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Linemen offer life-saving assistance after car accident

Wednesday, Sept. 7, began as a routine morning for VVEC linemen Roger Salisbury and Ricky Rimpley. But it soon became anything but ordinary.

The linemen were driving to a job site on State Highway 88 near Claremore when they came across a head-on collision.

According to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol report, the two automobiles crashed after one of them crossed the center-line. The oncoming vehicle swerved to avoid it, but the two cars collided.

Salisbury and Rimpley were able to use some of the equipment in their truck to offer assistance until emergency responders arrived on the scene.

“We could see flames coming up from underneath the hood of the car and we went and got our fire extinguishers,” Salisbury said.

Rimpley extinguished a fire under the hood of one of the vehicles while Salisbury used pliers to cut the wires on a smoking fan in the other. They were able to keep the conscious driver calm until help arrived.

The drivers of both vehicles were hospitalized with injuries, but survived—thanks to Salisbury and Rimpley’s quick response.

“When we got there, we could tell someone extinguished a fire and noticed it began to flare up again when we began extricating the driver,” said Capt. Mat Shockley,



VVEC linemen Ricky Rimpley (left) and Roger Salisbury (right) were recognized by State Rep. Markwayne Mullin for their life-saving efforts following a car accident on Sept. 7 near Claremore. Photo by Kimberly Loffer

interim chief of the Northwest Rogers County Fire Protection District. “They (Salisbury and Rimpley) are the ones who allowed these two to be saved. Had they not put that fire out, the car would have been totally engulfed in flames.”

Salisbury and Rimpley received letters of recognition from State Rep. Markwayne Mullin in appreciation for their life-saving efforts.

“It is overwhelming knowing we saved those girls. It’s not something you encounter on a daily basis,” Rimpley said. “Being able to fortunately be in that situation at that time and having the equipment on our vehicle to help, is a great feeling to know we were hopefully able to turn something tragic into something that’s just a very bad incident instead of something fatal.”

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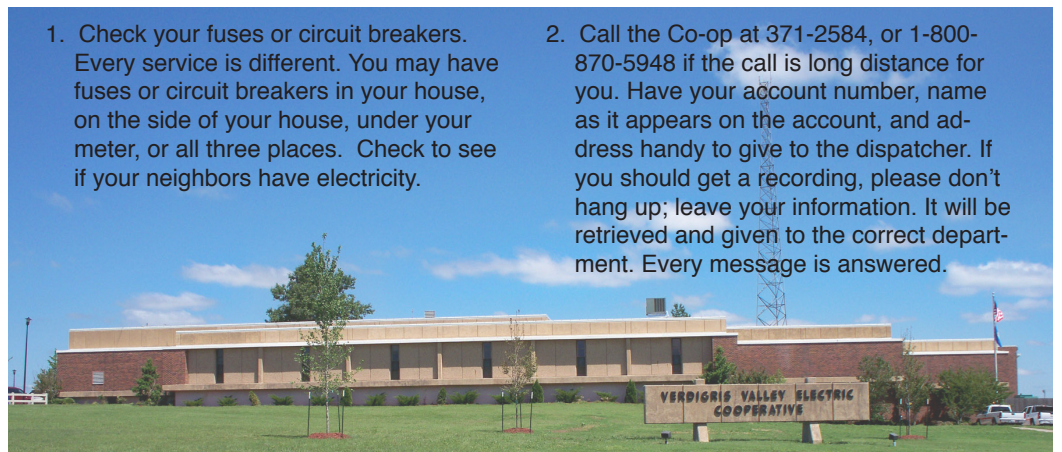
VVEC member wins bill credit



VVEC Trustee John Hibdon presents member Carl Ericson of Owasso with a \$500 bill credit. The credit was the grand prize, selected by a drawing, at VVEC's 78th annual meeting on Oct. 8, 2016, at the Robson Performing Arts Center in Claremore. Photo by Misti Frazier

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Co-op hosts 78th annual meeting of members



VVEC employees Stacey Breshears, Mary Edgecombe and Don Hutchinson at annual meeting. Photos by Misti Frazier and Kimberly Loffer

VVEC held its 78th annual meeting on Saturday, October 8th at the Robson Performing Arts Center in Claremore. After registering their attendance at the meeting, members enjoyed free donuts, coffee, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. The crowd was entertained by local country singer and song-writer, Paul Bogart. Registration gifts were measuring cups and VVEC caps. Kenny Sparks, director of legislative and regulatory affairs for the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives was the featured speaker. No business could be conducted due to a lack of quorum. Trustee John Hibdon conducted the popular prize drawings before concluding the meeting.



Co-op employees serve drinks



Featured speaker Kenny Sparks



Members enjoy refreshments

Community agencies provide emergency assistance with utility bills

There are a number of government agencies and charitable and religious organizations that offer assistance with utility bills; some of them are listed here. If you realize you may have difficulty paying your electric bill, please contact our consumer service representatives as soon as possible. We will make every effort to work with you to make payment arrangements and hopefully avoid interruption to your electric service.

SEAC	Avant, Sperry, Skiatook	396-4108
Community Action	Nowata County	273-2868
DHS	Nowata County	273-2327
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Community Action	Washington County	333-8115
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Great deals with your Co-op Connections Card

The year's biggest shopping season is quickly approaching. Don't forget to take advantage of the great deals available by using your Co-op Connections Card. Visit www.vvec.com or www.connections.coop for a full list of businesses. A few of the merchants are listed here.

A+ Computers in Collinsville: \$10 off a virus-removal (clean-up). 918-371-9112.

Arrival Salon in Owasso: seven foils, one color, cut and style for \$60.00. 918-272-8889.

Claremore-Pryor Eye in Claremore: 10 percent off complete pair of glasses. 918-345-4222.

El Maguey Mexican Restaurant in Claremore: \$3 off any \$20.00 purchase of food; excludes alcohol. (Not valid with other discounts or coupon offered by the restaurant.) 918-341-7677.

Green Country Outdoor Equipment in Skiatook: 10 percent off repair labor charge on service for your power equipment (discount on labor only). 918-396-4250.

Mail This! Copy That! in Owasso: 10 percent off total purchase. 918-274-8512.

Quality Inn in Bartlesville: \$62.99 rate (single or double). 918-335-7755.



RECIPE

Apple Tart

Serves 8

- 1 refrigerated pie crust
- 1 pound apples, cored and sliced
- 2 tablespoons cold butter
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Unroll the crust and place it on a baking sheet. Arrange the apple slices on the crust, leaving 2 inches of space around the edge. Chop the cold butter into small pieces and scatter them over the apples. Combine the cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle the mixture over the



Photo and recipe courtesy of appleforthat.com

apples. Fold the 2-inch section of pie crust over the apples. (It will not cover the apples, but it will contain them inside.) Bake 20-25 minutes, until the crust is golden brown and apples are tender.