

VVEC LINE LIFE



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VVEC encourages the safe, efficient use of electricity and actively supports community initiatives that benefit our members and the public.

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.

WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage;
November through April billing

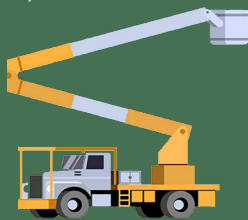
Customer Charge	\$40.00
Energy Charge	\$.08279/kwh

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.

Tree crews are working to clear right-of-way on the Elm Creek, Vera, and Prue substations.

Brush Coordinator:
Chub Brewer
918-586-6208



Merry Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24-25, 2025 in observance of Christmas. We will re-open on Friday, December 26, 2025 at 7:30 AM.

Our offices will be closed Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year's Day. We will re-open on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 7:30 AM.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

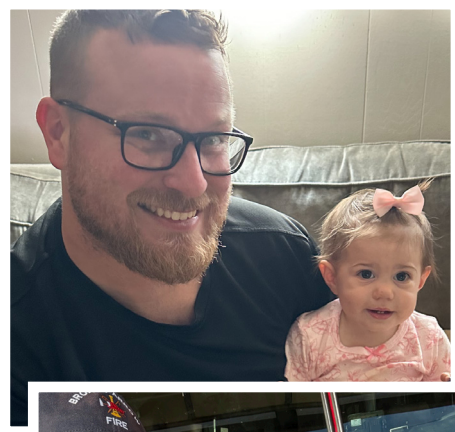
COME JOIN US FOR
Cookies and Cider

You're invited to visit our Collinsville office on December 17, 2025 for complimentary cookies and warm apple cider!

8901 E 146th St N
Collinsville, OK 74021
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

SUZY MCCLAIN



For over seven years, Suzy McClain has been a familiar and friendly face at VVEC. She currently serves as a Member Services / Consumer Communications Assistant, a role that allows her to do what she loves most - helping members and supporting her coworkers in any way she can.

Over the years, Suzy has worked in a variety of departments including Billing, Front Desk, Dispatch and Operations Secretary, giving her a well-rounded understanding of what it takes to keep the cooperative running smoothly. Her compassion and positive attitude shine through in every member interaction, whether she's answering questions, solving a problem, or lending a helping hand.

Outside of work, Suzy treasures time spent with her grandchildren - Rylen, Ava, and a new grandbaby arriving in May - along with her children Matthew, Amanda and future son-in-law Max. She loves shopping, family gatherings, all things Jackson Browne and collecting gnomes and vintage clocks.

When asked what always brings a smile to her face, Suzy says it's thinking about her dad or spending time with her grandkids. Her warmth and laughter make her a bright spot wherever she goes. Congrats on a job very well done, Suzy!

"Positivity isn't about ignoring hard times - it's about trusting that God's plan is bigger than your struggle. Watching Rylen heal reminded me just how powerful faith really is. That experience strengthened my heart in ways I'll never forget."

YOUTH AND ENERGY CAMP

YOUTH TOUR | JUNE 13-19, 2026

High school juniors selected for Youth Tour will travel to Washington, D.C., to explore our nation's history and government in action. Students visit with members of Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation, tour the U.S. Capitol, Arlington Cemetery, and iconic landmarks including the Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington Monuments. It's an incredible opportunity to learn about electric cooperatives, meet peers from across the country, and see leadership in motion.



ESSAY CONTEST OPENS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

VVEC is proud to once again sponsor outstanding local students for two unforgettable leadership experiences in 2026!

YOUTHPower ENERGY CAMP | MAY 26-28, 2026

Current 7th grade students can experience the power of teamwork and leadership at YouthPower Energy Camp. Campers elect board members, work in small groups to solve real-world challenges, and get a close-up look at the world of electric cooperatives. They'll watch safety demonstrations, ride in a co-op bucket truck, and even climb a utility pole in full safety gear, of course!



ESSAY CONTEST OPENS: MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026



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This season, the brightest light isn't on the tree - it's the power of community shining through our members and the benefits of belonging to a cooperative built to serve them.

Unlike investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives don't exist to make profits for distant shareholders. Their purpose is to serve their members, neighbors, and communities - a mission that shines even brighter during the holidays and continues to guide every decision made today.

Being a customer is about transactions. Being a member is about connection, about belonging to something that truly matters.

At their core, cooperatives are member-owned and locally controlled. That's not just a tagline; it's the foundation of their business model. Members have a voice in how their co-op operates, electing

board members who live within the service area and understand the unique challenges and opportunities their communities face. Decisions aren't made in corporate boardrooms hundreds of miles away; they're made right here at home, by people who care about the same things their neighbors do.

That local accountability allows VVEC to stay focused on what matters most: delivering reliable, affordable electricity and providing real value to the people it serves. When storms hit, co-ops rally. Crews from across Oklahoma step in to help - not because they have to, but because that's what neighbors do. That spirit of cooperation is what sets co-ops apart: it's the heart of who we are.

And that same cooperative spirit shines especially bright during the holiday season. As families gather, lights twinkle, and kitchens fill with warmth, VVEC's crews, engineers, and staff remain dedicated to keeping power flowing safely and dependably. Their work behind the scenes helps make those special moments possible.

But the cooperative's mission doesn't end at the power lines. Electric co-ops were built to meet community needs, and that purpose extends well beyond providing electricity. Every dollar you spend as a member helps fuel schools, small businesses, and community programs, keeping local towns strong and vibrant.

From sponsoring youth programs to partnering with organizations that lend a helping hand during the holidays, VVEC is committed to lifting up the communities it serves.



7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



1. Voluntary & Open Membership
Co-ops are open to all who can use their services and accept membership responsibilities - without discrimination of any kind.

2. Democratic Member Control
Members govern the co-op and have an equal voice—one member, one vote - in shaping policies and decisions.

3. Members' Economic Participation
Members contribute to and control the co-op's capital, sharing in benefits and directing surplus toward growth and community support.

4. Autonomy & Independence
Co-ops are member-controlled and make agreements only when they maintain their democratic independence.

5. Education, Training & Information
Co-ops invest in education to strengthen members, employees, and communities through awareness and understanding.

6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
Working together locally and globally, co-ops build a stronger, more effective cooperative network.

7. Concern for Community
Co-ops focus on meeting member needs while promoting the long-term well-being of their communities.

And when the co-op succeeds, you share in that success through capital credits; a tangible reminder that you're not just connected to the grid, but to the greater good of our community.

Looking ahead to a new year, VVEC remains focused on the future. As electricity demand grows with new technologies and local development, the co-op is working to ensure those needs are met with a balanced, reliable energy mix. Members can count on VVEC to keep reliability, affordability, and community service at the forefront of everything we do.

So as we celebrate this season of light and gratitude, we want to thank you, our members, for being the heart of everything we do.

Because at VVEC, we're not just powered by purpose...

We're powered by you.



*Merry Christmas
to our wonderful members!*

POWERING UP

OUR 87TH ANNUAL MEETING

A NEW LOCATION, FAMILIAR FACES, AND THAT UNMISTAKABLE CO-OP ENERGY.

What a night! Our 87th Annual Meeting of Members on October 23rd was one to remember, as more than 400 smiling faces filled the Tulsa Tech - Owasso Campus for an evening of connection, celebration, and community.

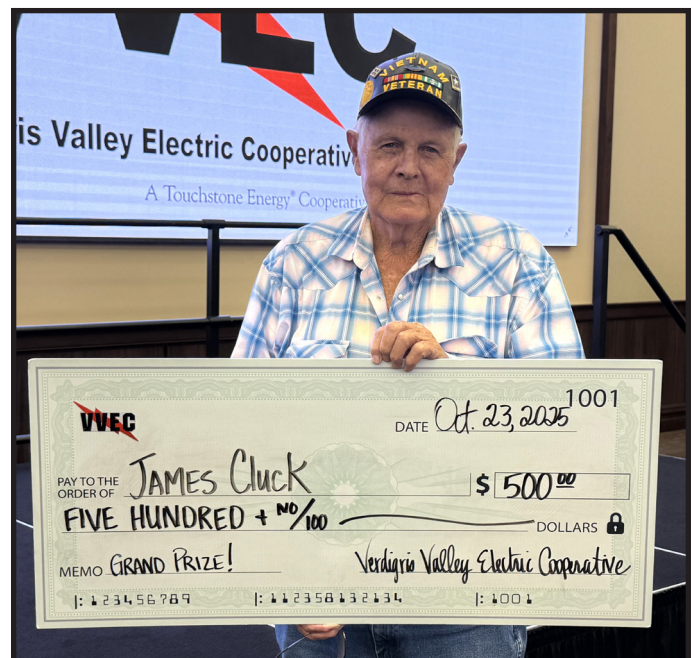
The new location proved to be the perfect fit - easy to find, comfortable, and buzzing with energy from the moment doors opened. Members enjoyed catching up with neighbors, snapping photos with our favorite mascot, Willie Wiredhand, and exploring booths showcasing the many ways VVEC serves its members year-round.

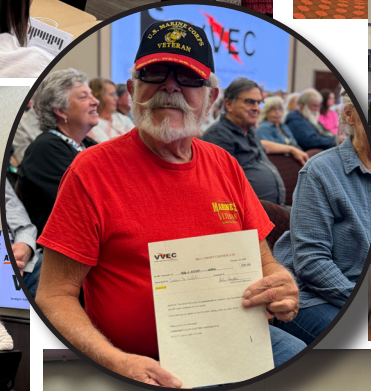
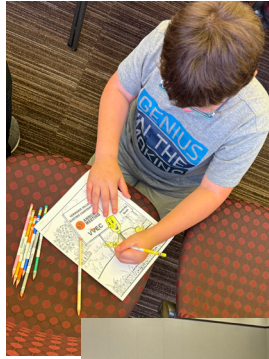
Guests were treated to dinner, live music by the Thomas Martinez Band, and plenty of excitement as names were drawn for door prizes and cash giveaways. Kenny Sparks, former Director of

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs for the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, shared an engaging message with the crowd, setting a great tone for the evening.

Although no business could be conducted due to lack of quorum, District 8 Trustee Ken Howard kept the spirit high as he kicked off the prize drawings before officially adjourning the meeting.

A heartfelt thank you to every member and guest who made the evening such a success. Your presence reminded us what makes this cooperative so special: the people behind the power. We can't wait to see you next year!







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Trunk-or-Treat at COLLINSVILLE ECC

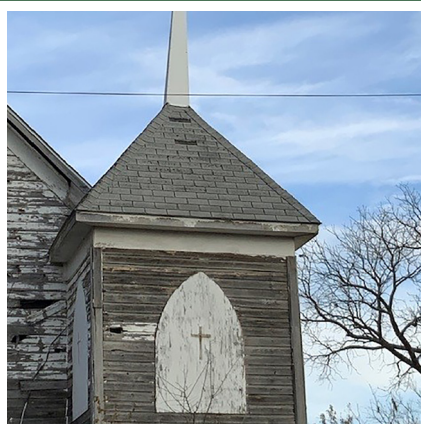
VVEC employees brought a little extra sugar and smiles to Collinsville ECC's annual Trunk-or-Treat celebration! This year's Candyland-themed display was a hit with the kiddos, complete with colorful decorations, costumes, and plenty of sweet treats.

Our employees enjoyed spending the morning connecting, celebrating community spirit, and sharing a little co-op fun with the next generation of members!



IS YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER 2051600700?

If so, call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 during the month of December and claim your \$50 bill credit! **CONGRATS!**



DECEMBER MYSTERY PICTURE

Think you recognize the location? Call Megan Jackson at 918-586-6241 **starting Dec. 1** to submit your guess. The first correct answer wins a \$50 bill credit!

Contest runs through the end of December.

Nov. Mystery Location: S Curve on 161st between 106th and 96th St