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COLLINSVILLE
RURAL
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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2018 grant winners announced

The Collinsville Rural Fire Protection District was one of 11 local fire departments to receive grant funds from VVEC. Pictured is firefighter Derek Hunt. For more information about grant winners, see Pages 2 and 3. Photo by Randy Riddle

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OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE

VVEC offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observation of Independence 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.

VVEC awards grants to 18 local fire departments and schools

As an electric cooperative, VVEC's primary objective is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. However, we are also a concerned partner in the development of the local community. One of the ways VVEC demonstrates our concern for the community is by offering grants to schools and rural fire departments in our service territory. This year, VVEC received 19 Rural Fire Department grant applications and awarded 11 grants; VVEC also received 15 Adopt-A-School grant applications and awarded 7 grants.

Grant winners, pictured on Page 3, are as follows:

1. Avant Volunteer Fire Department: VVEC Member Services Representative Chub Brewer and Assistant Chief Morgan Sweeney
2. Boulanger Rural Fire Department: Brewer and Tyler Batdorf
3. Country Corner Fire Department: Randall Williamson and Brewer
4. Delaware Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief Jared Collins and Brewer
5. Hulah Volunteer Fire Department: Brewer and John Strom
6. New Alluwe Volunteer Fire Department and First Responder: Brewer, Selena Gipson, Tommy Gipson and Rocky Seals, Sr.
7. Ochelata Volunteer Fire Department: Brewer and Lonnie Ingram
8. Owens and Company Fire Department: Brewer and Todd Owens
9. Avant Public Schools: Superintendent Cindi Hemm and Brewer
10. Claremont Elementary School: Reading Specialist Cindy Ramsey and Brewer
11. Collinsville High School: Science Teacher Janell Lundgren and Brewer
12. Dewey Middle School: Brewer and Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Travis Ruble
13. Sequoyah Lower Elementary School: Mendi Partezana, Melanie Williams, Principal Lisa Rader and Brewer
14. South Coffeyville Schools: Brewer and Science Teacher Lisbeth Haddox
15. Verdigris Junior High and High School: Librarian Casey Moss and Brewer

Dewey and Sperry Fire Departments also received grants but are not pictured. Photos on Page 3 by Misti Frazier



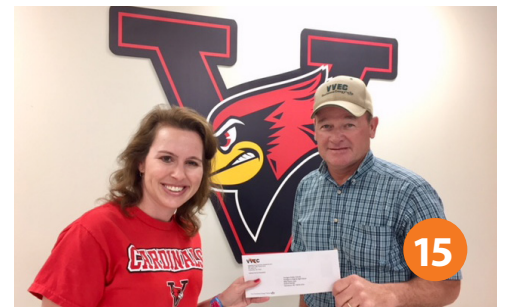
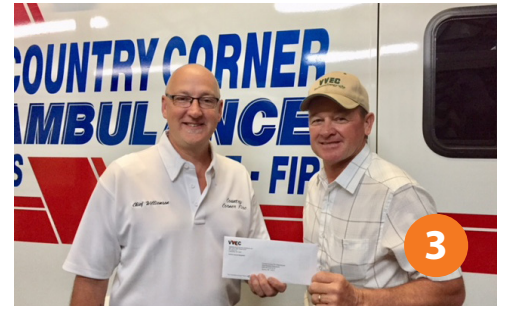
WHAT TO DO IF YOUR POWER GOES OFF

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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Qualifications to be a VVEC trustee

Electric cooperatives are governed by a board of trustees, who are each members of the cooperative residing in the districts they represent. They are elected to the board by members of their respective districts, at meetings held in the districts. Each trustee serves a three-year term, and the terms are staggered so three different trustee terms expire each year.

Qualifications for trustees can be found in the cooperative's bylaws: Article 4, Section 4. Those qualifications are:

"Each year, there shall be elected trustees to succeed all trustees whose terms of

office shall expire at the time of holding such election. All duly elected and qualified trustees shall serve for the term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the removal of trustees.

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee of the cooperative who:

(a) is not a member and bona fide resident in the area served or to be served by the cooperative; or

(b) is any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a

business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the cooperative; or
(c) has been convicted, pleaded guilty, or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony; or
(d) is a close relative of an incumbent trustee or of an employee of the cooperative; or
(e) is or was an employee of the cooperative during the preceding three years prior to time of filing or being nominated."

Students represent VVEC at 2018 YouthPower Energy Camp



Approximately 90 eighth-graders from across the state, attended the 2018 Energy Camp this summer. The camp was held May 29-June 1 at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. The campers enjoyed many unique activities including climbing a utility pole and going up in a bucket truck, for a bird's eye view of camp. Other activities the campers participated in were a trip to Celebration Station in Oklahoma City, swimming and sand volleyball. The campers learned about electrical safety, cooperatives and leadership skills. They elected their own Energy Camp board of directors. The board of directors had an opportunity to interview candidates and hire a manager of Energy Camp, from the camp delegation. Three local students represented VVEC at Energy Camp: Charlise "Charley" Quick, Jazmine Presley & Brett Cunningham. Campers had a wonderful time at camp and will forever treasure their memories. Photo by Misti Frazier