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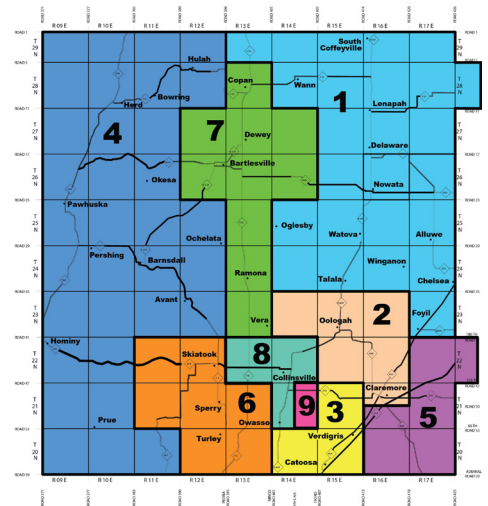
***Did you know?*** Over one million Oklahomans get their electric from an electric cooperative! And of the 688,000 meters on 118,200+ miles of power line throughout our state, over 35,000 of those meters are serviced by Verdigris Valley Electric.

Our goal is and has always been to provide safe, reliable and affordable electric to our members.



Additionally, VVEC looks forward to participating in community driven events such as Special Olympics of Oklahoma, Youth Tour and Energy Camp and Grant programs for our schools and fire departments!

As a local business, we are proud to power your lives. We love our communities and we love serving our members!





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MEETING

October 17, 2024  
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Bartlesville, OK 74003



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**August Mystery Picture!** Do you know where this is? Be the first to correctly guess the location during the month of August and receive a \$50 bill credit! Call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 to submit your guess!

July's Location correctly guessed by Kevin: Crybaby Bridge over Mission Creek; Road 3400 in Copan

## AGENCIES PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY BILLS

There are a number of government agencies and charitable and religious organizations that offer assistance with utility bills; some of them are listed here.

If you realize you may have difficulty paying your electric bill, please contact our consumer service representatives as soon as possible. We will make every effort to work with you to make payment arrangements and hopefully avoid interruption to your electric service.

ORGANIZATION	SERVES	PHONE NUMBER
SEAC	Avant, Sperry, Skiatook	396-1137
Community Action	Nowata County	273-2868
DHS	Nowata County	273-2327
DHS	Osage County	287-5800
DHS	Rogers County	283-8300
Community Action	Rogers County	341-5000
DHS	Tulsa County	581-2689, 581-2401
Helping Hand	Tulsa County	584-6923
Salvation Army	Tulsa County	582-7201
Owasso Comm. Res.	Tulsa/Rogers Counties	272-4969
Community Action	Washington County	333-8115
Concern	Washington County	336-4693
DHS	Washington County	338-5700

# INCUMBENT TRUSTEES SEEK RE-ELECTION

This fall, members in Districts 2, 4 and 6 will cast ballots for VVEC board trustees at their district meetings. Regular elections will be held for Districts 2, 4 and 6 and elected representatives will serve a standard 3-year term.



**District 2 - Jack Bogart**

Jack and Patti Bogart live in Oologah and have been members of VVEC since 1980. They have two sons and one daughter and are grandparents.

Bogart was elected to the VVEC board in 1997. He received certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association which he earned after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has also earned his Board Leadership certification and, most recently, the Director Gold Certificate.

"Serving on the board of trustees is a privilege," says Bogart. "I have enjoyed learning about the electric utility business and the cooperative method of doing business. I am amazed at how much joint effort and coordination it takes just to turn on a light switch."

John and Cecilia Hibdon live in Barnsdall and have been VVEC members since 1982. They have two grown children who have blessed them with grandkids.

"I am a CPA and have owned my own insurance and accounting business in Barnsdall since 1981," he says. "In my spare time I like to fish and play golf."

Hibdon has attained certified cooperative director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association which he earned after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has also earned his Board Leadership certification along with his Director Gold Certificate.

"I was honored when the members in District 4 elected me to the board in 1997 and I strive to represent them well as I help make decisions that affect their lives," he says.



**District 4 - John Hibdon**



**District 6 - Dennis Lenox**

Dennis and Sherry Lenox live in the Skiatook Lake area and have been members of VVEC for more than 40 years. They have a son and a daughter and are also proud grandparents.

Lenox has attained certified cooperative director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has also earned his Board Leadership certification.

"I love living in rural America," says Lenox, who is the retired vice-president of American Bank of Oklahoma in Skiatook. "Having been in the banking business, I've met a lot of people. When they have questions about the co-op, as a trustee, I'm usually able to answer those questions. If not, I can call someone at VVEC who can give me the answer so I can call the member back."

"Sherry and I enjoy riding motorcycles, NASCAR, spending time with our friends and family, and meeting people."



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## LORI PROCK



The August spotlight has landed on 19-year employee, Lori Prock! Lori has worked in numerous departments over the course of her career including, Cashier, Switchboard, Collections, Consumer Services Coordinator, Accounting, HR Administration and she is now the Director of Finance. She's moved a lot in those 19 years but has learned a lot along the way!

Lori and her husband, Tim, moved to Collinsville 20 years ago while raising their children, David, Daniel and Drew. They are active in their church where Tim is a pastor and even though her boys are grown now, she gets to be "MayMay" to her precious grandsons, Judah, Bentley and Jackson -- which also happens to be her favorite pastime!

Lori and Tim visited Hawaii a couple years ago and she'd love to travel more someday -- she loves the beach! Congrats on a job very well done, Lori!

*"I'll say this about VVEC: even though we all come from different backgrounds and different homes, we support each other and can depend on each other like family."*

**Our office will be closed on  
Monday, September 2nd, 2024 in  
observance of Labor Day.**

**We will re-open on Tuesday,  
September 3rd, 2024 at 7:30 AM.  
918-371-2584**



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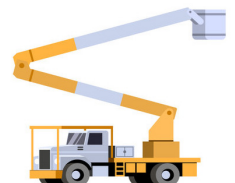
Report Service  
Issues



Receive Important  
Updates

For the next few months, tree crews will be working to clear right-of-way in the North Bartlesville and Verdigris substation areas. Once completed, crews will move to the Collinsville and Skiatook substation areas until it is complete.

VVEC Brush Coordinator:  
Thomas Martinez 918-586-6208



# SENDING A CHILD TO COLLEGE?

When you are shopping for dorm room supplies, décor, snacks and other back-to-campus items, take a moment to discuss safety tips with your child before hugs and goodbyes.

## Electrical safety tips

- When shopping for items that run on electricity, look for a safety endorsement label, such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories).
- Do not put a cell phone under a pillow or place it on or under bedding. It could overheat or catch fire.
- In the dorm or apartment, make sure outlets near water sources are equipped with ground fault

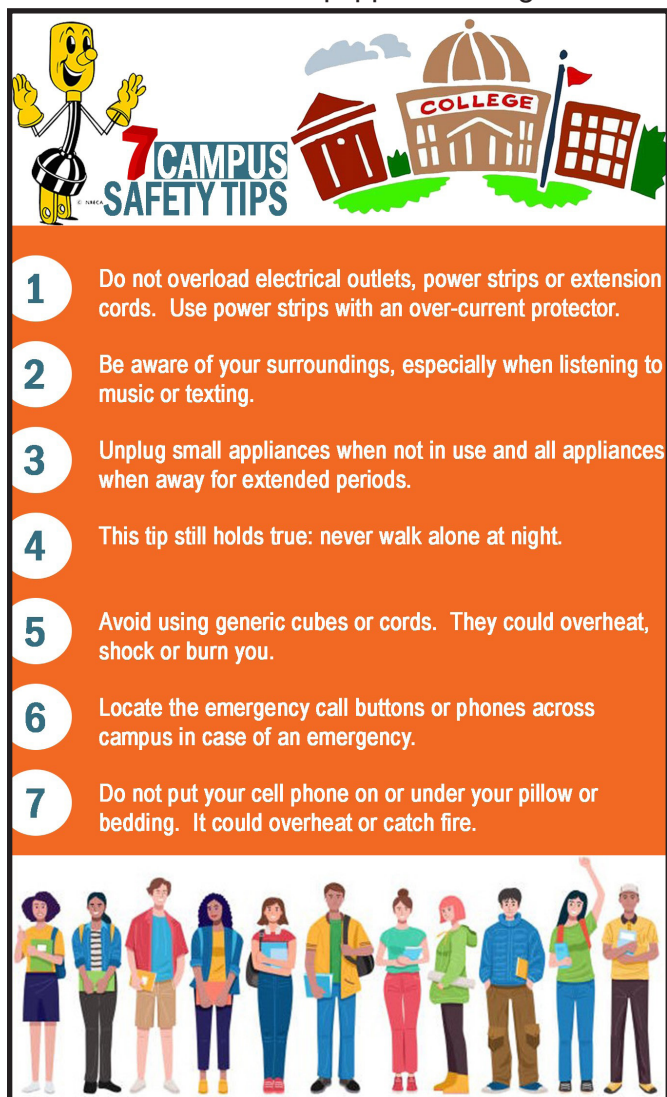
circuit interrupters (GFCIs). If they are not, contact the resident assistant, campus housing staff or landlord. (Look for a test and reset button on the face of the outlet.)

- Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power if too much current is drawn.
- Avoid overloading extension cords, power strips or outlets.
- Do not hang decorative lights with nails or tacks; always use plastic hooks.
- Do not run electrical cords across traffic paths or under rugs.

## General safety tips

- Find out what type of public safety department is on campus and how it functions; ask which services the department offers and the steps it takes to prevent crime.
- Locate emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.
- Walk with a friend, especially at night.
- When attending events or parties, go with at least one person you know and trust. If your friend leaves, do not stay.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid being distracted (listening to music, texting, and so on) while walking on campus.
- Find out what types of mental health services or counseling the campus offers.

*To learn more about electrical safety tips, go to [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.safepower.org).*





# COMMUNITY

## *grants*

While Verdigris Valley Electric strives to provide safe, reliable electricity and excellent service to our members, we are also proud to partner with our community by providing grants to our schools and rural fire departments. Funds may be used to purchase needed materials and equipment for classrooms and fire departments.



### Adopt-A School Grant Recipients

Barnsdall Elementary School  
Claremore High School  
Collinsville Upper Elementary  
Foyil Public Schools  
Oklahoma Union Public School  
Oologah High School  
Prue Public Schools  
Verdigris Early Childhood Dev. Center



### Rural Fire Grant Recipients

Collinsville Rural Fire Dept.  
Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dewey Fire Department  
Lenapah Fire Department  
New Alluwe Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Oglesby C.D. Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Osage Hills Rural Firefighters Assoc.  
Owens & Co. Fire  
Pershing Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Sperry Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Tiawah Fire Department

**CONGRATULATIONS!**







**Special  
Olympics**  
Oklahoma




STILLWATER, OK

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

This year, Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives were selected as the 2024 recipient of the Mike Synar Award of Excellence for our continued commitment and support of Special Olympics Oklahoma!



**Oklahoma Association  
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**SAFETY  
ON THE  
WATER**



Electricity and water are dangerous! If you plan to go boating or fishing this summer, be aware of your surroundings and potential electrical hazards.

Never go swimming near boats plugged into shore power or docks with electrical service.

Check for the location of power lines before fishing. Make sure you are casting the line far away from power lines to avoid contact.

Contact between your boat and a power line could be devastating. Maintain a distance of at least 10 feet between your boat and nearby power lines to be safe.

If your boat comes in contact with a power line, never jump out of the boat into the water — the water could be energized. Instead, stay in the boat and avoid touching anything metal until help arrives or until your boat is no longer in contact with the line.





## VVEC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**District 1:** Jim Brackett - 720-4531

**District 2:** Jack Bogart - 371-9587

**District 3:** Vernon Lewis - 521-5461

**District 4:** John Hibdon - 847-2320

**District 5:** Jimmy Lambert - 760-7029

**District 6:** Dennis Lenox - 289-5961

**District 7:** Charles Huerter - 914-1498

**District 8:** Ken Howard - 724-9965

**District 9:** Buddy McCarty - 272-5364

**General Manager:** Alice Lawson

## CONTACT US

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Megan Jackson

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# CLASSIFIEDS

**SUBMIT ADS** to [classified@vvec.com](mailto:classified@vvec.com) or send to ATTN: Classified, P.O. Box 219 Collinsville, OK 74021. Ads must be in writing. Your account number, name, address and a phone number is required on all ads. The deadline for all ads is the 1st of the month. Ads submitted by the 1st of the month will run in the following month's newsletter.

*Classified ads are a free service to VVEC members only. As many ads as space allows will be included in each issue. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.*

•Professional, personalized dog grooming at your home. Small dogs only. Most dogs only \$40.00. Over 40 years experience. 918-381-1170

•Home repair, remodel and handyman service serving metro Tulsa, Owasso, Collinsville, Oologah areas; 918-231-6385

•Maytag gas clothes dryer; original owner; works good - guaranteed. 918-231-6385

•1957 Piper Tripacer PA-22-150; project disassembled, complete, current registration, priced to sale 918-808-9051

•3/4 Ton Pickup bed trailer; \$250.00  
Text 918-633-4658

•Garage door opener - no remote, \$25 OBO; Wheel barrow, \$25; fence stretcher, \$10; 918-857-3336

•20 Ton Press 5 1/2' by 2 1/2'; priced to sale. 918-808-9051

•Cub Cadet series 1000 LT1042 19HP riding mower; tractor runs good. Mower needs pulley and repair hole in deck; \$125. 918-272-7165 or 918-724-0119

Is your account number 0111602000? If so, call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 during the month of August and claim your \$50 bill credit! CONGRATS!

## IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE

•First, 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.

•Then, call the co-op at 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948. 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, leave your information; every message will be answered.

•Download the SmartHub app at [www.smarthubapp.com](http://www.smarthubapp.com) to report outages from your smartphone.

## SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;  
May through October billing

**Customer Charge | \$40.00**

**Energy Charge | 1st 2000 kWh | \$.08279/kWh  
| over 2000 kWh | \$.08789/kWh**

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 62.088 mills per kWh.

In addition, a gross receipts tax of 2% of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes, if applicable.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*