

# WVEC LINE LIFE

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Most of us don't think much about electricity when it's doing exactly what it's supposed to do. We flip a switch, adjust the thermostat, start the coffee pot or plug in our phones and expect the power to be there.

And that's exactly how it should be.

But behind that simple flip of a switch is a system that's being maintained, monitored and improved throughout the year. Crews replace aging equipment, clear vegetation, inspect lines and make repairs before small issues become bigger ones. Employees across the cooperative plan for growth, monitor the system

and prepare for the storms and extreme weather that are simply part of living in Oklahoma.

Some of that work is easy to see like a bucket truck along the highway... that tends to get noticed but much of it isn't. And in many ways, that's a good thing. When the electric system is working well, it quietly becomes part of the background of everyday life.

Reliable service doesn't happen by accident. It takes planning, maintenance, investment and people who know this system and the communities it serves.

Every sunrise brings another day of people depending on safe, reliable service. And we're here, ready for it.

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](http://www.smarthubapp.com) to report outages from your smartphone.

### SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;  
May through October billing

Customer Charge: \$40.00

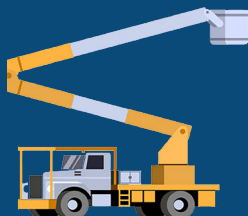
Energy Charge: 1st 2000 kWh | \$.08279 / kWh  
over 2000 kWh | \$.08789 / kWh

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



*Your Co-op Purpose*



*Your local electric cooperative since 1938.*

At an electric cooperative, the people we serve aren't customers, they're members. And while that may sound like a small difference, it's really at the heart of what makes a co-op different.

VVEC is owned by the members we serve. There are no outside investors or stockholders. Decisions are made with our members and our communities in mind because this is our home, too.

Being a member also means having a voice. Members elect trustees to represent them, and those trustees help guide the direction of the cooperative. It's a local connection that you simply don't get with every utility.

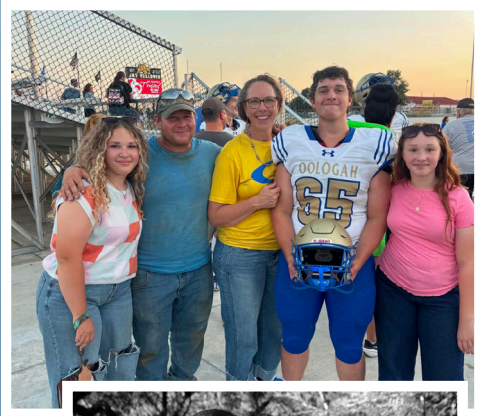
At the end of the day, our job is still to keep the lights on and provide safe, reliable electricity. But being a cooperative means there's a little more behind it. We're neighbors serving neighbors, and the people at the end of the line aren't just account numbers.

You're members. And that matters.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## REBECCA MOSES



If you've stopped by the front counter lately, chances are you've seen Rebecca Moses! Rebecca joined the VVEC family in April 2026 and has been at the front counter since day one. She may be one of our newer employees, but she says one of her favorite parts of VVEC is how much fun we have and the people she gets to work with. Apparently, the pranksters around here keep her smiling, too!

Outside of work, Rebecca stays plenty busy with her husband, Mark, and their three kids, Sadie, Levi and Sophia. Between 4-H, FFA and sports, there's usually somewhere to be or something going on.

When she does get some free time, Rebecca would much rather be outside. She loves to cook, garden, quilt, can food and enjoy wildlife. And something you may not know about her? She likes to hunt, too!

Rebecca hasn't been at VVEC long, but she's already settled right into the VVEC family... including learning exactly who she needs to keep an eye on when the pranksters are around.

*Whatever your hands find to do, do with all your strength.  
Ecclesiastes 9:10*

## THE LIBRARY THAT DOLLY BUILT



We were deeply saddened by the passing of Dolly Parton, whose kindness, generosity and belief in the power of a child's dreams touched millions of lives.

VVEC is proud to continue our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, helping provide free books to children in our communities from birth to age five.

Dolly gave the world so much to remember and through every book placed in the hands of a child, her legacy will continue for generations to come.

Visit us online at [www.vvec.com/dolly-partons-imagination-library](http://www.vvec.com/dolly-partons-imagination-library) to learn more.

“you can never get enough books into the hands of enough children.”

DOLLY PARTON

# MAKE MARK!

*From the halls of Congress to the steps of our nation's monuments, Lucy and Angel experienced a week they'll never forget.*

Representing Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative, Lucy Williams, Oologah-Talala Public Schools, and Angel Martin, Caney Valley Public Schools, had the opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C., as part of the 2026 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

Along with more than 1,800 students from electric cooperatives across the country, they visited some of our nation's most recognizable landmarks, met with elected officials, learned about leadership and government, and made friendships with students from all over the United States.



Pictured left to right are Lucy Williams and Angel Martin

From touring the U.S. Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery to exploring the Smithsonian museums and walking among the national memorials, each day brought something new to experience.

Youth Tour is about so much more than seeing the sights. It's a chance for students to step outside their comfort zone, learn, grow and come home with memories they'll never forget.

We're proud of the way Lucy and Angel represented VVEC and know they'll carry this experience with them for years to come.







# TAKE AIM AT A SAFE HUNTING SEASON

For many of us, fall means hunting season. It's early mornings, time outdoors and traditions shared with family and friends. Whether you've been hunting for decades or you're taking a young hunter out for the first time, coming home safely is always the most important part of the day.

Most hunters know the basics of firearm safety, but electrical safety deserves a spot in the conversation, too. Power lines, insulators, transformers and other

electrical equipment should never be used for target practice. A single shot can damage equipment, create a dangerous electrical hazard and cause an outage for homes, farms and businesses nearby.

The same goes for utility poles. They may look like a convenient place to lean or attach a tree stand, but they are part of an energized electrical system. Tree stands, ladders and other hunting equipment should always be placed well away from utility poles and power lines. Before settling into a spot, take a look around and above you for electrical equipment that may be nearby.

Hunting often takes us into places we don't travel every day, sometimes before daylight or in areas where visibility is limited. Pay attention to your surroundings as you walk in, set up and head back out. If you come across a downed power line, damaged pole or other electrical equipment that doesn't look right, keep your distance and report it. Never assume a downed line is safe just because it isn't sparking or moving.



A little preparation before heading out can make a big difference, too. Wear hunter orange, make sure your cell phone is fully charged and let someone know where you'll be hunting and when you expect to return. Keep an eye on changing weather conditions and, of course, always know your target and what is beyond it before taking a shot.

For those taking a child or new hunter along this season, it's also a good opportunity to teach more than how to handle a firearm or make a good shot. Point out power lines and electrical equipment, talk about why they need to keep their distance and show them what it looks like to stop and check their surroundings. Those habits learned on an early hunt can stick with them for years.



Even experienced hunters can benefit from slowing down for a few seconds before taking a shot, climbing into a stand or moving to a new location. Excitement can take over quickly when you finally see what you've been waiting for, but that's exactly when good safety habits matter most.

Hunting is a tradition for many families in our area, and we want everyone to enjoy it safely. Respect your firearm, your surroundings and the electrical equipment serving our communities.

Here's to a safe and successful hunting season!



## BEFORE YOU GO HUNTING...

- Write and share a hunting plan. Where will the hunt take place and for how long?
- Wear blaze orange.
- Know the hunting area. Check national forest boundaries and avoid private land. Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.
- Do not lean tree stands against utility poles. Keep them far from overhead power lines.
- Watch for power lines in wooded areas. Make sure they will not be in your line of sight when shooting.
- Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans. They can drop to the ground and energize it or cause a fire.
- Wear a full-body harness when in a tree stand to prevent falls that can cause serious injury.
- Check tree stands regularly; they can deteriorate over time.
- Watch for the warning signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition. Hunters can walk far distances when shooting and dragging an animal. Completing these activities (especially if the person is not otherwise active) can increase the heart rate and induce heart attacks.
- Have a way to get in touch with the outside world. Keep your cell phone in a pocket rather than in a pack. Take a portable battery charger.
- Always carry a first-aid kit.
- Respect firearms: Have the safety on, handle the gun like it is always loaded, always point it away from others and know what and where the target is.



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### OCT MYSTERY PICTURE

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

*Contest runs through the end of October.*

August Mystery Location:  
Railroad over pass Hwy 169 North of 66th North in Owasso (west side)