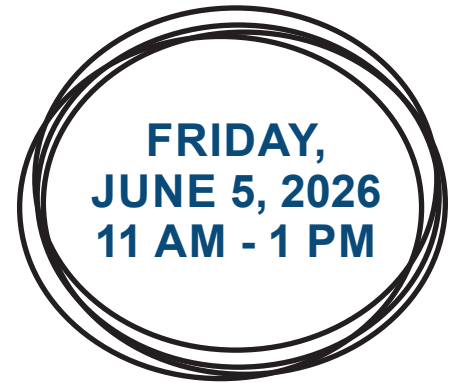


VVEC LINE LIFE

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Member Appreciation Lunch!



At VVEC, our members are our neighbors, our community, and the reason we do what we do every day. To say thank you, we invite you to join us for our Member Appreciation Lunch on Friday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our Collinsville office.

Whether you've been a member for decades or are new to the co-op, we'd love to see you there!

Come enjoy a relaxed afternoon with good food, friendly faces, and a chance to connect with the VVEC team. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more about your cooperative, and visit with fellow members from across our service area.

As a member-owned cooperative, everything we do is built around you. Events like this are just one small way we can show our appreciation for the trust you place in us to provide safe, reliable service year-round.

We hope you'll make plans to stop by, grab a bite, and let us say thank you in person.

We can't wait to see you there!

MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCH!

Friday, June 5th, 2026
11 AM - 1 PM

8901 E 146TH ST N
COLLINSVILLE, OK 74021

Come join us!

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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.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;
May through October billing

Customer Charge: \$40.00

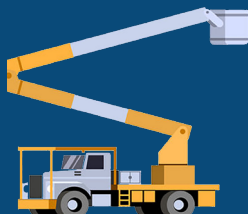
Energy Charge: 1st 2000 kWh | \$.08279 / kWh
over 2000 kWh | \$.08789 / kWh

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.

Tree crews are working to clear right-of-way on the Oologah and Javine substations.

Brush Coordinator:
Chub Brewer
918-586-6208



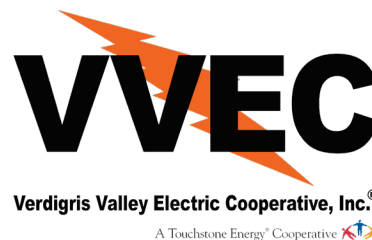
VVEC EARNS AN ACSI® 2026 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AWARD

Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative is honored to have earned a 2026 Customer Satisfaction Award* from the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI®) based on our member survey results. Members were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with us, how well we lived up to their expectations, and how well we measured up to their ideal co-op experience. While these were not the only questions in the survey, we included these specifically because they are the core components of the proprietary ACSI methodology.

VVEC's ACSI score substantially outperforms the industry average score earned by publicly measured utilities reported in the 2026 ACSI Energy Utility Study. This Award is a testament to VVEC's ongoing efforts to provide the best possible member experience.

The 2026 Customer Satisfaction Award affirms that Verdigris Valley Electric's hard work has been noticed by its members. VVEC is grateful for its members and will continue to strive for excellence through constant dedication to improvement.

*Award criteria are determined by the ACSI® and are based on customers rating their satisfaction in a survey independent of the syndicated ACSI Energy Utility Study. For more about the ACSI, visit www.theacsi.org/badges. ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



JASON WELLS

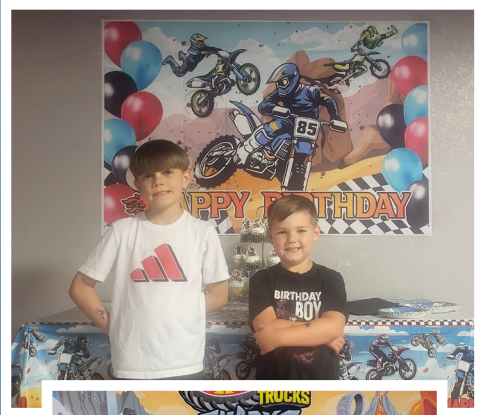


Jason Wells recently stepped into his new role in Member Relations/Public Relations, but he's no stranger to VVEC. He spent five years as a lineman here at the co-op (16 years total in the trade) bringing valuable, hands-on experience into his new position.

Throughout his time at VVEC, he's worked in both the lineman and MR/PR departments, giving him a well-rounded perspective and strong connection to the work we do. What he enjoys most is helping members and getting to know the people we serve which is a natural fit for someone who's spent years out in the field.

Outside of work, Jason enjoys hunting, shooting, and spending time with family and friends. You'll often find him cheering on his boys, Colin and Carter, at their games, whether it's soccer, t-ball, football, or basketball. Family is at the center of everything he does, and nothing makes him smile more than watching his boys succeed or accomplish something they're proud of. Jason and his wife, Lindsey, are proud to call this community home, and we're proud to have him serving our members in this new role.

Congrats on a job well done, Jason!



VVEC Brings the Cooperative Voice to the Capitol

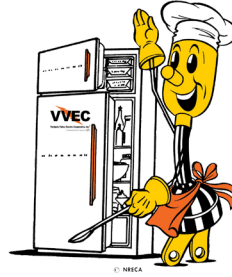
Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative was proud to be represented at Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) Capitol Day, where employees, alongside Youth Tour Ambassador Alexander Bruton, joined co-op leaders from across the state to connect with legislators. Held at the State Capitol, the event highlights the cooperative difference and the value of member-owned utilities.

Throughout the day, VVEC representatives engaged with elected officials on issues impacting rural Oklahoma, reinforcing the importance of reliable, affordable power and local control. Events like Capitol Day ensure the voices of our members are heard, because we're not just serving communities, we're part of them.

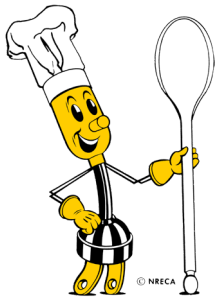


Pictured left to right: Suzy McClain, Josh Jackson, Misti Frazier, Alexander Bruton, Representative Rusty Cornwell, and Thomas Martinez

Lemonade & Lollipops



Smiles were in full supply at this year's Lemonade & Lollipops event as members and community friends stopped by for a refreshing treat and a chance to connect. From the first cup poured to the last lollipop handed out, it was a day full of simple joys and friendly faces.



Events like this are a small way we say "thank you" to the communities we serve. Whether you stayed to visit or just grabbed something sweet on the go, we loved seeing each of you and sharing a moment together.

We're grateful for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful community and we're already looking forward to the next time we can gather again!



Pictured left to right: Jason Wells, Suzy McClain, Piper Morton, Ryker Leonard, Peyton Wells, Brooke Capuchino, Kilia Markham, Kevin Yang, Abigail Smith, Mackenzie Clifton, Sydney Figg, Nidia Escobeno, Misti Frazier, Rachanee Moua, Serenity Felton, Jordynn Lampkin, and Josh Jackson

This year's Lemonade & Lollipops event was made even sweeter thanks to the generosity of students from Oologah-Talala Public Schools. Under the guidance of Mrs. Kelli McElroy, students in her Culinary 1 class rolled up their sleeves and baked homemade cookies to donate for the event.

Their contribution added a special, personal touch to the day, giving members something delicious to enjoy while visiting with our team. More importantly, it showcased the spirit of community and service that makes our area so special.

VVEC is proud to partner with schools like Oologah-Talala and grateful for students who are already making a difference. Thank you to Mrs. McElroy and her class for sharing their time, talents, and a whole lot of sweetness!



Pictured left to right: Jason Wells, Suzy McClain, Kelli McElroy, Josh Jackson, Misti Frazier, and Logan Wells



WHEN HELPING SOMEONE ELSE

- Do not jump in to try and save someone you suspect might be exposed to electricity in the water. Instead, throw them a float and turn off shore power by using a switch or other mechanism (usually found on the meter base) or by unplugging the shore power cords.
- While on shore assisting someone in the water, eliminate the source of power first, then call 9-1-1.
- Get them to shore or on the dock by pulling them in with the float rope. If you cannot find a pulse, perform CPR until the local fire department or emergency responders arrive.

PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE

- If you own a boat that has an electrical system, make sure it is always in good working order and have it inspected annually by a qualified electrician. Consider purchasing a clamp meter to test for stray electricity in between inspections.
- All docks should have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) on the circuits that feed electricity to the docks. Check GFCIs often to make sure they work.
- Faulty electricals in any water source could cause a problem. This includes hot tubs, pools and water parks. If you feel tingling or other unusual sensations, get out of the water.

While it is impossible to know if water is electrified just by looking, learning about the dangers of ESD can help keep you safe in the water.

As temperatures rise outside and the cooling water beckons, know the signs of a hidden danger that could be lurking in lakes and other water sources: electric shock drowning (ESD).

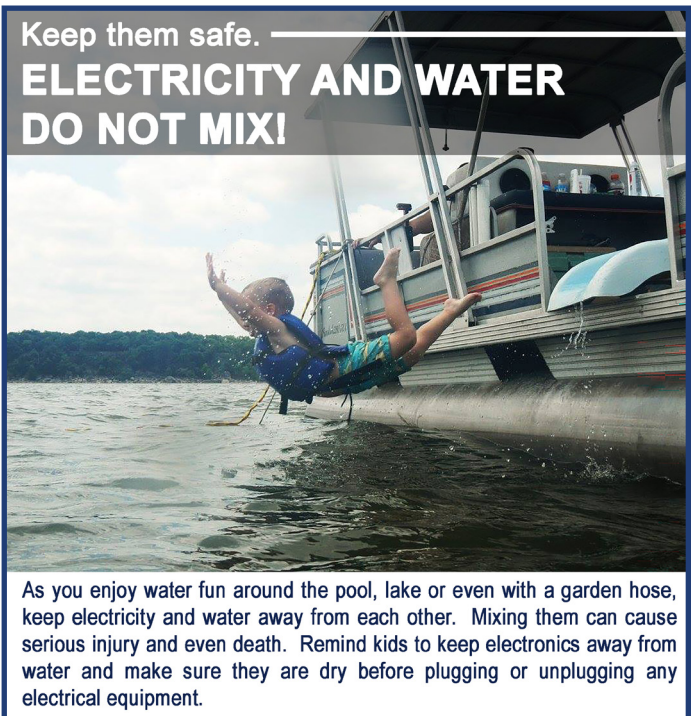
A type of drowning that many people are not familiar with, ESD happens when electrical current seeps into water from a nearby electrical source, such as a yacht, boat or marina dock. “As a child or adult swims in or near water that is electrified, his or her body can become a conductor for that electricity,” says Erin Hollinshead, executive director of Safe Electricity. “Once that electricity moves through the body, a person can become paralyzed and drown.”

Just as you wouldn’t use a blow dryer with one hand submerged in a sink full of water or stand in a flooded basement and plug something in, you would not knowingly jump into a body of water that has electricity running through it.

How does the electricity escape from its source into the water? Outdated wiring and a lack of proper safety equipment on boats and docks can cause it to happen. While ESD is an invisible danger, “Knowing how to prevent it, what to do if you think you are approaching electrified water and how to properly help someone else can definitely save your life or someone else’s (life),” Hollinshead said.

WHILE SWIMMING

- Do not swim around docks with electrical service or boats that are plugged into shore-to-dock power.
- If you are swimming and feel tingling or shocks, swim away from the dock or any other electrical source, such as a security light. Yell to others to cut the power source. “If you feel a shock, swim away from the dock” is a good way to remember this.
- If you think you are swimming in water that could be electrified, try to stay upright, tuck your legs up so that you are more compact, and swim away from anything you think could be energizing the water.



As you enjoy water fun around the pool, lake or even with a garden hose, keep electricity and water away from each other. Mixing them can cause serious injury and even death. Remind kids to keep electronics away from water and make sure they are dry before plugging or unplugging any electrical equipment.

UNDERSTANDING CAPITAL CREDITS

One of the many benefits of being a member of Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative is something you won't find with investor-owned utilities: capital credits.

Because VVEC operates as a not-for-profit, any revenue left over after expenses isn't kept as profit. Instead, those margins are allocated back to you, our members, based on how much electricity you used throughout the year.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



Each year, VVEC tracks how much electricity you purchase and what you pay for it. At the end of the year, any remaining margins are assigned to your account as capital credits. When the cooperative's financial condition allows, the Board of Trustees may approve a retirement, which means those credits are returned to you.

Capital credits are a reflection of what makes electric cooperatives different. They represent local ownership, shared success, and a commitment to serving our members, not generating profits.

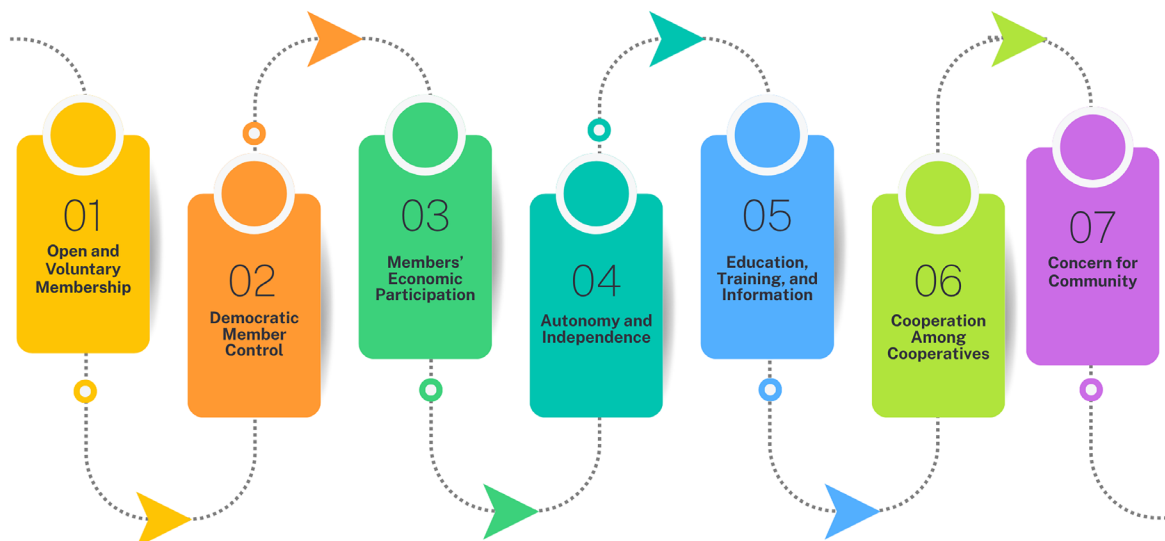
It's just one more way your co-op puts you at the center of everything we do.

Scan the QR code for more information about Capital Credits at vvec.com/capital-credits.

You can also search for Lost Members, those who have moved, changed names, or passed away, whose Capital Credits may still be waiting to be claimed.

7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

These principles are a key reason that VVEC operates differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of our members first.





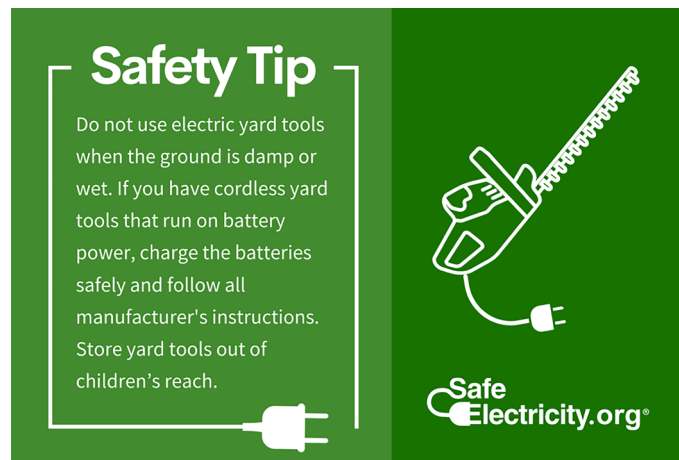
We love trees. They beautify our landscape, provide shade and are an essential part of nature.

When you see us out trimming trees, know that we are doing so to keep you safe and prevent service issues.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

Although most trees do not present a problem, some of them grow into or crowd power lines or other utility equipment. When greenery becomes too close for comfort, we have to address it because overgrowth can interfere with power distribution and create a fire hazard.

Power lines can give off a spark or arc that may land on a nearby branch and ignite. Additionally, the lights in your house may flicker when tree branches brush power lines during high winds.



Stormy weather can also cause limbs to break off and land on lines.

In fact, the majority of power outages are caused by tree-related issues. It is our job to ensure trees, branches and limbs are a safe distance from power lines.

Clear power lines make it easier and safer for lineworkers to access lines and fix problems that may occur. When clearing around lines, we make sure proper pruning techniques are used to preserve tree health as much as possible. Pruning is the first line of defense against unruly trees, although sometimes a tree must be removed. This is a last resort for certain scenarios: when a fast-growing tree is located directly under a power line or for trees that are leaning, in decline, or cracked or split.

IN YOUR OWN YARD

When hiring someone to trim trees on your property, know that most tree-care workers are not qualified to work around energized power lines. By law, only OSHA-certified utility line clearance workers are allowed to work on trees or branches within 10 feet of a power line.

Contact Chub Brewer at 918-586-6208 with questions about trees around power lines.

For more information about electrical safety, visit safeelectricity.org.



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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
- Handyman service to repair and remodel; affordable plumbing and electric. Call or text for free estimate; references available. 918-231-6385
- Ford New Holland Hay Rake. 1988 Model 256; \$1,275 or trade. Call or text for pictures. 918-231-6385
- Sheltered square baled hay; \$10; No spray, Collinsville area. Text only 918-504-6264
- 2004 Chevy Silverado 2500 Duramax Diesel - 93K miles. Sold with: 30 Ft Sprinter 5th wheel trailer including a super slide unit and Honda Generator 5000 - RV Park compatible. \$37,000 total. 208-994-9124

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JUNE MYSTERY PICTURE

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

Contest runs through the end of June.

May Mystery Location:
Boars Nest Pig on HWY 20, west of Skiatook