

# VVEC LINE LIFE



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## HURRICANE RELIEF

Restoration efforts continue as thousands of linemen across the country deploy to lend mutual aid



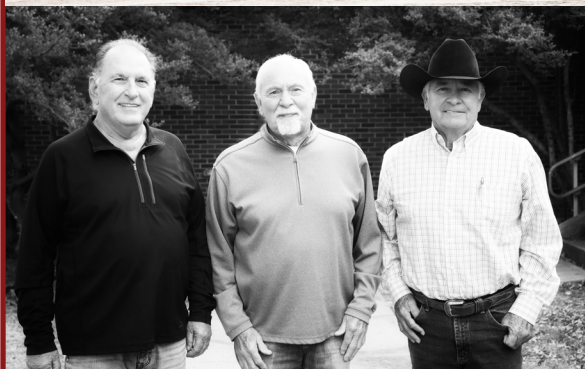


11.03 Daylight Savings Time ends  
11.05 Election Day! Go Vote!  
11.11 Veterans Day!  
11.28-29 Thanksgiving - Offices closed!



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



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

September's Location correctly guessed by Donald - Armadillo Island, Skiatook Lake off HWY 20 Bridge



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## GARY YARBROUGH



33 years at VVEC and Gary Yarbrough can't shake the spotlight! Gary joined co-op life in 1991 as a drilling rig operator. Since then, he's been in the Marketing department, promoter of hot water tanks, was involved in Youth Tour and Energy Camp, Safety and Loss Control, Staking Engineer and now runs the Mapping GIS system.

Gary and his beautiful wife, Noonie, have been married since '85 and have two children and two precious grandchildren, Lincoln and Hallie. They are active in their church and love spending time with friends and family!

Gary's advice to any new employees that come aboard is simple: "Don't take this job for granted. We are blessed to be at Verdigris Valley Electric!"

Congrats on a job very well done, Gary!

*"Being at VVEC is more than a blessing. It's where God wanted me to work and I'm very aware of that. I truly love my job and I look forward to Monday mornings!"*



### Living out the 6th Cooperative Principle: Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Hurricane Francine brought with her massive areas of destruction and power loss with over 37,000 members of DEMCO without electricity. So when the Assn. of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives reached out for assistance, VVEC quickly deployed a crew.

However, thanks to the outpouring of support from many other cooperatives nationwide who sent crews to aid in restoration, our crew was turned around just shy of Texas.

We are abundantly thankful for our guys willingness to put their lives on hold to go help others in need.





## HURRICANE RELIEF: Mutual Aid crews arrive in states ravaged by recent storms

Over one million cooperative members were without power following the slam of multiple hurricanes into the Southeast leaving a devastating, 500-mile path of destruction.

Thankfully, hundreds of thousands of outages have been restored thanks to the tireless efforts of linemen nationwide who continue to work despite facing extraordinarily difficult conditions.

Responding crews are battling widespread flooding, impassible roads, downed trees, broken poles and in some areas, infrastructure that is completely destroyed and will have to be rebuilt entirely.

But in the face of overwhelming adversity, our guys are working side by side with co-ops from across the country, day after very long and

exhausting day, to restore power to the many without. They sacrifice precious time with their families who are making sure everything is taken care of at home while also worrying about their loved ones.

So while we pray for all those affected by the storms, we also pray for the power linemen who are demonstrating very clearly what the cooperative spirit is all about.









# SAFELY HUNTING THE RUT

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that 101.6 million Americans participate in wildlife-related activities each year, such as hunting, fishing and wildlife-watching. It is estimated that there are 11.5 million hunters and nearly 36 million anglers!

Hunting is ranked as one of the safer activities when compared with other sports, including baseball, football, basketball and jogging. Over the past 20 years, the number of unintentional firearm fatalities has declined. From 1997 to 2017, the number dropped by 50%, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF.org).

Even though hunting is one of the safer sport activities, hunters should always put safety first, as incidents and accidents do happen. Cardiac disease, lacerations and tree-stand accidents are the most common reasons for hunters to visit the emergency room.

Hunting is one of the priority public uses of national wildlife refuges. The others are fishing, wildlife viewing, photography, environmental education and interpretation. Refuges aim to provide quality outdoor recreation experiences for all visitors.

For the enjoyment of long-time hunters, new hunters and non-hunters alike, it is important that all visitors share refuge lands and waters responsibly.

## SAFETY FIRST

Introducing your kids to guns by teaching them about safety is a great way to broach the subject.

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Never allow the muzzle of a firearm to point at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Don't put your finger near the trigger until you are ready to fire and don't depend on any mechanical device for safety.
- Always be sure of where your target is and what's behind and in front of it.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).



## BE SAFE ON THE HUNT

NEVER FIRE TOWARD POWER LINES,  
POLES, OR EQUIPMENT.





**HUNT SMART,  
HUNT SAFE**

## OKLAHOMA HUNTER EDUCATION INFO

### IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

Students under the age of 10 may attend a hunter education class, but will not be allowed to take the test or get a card.

### WHAT IS HUNTER EDUCATION?

Hunter education covers a variety of topics including firearms safety, wildlife identification, wildlife conservation and management, survival, archery, muzzle-loading, and hunter responsibility. It is available online and in a six (6) hour traditional course.

### WHY HUNTER EDUCATION?

Over the past 40 years, hunting-related accidents and fatalities have declined by more than 70 percent in Oklahoma. Mandatory hunter education courses have not only reduced accidents within Oklahoma but also in every state and Canadian province with similar programs.

Oklahoma's hunter education program is recognized in all states as well as in Canada and Mexico.



For more information and to visit Oklahoma's Wildlife Department, scan the QR code or visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com).

## STAY SAFE OUT ON THE

# HUNT



Take precautions to stay safe on your next hunting expedition.



Know the signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition.



Have a way to get in touch with the outside world.

Always implement firearm safety techniques.



Do not lean a tree stand against a utility pole.

Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans.



Carry a first aid kit.

Check the weather in advance and be prepared.

Check tree stands regularly for stability.

Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.



Be visible: Wear blaze orange.

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**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

•Handyman service to repair and remodel; affordable plumbing and electric. Call or text for free estimate; references available. 918-231-6385

•Maytag gas clothes dryer; original owner; works good - guaranteed. \$175 or trade; 918-231-6385

•4 Pack Life Vests, new; \$35.00  
Call 918-688-6949

•Dog crates - all sizes and types  
918-688-6806

•Century Wave Master portable training bag; like new; \$50.00  
Call 918-688-6949

•Ashley Leather Recliner / lift chair; Good condition; \$300.00  
918-371-7059

•Gulf Stream MaxGuard boat cover; 20-22 ft. V-Hull; like new. \$50.00  
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•Chile Pepper Roaster (lg.); Used once; \$250. 918-341-6920

•Food Dehydrator; electric; \$100  
918-341-6920

•Shop Fan - large; \$300  
918-341-6920

•Land clearing with a forestry mulcher for residential, commercial, recreational and farming. Clearing for fence lines, trails, etc. Family owned with 25 Years experience; 918-636-1698

•Electrical material and tools from business closure. Leave message or text 918-694-2130

•1964, 1965, 1966 Chevy pickup parts; 1965 Chevy Pickup  
918-694-2130

**Is your account number 24313100403? If so, call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 during the month of November and claim your \$50 bill credit! CONGRATS!**



### WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage;  
November through April billing

**Customer Charge | \$40.00**  
**Energy Charge | \$.08279/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.

### 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.