

VVEC LINE LIFE

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First Responders in the Storm



HAPPY 4th of JULY!



Avoid lighting fireworks near power lines. It's best to light them in open areas with no nearby trees or power lines.

Don't swim in or near a marina. Swimming around electricity can be extremely dangerous.

Don't let anyone climb trees near power lines. You could run the risk of being electrocuted.

Place your grill away from water sources. General rule is to keep your grill at least 6' away from water to avoid electrical hazards.

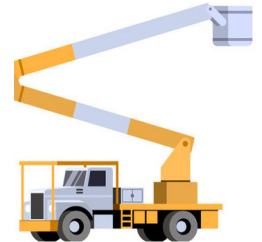


For the next few months, tree crews will be working to clear right-of-way in the North Bartlesville and Verdigris substation areas. Once completed, crews will move to the Collinsville and Skiatook substation areas until it is complete.

Additionally, right-of-way crews with APEX ROW LLC will be in the following substations for right-of-way maintenance during June and July of 2024: Sequoyah, Hulah, Tallant, Dome, Ramona, Collinsville, Skiatook, Childers, West Pawhuska, Prue, Verdigris and Vera.

APEX ROW LLC Manager/Field Manager:
Mathew Mitchell 870-448-2183

VVEC Brush Coordinator:
Thomas Martinez 918-586-6208



DATES TO REMEMBER

7.4 Independence Day
(Offices closed)

7.11 All-American Pet Photo Day

7.21-28 Shark Week!



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

June's Location correctly guessed by Sheryl: The Skeleton and Stagecoach on HWY 66 at Molly's Landing!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

WALTER OLSON



July's spotlight has searched out and found Walter Olson, a three year employee in our Accounting department! Math has always been a favorite subject for him so accounting is right down his alley!

Walter is married to his wife of 28 years, Merideth, and together they have three sons - Chandler, Ethan and Spencer! Walter coached and was always active in the sports his boys played while growing up but nowadays, he spends time with his family, friends and goes on some runs!

Walter loves how VVEC has a family atmosphere. "It's not a corporate feel and I really appreciate that." Excellent work on a job well done, Walter!

"If you can believe it, your mind can achieve it."
-Ronnie Lott

Qualifications To Be A VVEC Trustee

Electric cooperatives are governed by a board of trustees, who are each members of the cooperative residing in the districts they represent. They are elected to the board by members of their respective districts, at meetings held in the districts. Each trustee serves a three year term, and the terms are staggered so three different trustee terms expire each year.

Qualifications for trustees can be found in the cooperative's bylaws: Article 4, Section 4.

Those qualifications are:
"Each year, there shall be elected

trustees to succeed all trustees whose terms of office shall expire at the time of holding such election. All duly elected and qualified trustees shall serve for the term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the removal of trustees.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

- (a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the area served or to be served by the cooperative; or
- (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing

- enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative; or
- (c) has been convicted, pled guilty, or pled nolo contendere to a felony; or
- (d) is a close relative of an incumbent trustee or of an employee of the Cooperative, or
- (e) is or was an employee of the cooperative during the preceding three years prior to time of filing or being nominated.



BIG THANKS TO:

- Joe and Heather Wells at Talala Grocery for donating breakfast sandwiches to our crews!
- Sam's Club in Owasso for donating water and Gatorade!
- Casey's on HWY 20 for donating ice!
- Our members for the encouragement and hype on social media! It's so uplifting to see all of the positivity!



Restoring power, Restoring hope

BY MEGAN JACKSON

Cleanup and construction for Barnsdall and surrounding areas had barely begun when Claremore was hit with an EF-3 tornado that destroyed multiple homes and hit three substation areas on Saturday, May 25th.

Over the next five long days, our linemen got to work. Sister cooperatives and contractors sent response teams to aid in the restoration efforts while multiple brush crews began clearing paths to the wreckage.

In total, close to 150 linemen were in the field aiding in the reconstruction of Verdigris Valley lines.

And through it all, our communities rallied behind them, cheering them on through the exhaustion of 16+ hour days. Those many words of encouragement helped fill their tank when they were close to empty.

God bless those impacted by the recent storms and God bless the power lineman.



A SNAPSHOT:

- 7,200+ outages
- 278 broken poles
- 95 broken crossarms
- Extensive structure and vegetation damage throughout the path of the storm





★ **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND PARTICIPATION!** ★

Verdigris Valley is proud to invest in the futures of the youth in our communities! For over 50 years, VVEC has sent high school students from across our service territory on a week-long, all-expense-paid visit to the nation's capitol as delegates to the Washington Youth Tour! Students will have the opportunity to forge life-long friendships and learn leadership skills while being surrounded by American history!

This year's winners are both Barnsdall Public Schools juniors. Pictured (left to right) are Devin Lynch, Yasmina Bruton and their teacher, Wilma Logue.

Enjoy your trip, Devin and Yasmina!



Additionally, two Juniors, both of Owasso Public Schools, received scholarships to further their education!

Pictured (left to right) are Zoe Jimenez who received a \$1,000.00 scholarship, Ariana Reeves who received a \$750.00 scholarship and their teacher, Kimberly Derby.



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ENERGY CAMP

WINNERS!

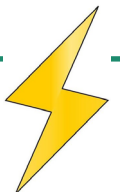
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Verdigris Valley has been a proud sponsor to the YouthPower Energy Camp with Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives since the camp began in 1989. Winners of the essay contest can expect a week of games, electric safety, bucket truck rides and even get to climb up a utility pole, decked out in lineman safety gear! Leadership, exciting opportunities and new friendships await!



Congratulations to Barnsdall Public Schools for producing all three winners in the Energy Camp Essay contest! Pictured (left to right) are Mr. James Cole, Lynleigh Robinson, Ainsley Corder and Matthew Thornton. We hope you have the best time!

Any teacher who participates in the Youth Tour or Energy Camp essay contests by administering the contest as a classroom assignment and produces a finalist will receive \$100.00 toward the purchase of classroom materials. Congratulations to all three teachers!





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CLASSIFIEDS

SUBMIT ADS to 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
- 3/4 Ton pickup bed trailer; \$225. Text 918-633-4658
- Reese hay mower; 8 ft, 3 pt. 918-255-6508
- Grassworks weed wiper; 12 ft, pull type, foam filled tires; 918-255-6508
- LG Dishwasher, used very little 918-255-6508
- Cub Cadet series 1000 LT1042 19HP riding mower; tractor runs good. Mower needs pulley and repair hole in deck; \$125. 918-572-7165 or 918-724-0119
- 2019 Honda Ridgeline pickup; low miles, excellent condition, many extras; 918-255-6508
- 9 Wheel inline hay rake 918-255-6508
- Granite countertop 918-255-6508

Is your account number 0941100103? If so, call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 during the month of July 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 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.

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