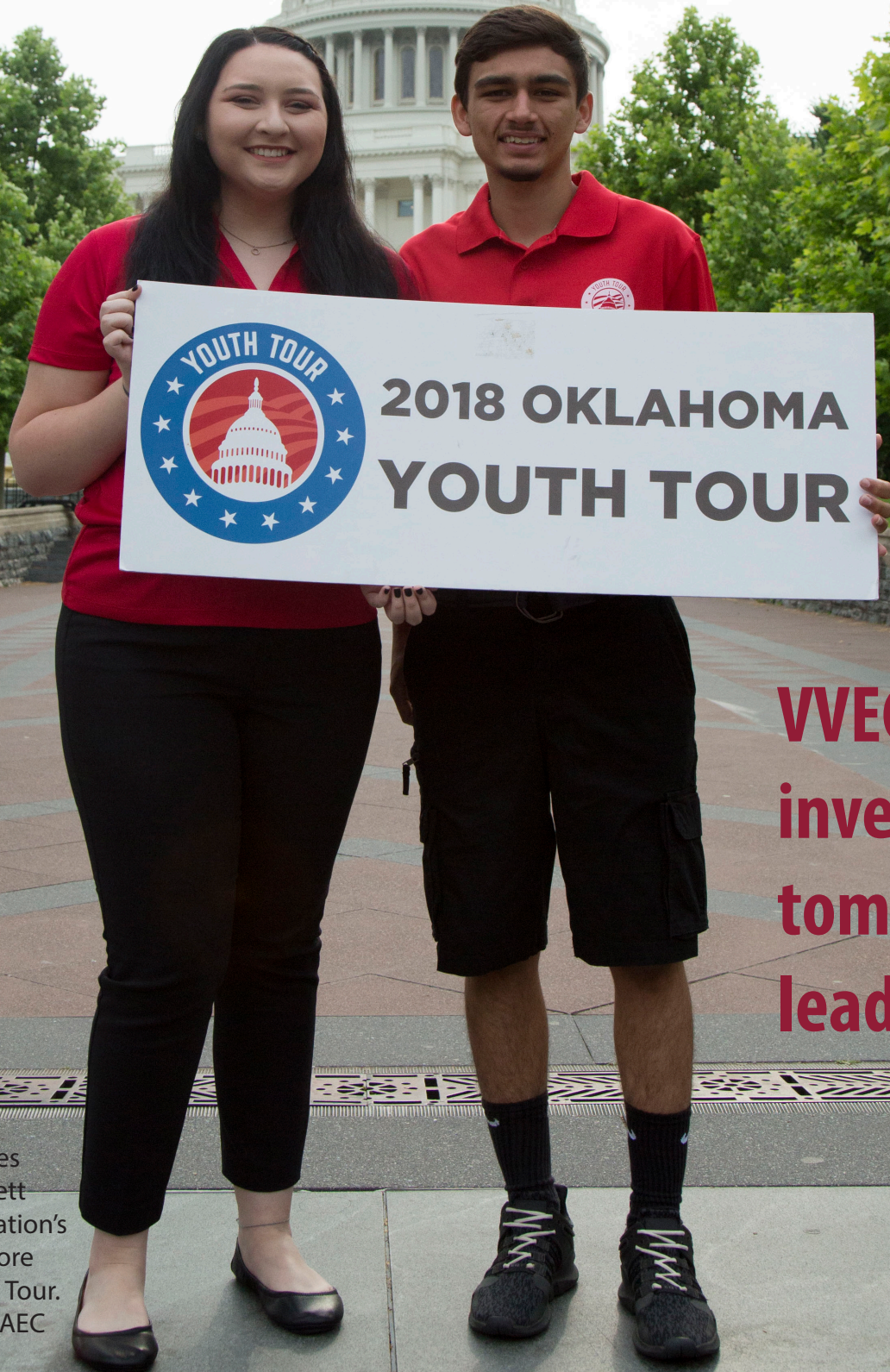


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2018 Youth Tour delegates Madison Watson and Rhett Gomez traveled to the nation's capital. See Page 4 for more information about Youth Tour. Photo by Nikki Withey/OAEC

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OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE

VVEC offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd, in observation of Labor Day. Please call 918-371-2584 or 800-870-5948 if you need to report an outage.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage,
May through October billing

Customer Charge | \$30.00

Energy Charge

1st 2,000 kWh | \$.08272/kWh

Over 2,000 kWh | \$.08782/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 59.87 mills per kWh.

In addition, a gross receipts tax of 2 percent of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes if applicable.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Source: *energy.gov*



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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR POWER GOES OFF

1. 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.

2. Call the Co-op at 371-2584, or 1-800-870-5948 if the call is long distance for you. 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, please don't hang up; leave your information. It will be retrieved and given to the correct department. Every message is answered.

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Incumbent trustees seek re-election



Jack Bogart - District 2

Jack and Patti Bogart live in Oologah and have been members of VVEC since 1980. They have two sons and one daughter and are grandparents.

Bogart was elected to the VVEC board in 1997. He received certification as a cooperative director from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has earned his 'Board Leadership' certification, and most recently, the Director Gold Certificate.

"Serving on the board of trustees is a privilege," Bogart says. "I have enjoyed learning about the electric utility industry and the cooperative method of doing business. I am amazed at how much joint effort and coordination it takes to turn on a light switch."



John Hibdon - District 4

John and Cecilia Hibdon live in Barnsdall and have been VVEC members since 1982. They have two grown children who have blessed them with grandkids.

"I am a CPA and have owned my own insurance and accounting business in Barnsdall since 1981," Hibdon says. "In my spare time I like to fish and play golf."

Hibdon has attained certified cooperative director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has earned his 'Board Leadership' certification along with his Director Gold Certificate. He also serves as the VVEC representative to the board of directors for KAMO Power, VVEC's transmission cooperative. He serves as the KAMO representative to AECl, KAMO's generation power supplier.

"I was honored when the members in District 4 elected me to the board in 1997, and I strive to represent them well as I help make decisions that affect their lives," he says.



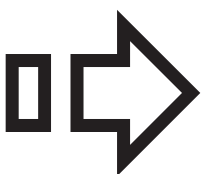
Dennis Lenox - District 6

Dennis and Sherry Lenox live in the Skiatook Lake area and have been members of VVEC for more than 30 years. They have a son and a daughter and are also proud grandparents.

Lenox has attained certified cooperative director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has also earned his 'Board Leadership' certification.

"I love living in rural America," says Lenox, who is a retired vice-president of American Bank of Oklahoma in Skiatook. "Having been in the banking business, I've met a lot of people. When they have questions about the co-op, as a trustee, I'm usually able to answer those questions. If not, I can call someone at VVEC who can give me the answer so I can call the member back."

"Sherry and I enjoy riding motorcycles, NASCAR, spending time with our friends and family and meeting people."



SAVE THE DATE: VVEC's 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13th** at the Robson Performing Arts Center in Claremore. Look for more details in next month's Power Circuit.

Youth Tour delegates return from Washington, D.C.



Seventy-one delegates from Oklahoma's electric cooperatives traveled to Washington, D.C., in June as part of Youth Tour 2018. Photo by Nikki Withey/OAEC

Each year, VVEC invests in local youth by sponsoring student scholarships. This year's Youth Tour winners, Madison Watson of Oologah-Talala High School and Rhett Gomez of Barnsdall High School, represented the co-op on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 8-14. As part of the experience, delegates toured national landmarks, met with congressional representatives and learned what it

means to be an actively involved citizen.

Four runners-up were also selected: two received \$750 scholarships and two received \$500 scholarships. All winners were selected after completing a test or an essay explaining the difference between an electric company and an electric cooperative and describing how VVEC has impacted their community.

VVEC provides billing service for local fire & EMS departments

Beginning in January 2012, VVEC started collecting monthly dues for co-op members who were served by their rural fire department or EMS. VVEC began the program signing on one rural fire department. The co-op currently does billing for 10 area fire/EMS departments.

VVEC charges nothing to participate in this service. The dues appear on the VVEC members' monthly electric bills. VVEC collects and forwards the dues collected to the fire or EMS department once a month. VVEC members can now

enjoy the convenience of paying two bills with one payment and the fire department and EMS will receive members' dues without the expense of billing and collecting.

VVEC is adding No. 11 with Collinsville City EMS. Members will soon be receiving a letter from the Collinsville City EMS explaining the new procedure. *It includes a form which must be completed and returned to the department if a member chooses not to participate.*

Participating fire and EMS departments include:

- ✓ Alluwe Fire
- ✓ Avant Fire
- ✓ Collinsville City EMS
- ✓ Collinsville Rural Fire
- ✓ Country Corner EMS
- ✓ Lenapah Fire
- ✓ Oologah EMS
- ✓ Owens Fire
- ✓ Skiatook EMS only
- ✓ Skiatook EMS/Fire
- ✓ Wann Fire