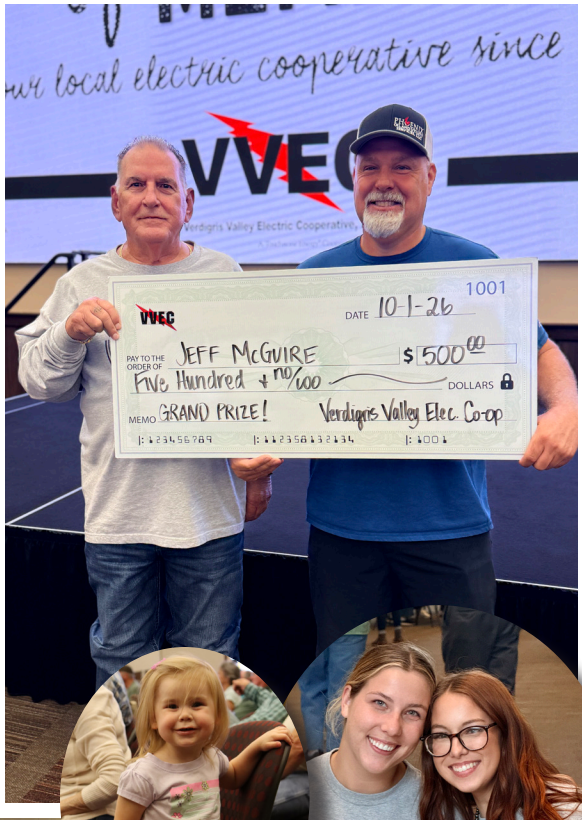
# VVEC LINE LIFE

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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

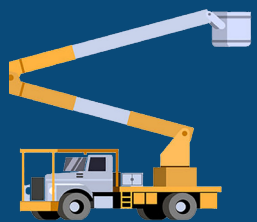
October through March usage;
November through April billing

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| 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 Oologah and Javine substations.



Brush Coordinator:
Chub Brewer
918-586-6208



# BEHIND EVERY CLIMB

**For VVEC linemen, danger is part of the job. Every day, they climb poles, work around high-voltage electricity and face conditions that most of us will never experience. It's a job that takes skill, courage and a constant awareness of the risks involved.**

**Our linemen spend countless hours training and preparing for the unexpected, but they also depend on each other to make sure everyone goes home safely. Whether they're working under a blazing sun, in freezing temperatures or restoring power after a storm, safety is always a priority.**

**It's easy to take electricity for granted, but there's nothing ordinary about the work it takes to keep our lights on. We're thankful for the men who take on those risks every day to serve our members and communities.**

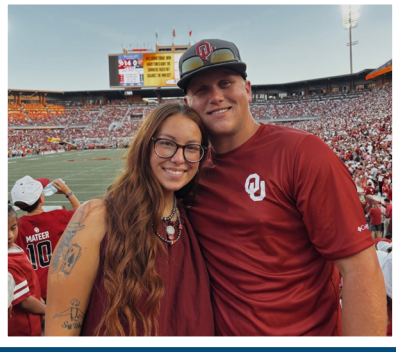
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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## JOSIE HILTON





Josie Hilton has been part of the VVEC family for six months, working as a Member Service Representative. Her favorite part of the job? The people she works with! Josie says her coworkers make every day enjoyable, and that's something she really appreciates.

When she's not at work, Josie enjoys making jewelry, hunting, fishing, watching football, and spending time with her friends, family, and her boyfriend, Jared. She's also a proud dog mom to Cinch and loves being outdoors. In fact, sunshine is one thing that's guaranteed to put a smile on her face! A couple of fun facts about Josie? She's one of nine children and graduated from Oklahoma State University a year early!

We're glad to have Josie as part of the VVEC team and look forward to getting to know her even better!

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."*
*1 Peter 5:7*






# ANNUAL MEETING *Of Members*



Our 88th Annual Meeting of Members was a great night filled with good food, live music, great conversations and, most importantly, our members! We always enjoy the chance to visit with so many of you and appreciate you taking the time to be a part of it!




















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Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's
88th ANNUAL MEETING
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# HIGH VOLTAGE, HIGH STANDARDS

**Working in a substation comes with serious risks, and safety is always a top priority. Our linemen receive specialized training to recognize hazards, follow safety procedures and take the necessary precautions to keep themselves and their coworkers safe.**

Substations are part of the electrical generation, transmission and distribution system. Transformers are contained inside many of them, and their job is to transform voltage from high to low or vice versa, depending on their location within the distribution path.

Besides transformers, substations usually house switches, protective devices and control equipment. In large substations, circuit breakers are used to interrupt any short circuits or overloads that may occur.

**No one should approach a substation, touch the fence or enter the gate unless they are authorized to do so.**

Paying attention to individuals and activity around substations and other utility equipment helps keep everyone safe. Here are some things to look for:

- Take notice of individuals in street clothes working near or on utility equipment; if you see this, please report it immediately.
- Notice whether individuals are dressed in proper personal protective gear or have utility identification badges.
- Check vehicles or work trucks in the area for utility branded logos or information.
- Report any suspicious behavior you see, including non-utility employees tampering with utility poles, meters, padmount transformers or other equipment.



If you notice anything unusual at a substation, please report it to VVEC. Examples include the following:

» An open or unlocked gate;
» A damaged fence;
» Obvious damage to equipment inside the fence.

Call 9-1-1 and then Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative if you see the following:

» Smoke or fire;
» Non-utility workers inside the substation fence.



## FIRST RESPONDER SAFETY

First responders should always wait for the go-ahead from the electric utility before addressing a fire or vandalism at a substation, power plant or solar farm. First responders should also communicate with and wait for the utility before approaching a downed power line or damaged padmount transformer.

## GENERAL SUBSTATION SAFETY

- Never go near a substation.
- Teach children to never go near a substation or climb its fence to retrieve a ball or pet. Let them know they should always stay away and tell a parent or adult, who should call us to report the incident at 918-371-2584.
- Teach children about the dangers of electricity from an early age.
- Never try to extinguish a transformer that is on fire since water and electricity do not mix. Call 9-1-1 to report the fire.
- If you see an issue with or notice something unusual about a substation, transformer or power line, contact VVEC.

**Never try to address a problem yourself. Please report any suspicious activity or damage to the police or VVEC.**










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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..*

- Handyman service to repair and remodel; affordable plumbing and electric and lamp repair. Emergency services 24 hours. Call or text for free estimate; references available. 918-231-6385
- Medium sized collapsible wire case 36x24x21.5. $50. 918-381-1170
- Medium sized air crate 32x26x22. $30. 918-381-1170
- (2) 6 foot leather leashes $10 each. 918-381-1170
- Small and medium sized dog coats and sweaters. $5 each. 918-381-1170
- 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. $32,000 total or best offer. 208-994-9124
- 2 large, modern Italian ruby red with gold foil handkerchief vases in excellent condition. $180 for the pair. 214-949-6789
- Marble slabs 60" long x 17" wide x 1-1/4" thick -- white with gray veins. QTY: 23 at $10 each. 918-863-4366 or 918-859-2611; leave message.
- Cadillac motors, 500 cubic inch, 1975-1977, QTY: 2. $250 each. 918-863-4366 or 918-859-2611; leave message.

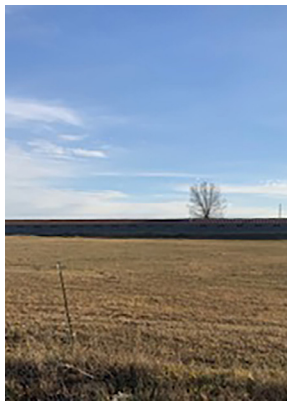



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**Stay connected with VVEC! Scan the QR code to follow us on social media and stay up to date on news, outages and cooperative events!**



### NOV MYSTERY PICTURE

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

*Contest runs through the end of November.*

October Mystery Location:
Road 17 and 423.5 by the Martin Cemetery