that remain struggle with the declining property tax base to produce the revenue that is necessary just to maintain their existing physical assets. County government officials likewise must meet the requirements placed on them with very limited resources. The declining job base and declining tax revenues from property and other economic activity have been and continue to be long term issues in many of the rural areas of southeastern Oklahoma. The increase in the property tax base from the Keystone Pipeline and the associated pumping stations will help support the schools and the public infrastructure in the counties.

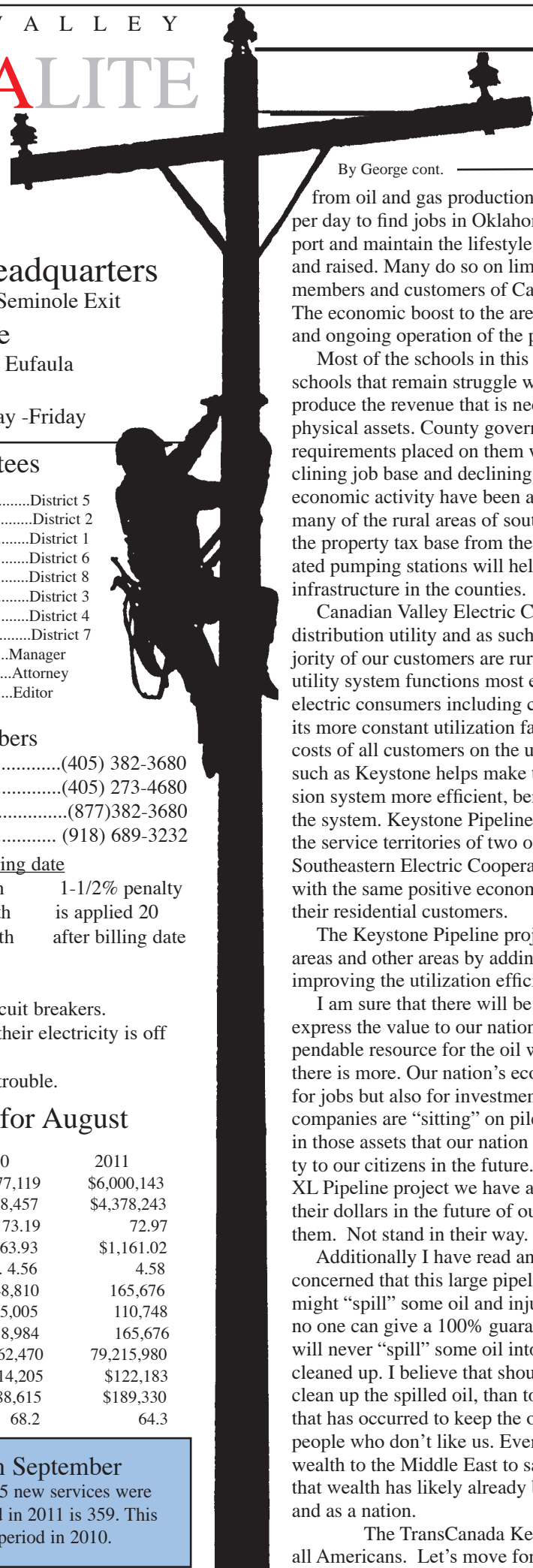
Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative is a nonprofit electric distribution utility and as such operates on cost based rates. The majority of our customers are rural residential consumers. An electric utility system functions most efficiently when it serves a variety of electric consumers including customers like Keystone Pipeline with its more constant utilization factor, thus helping control the energy costs of all customers on the utilities system grid. Large customers such as Keystone helps make the utilization of the electric transmission system more efficient, benefiting all customers connected to the system. Keystone Pipeline pump stations will also be located in the service territories of two other electric distribution cooperatives, Southeastern Electric Cooperative and Peoples Electric Cooperative with the same positive economic impact on those cooperatives and their residential customers.

The Keystone Pipeline project will be an economic boost to these areas and other areas by adding jobs, increasing the tax base and improving the utilization efficiency of the electric utility system.

I am sure that there will be numerous speakers which will express the value to our nation of providing a more secure and dependable resource for the oil we must import to meet our needs. But there is more. Our nation's economy continues to struggle primarily for jobs but also for investments in the future. We hear that large companies are "sitting" on piles of cash, afraid to invest their money in those assets that our nation needs to provide economic opportunity to our citizens in the future. In TransCanada through the Keystone XL Pipeline project we have a company ready to invest and risk their dollars in the future of our nation's economy. Let's support them. Not stand in their way.

Additionally I have read and heard that there are those who are concerned that this large pipeline pumping oil across the country might "spill" some oil and injure the environment. Let's admit that no one can give a 100% guarantee that this pipeline or any pipeline will never "spill" some oil into the environment which must be cleaned up. I believe that should this happen, it will be a lot easier to clean up the spilled oil, than to remove the stain of the spilled blood that has occurred to keep the oil flowing from across the ocean from people who don't like us. Everyday we send more of our nation's wealth to the Middle East to satisfy our need for energy. Some of that wealth has likely already been used to injure us as individuals and as a nation.

The TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline project is good for all Americans. Let's move forward. Thank You"



Winners!



CVEC members Donald and Kathy Smith of Shawnee were winners of the grand prize at the cooperative's 72nd annual meeting in September. This year's prize was a stainless steel refrigerator.

E-Bill quick, easy sign-up

CVEC offers a **FREE** internet based bill presentation and payment solution called **E-BILL** that makes paying your electric bill quick and easy. **E-BILL** allows posting of payments that can be viewed real time, and allow you to have access to your electric account information at any time.

How to sign up:

- 1) Make sure you have a computer with Internet access.
- 2) From Microsoft Explorer Internet browser window, go to CVEC's home page www.canadianvalley.org and click on the E-Bill link located on the left side of the web page.
- 3) You will be asked for your CVEC account number, e-mail address and to create a password, so be sure to have these ready.

Questions about CVEC's bill program? Come by our office at I-40 and SH 377 during regular business hours or contact our customer service department at (405) 273-4680, (877) 382-3680.

CVEC winter rules begin November 15

Each year at this time, the rules governing nonpayment disconnects change to the "winter regulations." The changes are in effect until April 15 of the following year.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has established specific rules governing how CVEC and other utilities deal with discontinuance of service in summer and winter. Of course no one likes to have their electricity disconnected, especially during foul weather, but CVEC has to follow OCC rules on nonpayment disconnects.

Since the cooperative disconnects only as a last resort, if payment of your electric bill becomes a problem, please contact us. We want to work with you to find a positive solution. The following is a brief overview of the OCC rules as they affect CVEC members.

Nov. 15- April 15 Cut-Offs

CVEC bills are mailed on the 5th, 15th and 25th of each month. Each member has 20 days from the date of the bill is mailed to make payment. If a member is unable to make a full payment, it is important that he or she contact the customer service department to make payment arrangements.

Your bill statement will serve as a "disconnect notice" if you have a past due balance.

Approximately five days before the due date of the disconnect reminder, a 48-hour notice is mailed. If by the 48-hour due date no payment is received or arrangements made, the account will be disconnected without further notice.

The following payment arrangement options are available if paying your electric bill becomes a problem.

- 1) Deferred Payment Plan: The plan is calculated within the OCC regulations.
- 2) Life Threatening Plan: This plan is limited to the members who

are or have family members residing in the home who rely on life-saving equipment such as oxygen equipment. These members must provide appropriate documentation for verification that such circumstances exist within the residence. CVEC personnel will be required to make a visual inspection of the equipment. 1002153602

(3) Public Service Agencies: A list of public service agencies is available for eligible members. The Department of Human Services (DHS) can provide assistance to eligible persons. A list of the various county DHS offices can be provided by the cooperative. The American Indian tribes and other agencies also have programs to assist members.

If a payment is not received and no contact has been made with our office, the cooperative will make a visit to collect the amount due or disconnect. For each trip required to collect back payment, a \$25 service fee will be charged. If the service is actually disconnected, a \$25 reconnect fee and deposit, if needed, will be applied.

The reconnect must be requested Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Calls for service to be reconnected after working hours will be charged \$50, plus the \$25 for any previous collection visits made for notification or cutoff of the service. Members wishing to pay by check at the time of the disconnect, who have a history of dishonored checks, can expect CVEC to contact the member's bank to verify sufficient funds before reconnecting the service.

Once disconnect is made the member will be required to pay all fees and charges before service is reconnected.

A member seeking additional information can contact CVEC's customer service department at 382-3680, 273-4680, toll free (877) 382-3680 or (918) 689-3232. The OCC's complaint, investigation and mediation department also may provide assistance at 521-2331 or 1 (800) 522-8154.

	FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
	BEGINNING BALANCE 8/31/11.....	\$144,630.73
	DEPOSITS	7,488.50
	INTEREST INCOME	113.40
	CHECKS ISSUED	-6,431.50
	APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-13,524.04
BALANCE 9/30/11.....	\$132,277.09	

CVEC offices will be closed Thursday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen for normal business hours Friday, November 25.

The hidden account number hidden in The ElectraLite is worth \$25. Remember the contest rules as you search. 1. The account number must be your own and found within the contents of the paper. 2. Your number must be reported by the 15th of each month. 3. You must report to our office by phone, mail or in person.

Trading Center Classifieds

Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month. The form below must be used. The length of the ad cannot exceed three lines on the form. ads run only one time. Area codes are not used unless outside the 405 area.

All INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

Name _____

Address _____

Account number _____ Phone number _____

Classified must be received by the 5th of the month to appear in the following edition of The Electra-Lite.

Real Estate

New home north of Shawnee, 3 br, 2 ba, 2 car, granite, 1 acre, \$132,900 obo, closing costs paid. 590-6776

158 acre farm, 3ponds, hunting, buildings, 3 br, 2 ba hunting lodge. (918) 866-2468

2 br, 1 ba log cabin, 30x30 metal garage, Eagle Bluff Eufaula. (918) 341-4080

735 sq ft brick house, 5.9 acres, 4 stocked pond, \$60k, 2 br, CH/A, chain link, 11631 HWY 177. 279-1288

80 acres Seminole area, 4 ponds, 5-10 acres hay, springs, new fence, pipe coral, \$130,000. 382-7250

3 br, 1 ba, 4 lots, Okemah, \$15,000. 944-1021, 380-8373

3 br, garage, carport, cellar, north of Mill Creek. (918) 689-5865

Automobiles

07 Saturn Aura XR, 4-dr, 40k mi, leather, sunroof, heated seats. 306-0721

Wanted: junk vehicles. 997-5629

4 aluminum Toyota mag wheels, caps, lugs, \$125. 275-8173

Yamaha 02 Silverado, studied seat and pass. seat, \$100 obo. 275-8173

90 Galant; 93 Mercury Sable; 84 MB 190 E, \$1,500 ea obo. 274-3580, 598-3540

59 Int. Winch truck, \$1,500 obo. 631-1505

05 Ford diesel F-350 1-ton dually truck, 4x4 long bed, 94k mi, double cab, \$24,500. 567-4467, 990-5838

Red Ford F250 or F350 tailgate fits 99-07. 808-7267

92 Isuzu truck, needs new carburetor engine rebuilt, new tires. 395-2962

07 Honda 1300 GTX motorcycle \$7,450. 535-8022

68 Ford Galaxy, 2 dr, hard top, \$500. 240-7750

26 Ford Model T Coupe, professionally restored. \$11,500. 214-9362

RV/Marine

97 Raycraft fishing boat w/98 Force motor 75 hsp, \$3,200. 535-8022

16' boat. 301-4030

85 Tioga Arrow MH, van style, 23', 52k mi, \$4,500 obo. 535-6992, 598-3672

09 39 Heartland RV, furnished, king bed, 4 slide outs, elect awnings. 401-2796

Pets/livestock

Great Pyrenees/Anatolian shep pups, wht/sht hair, born 8-15 \$50 ea. 626-6936, 312-0602

Big cows, 2 blk heavy bred, \$1,200. 1 blk cow/calf \$1,400; 1 WF black calf, \$1,500; 1 mf ref cow, calf, \$1,500. 820-3862

Bantam chickens, guineas. 598-6711

4 Arabians, 1 mare, 2 fillies, 1 stud, \$400 ea or \$1,000 for all. (918) 866-2452

Great Pyrenees mix fm, 4 y/o, sweet, free. 279-2446

Nubian does, 4 m; Lamancha doe, 9 mo; 2 withers 5-9 m/o, goat milk. 567-3748

Mini horse, 20 or more to choose from. 382-3504

3 y/o Arabian/App, 3 y/o App gelding \$500 ea obo. 567-1564

Free wild male cat. 333-2466

Flight conditioned Bob White quail. 527-0730

2 horses, green broke, 8 y/o. 4 y/o. 488-8124, (918) 667-3680

Fm AKC Mastiff \$500, champ bloodlines. (918) 618-4044

Free: scialian donkeys, 1 jack, 2 jennys. 383-2237

Reg. limo bulls/hfers, blk polled, top genetics. 517-3824, 279-3398

Yellow and white barn cat. 275-5125

Farm

Flatbed trailer, kid skid lower. (918) 667-3680, 488-8124

Shopsmith wood lath, scroll saw, 6" planner. New 14.9x28 tractor tire \$300. 249-2507

Wanted: Lrg H press anmd Arbor press, 2 hydraulic cylinders, good valve for frt end loader. 249-2507

5 40 pound weights for JD tractor, \$350 for all. 279-3638

225 amp Lincoln welder w/leads; oxygen, acetylene bottles w/gauges and hoses. \$100. (580) 336-7947

Blade for lawn tractor, \$50; box blade for lawn tractor, \$50. (918) 866-2440

45 JD tractor, Model A; \$500. 240-7750

5x14 stock trailer, elec brakes, \$1,850. 240-2883

Bread truck for scrap, \$100; brush hog, box blade. (918) 866-2468

Farmall A w/hyd, good tires, wheel weight, some tools. 452-3365

International tractor 240, 40 hp, power strg, gas engine, \$1,600. 257-5315

New tarp for 8' disc mower, \$100. 273-3846

Tractor implement truck, square baler, wood splitter, 3 bottom plow, tires. 301-4030.

500 gal stand gas tank, \$250; box blade, brush hog, plow, other farm equip. (918) 866-2468, 255-4442

231 MF tractor, low hrs; 30 MF tractor; 2 horse trailer . 740-3664, 962-2622

Misc

1 lrg blue willow platter, \$25; 1950 manual Underwood typewriter, \$25. 598-6711

250 gallon propane tank, \$300. 535-8022

Claw tub, \$50; mini bike, go-cart frames, \$20-\$50 ea. (918) 866-2440

VCR recorder, player, tapes; propane heaters, AC, 2 chairs, loveseat, compressor. 997-3920

8x12 storage shed, \$1,295. 783-4370

Garage, barn, storage bld, full of tools, furniture, 5th wheel hitch, appliance, lawn mowers, tractor, old farm equip. 275-5125

Craftsman arm saw \$150; 15" drill press, \$150; router, \$35; 9 joints, 4" C channel \$150. Long well buckets w/pullys, \$30. 454-2046

Hot dog cart, elect or gas, 4 coolers, 3 tables, lots of stock, \$3,000. 567-4747, 567-5612

Porcelain doll molds, 20 large, small. \$400. 567-2635

2 room tent, \$50. 7' Christmas trees, \$25; lighted reindeer \$25. 279-3638

3 complete turbines, \$15; console piano, \$500; 55 piece Winfield Passions China, \$100. 964-2569

Wanted: used books. 878-8858

Mobility 3-wheel scooter, new batteries, \$495. 598-3223

LaserMart LMH series/self leveling laser \$500; Kirby vac plus acc. \$30. 386-5201

Lexmark printer w/software; Mustek 1200 UB scanner w/software. 279-2826

Game table w/4 chairs on rollers, \$150. 279-3627

Wheat pennies \$4 a roll; Silver certificates ones \$4 ea; fives \$15 ea; red seal \$2 bills \$8 ea, 585-7072

New red long formal size 12 petite; blk spaghetti strap formal petite size 9-10; burgundy strapless formal petite size 4. 382-1141

2 burial plots, Resthaven Shawnee, cross section, \$700. 382-2909

Clocks for sale and repaired. 513-2986

Small square grass hay. 249-1532

Used utility poles. 273-0817

Back 2 Life pain relief. 273-0054

Wanted: rd bale hay 300 bales, 941-3111, (580) 310-2550

Natural gas wall heater \$100; frig, \$100; Maytag washer/dryer, \$200; elec oven \$100; 110 AC 1200 BTU \$100. 275-3419

2 man post hole digger, gasoline, \$100 obo; 3 alum mag wheels, 15" \$75 obo. 997-5698

Eggs \$1 a doz, jelly, purses, blouses. 279-3268

Big 4 hydraulic tire changer, \$125; garden/lawn trailer 2x5 metal bottom, \$25; Craftsman 16" scroll saw direct drive, \$50. 382-5045

Whirlpool dryer, Astate washer, \$200; dinette set 6 chairs, \$75; battery charger, \$30. 941-3368

Dorm frig w/ freezer, \$75. 566-9872

Wanted: first edition of Cherokee by Bob Blankenship. 221-1523

Haul off old appliances. 532-0629

Commercial gas range/oven, 6 burners, griddle, 2 lrg ovens, \$850. 598-6093, 788-7463

Dixon 4R 44" air compressor; entertainment center; 35" tv; many sm items. 226-2130

Will cut cedar trees. 637-4328