

2018 Youth Tour & Energy Camp: investing in tomorrow's leaders

Each year, VVEC invests in area youth by sponsoring scholarships for Youth Tour and YouthPower Energy Camp.

Youth Tour brings high school juniors from across the country to the nation's capital to experience American history and government first-hand. Madison Watson of Oologah-Talala High School and Rhett Gomez of Barnsdall High School were chosen to represent VVEC on the all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 8-14, 2018. In addition, VVEC awarded Dezi McGee and Joseph Mahan of Oologah-Talala High School \$750 scholarships and McKenna Cole and Rachel Humburg of Oologah-Talala High School \$500 scholarships.

Energy Camp is a leadership development camp for eighth-graders held at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. VVEC selected three students to attend this year's camp, May 29-June 1, 2018: Brett Cunningham of Cunningham Homeschool in Barnsdall and Charlise Quick and Jazmine Presley, both of Avant Public Schools.



Youth Tour winner Madison Watson with VVEC's Chub Brewer



Youth Tour winner Rhett Gomez with VVEC's Chub Brewer



\$750 scholarship winners Dezi McGee and Joseph Mahan



\$500 scholarship winners Rachel Humburg and McKenna Cole



Energy Camp winner Brett Cunningham with VVEC's Chub Brewer



Energy Camp winners Jazmine Presley and Charlise Quick

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OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE

VVEC offices will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial 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.

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VVEC supports FFA students in Nowata Spring Livestock Sale



On March 12, VVEC Member Services Representative Chub Brewer (left) and District 1 Trustee Jim Brackett (right) presented a check to FFA students involved in the Nowata Spring Livestock Sale. Students pictured are (from left) Seth Johnson, Abby Still, Ryder Still, Sarah Belden, Cole Atkisson and Bryce Hewitt. Photo by Misti Frazier



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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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Energy Audits help improve your home's energy efficiency

VVEC offers in-home energy audits. A trained auditor will come to your home to conduct one of two types of energy audits to determine the efficiency of your home. The information the auditor gathers will help the auditor determine where you are spending your energy dollars and will help the auditor point out hidden inefficiencies. The auditor will then make practical, useful suggestions to help you use electricity more efficiently and save money on your monthly electric bill.

The Blower Door Audit

- A blower door and infrared camera test to locate places of air leakage and energy loss.
- Inspection of rim joists, windows, doors, recessed lighting, electrical outlets and switches for air leaks.
- Documentation of all air leaks for sealing.
- Check of the heating system filter.
- Visual inspection of the heating and air conditioning duct work for air leaks, if accessible.
- Check of the temperature setting on

the water heater.

- Inspection of the attic insulation and determination if any additional insulation is needed.
- Inspection of the crawl space and basement for any energy efficiency opportunities.
- An energy weatherization kit consisting of a water heater wrap, hot water pipe wrap, three CFL bulbs, insulation kits for electrical outlets and wall switches, a low-flow shower head, a night light, caulk and door sweep/weather seals.

We partner with Associated Electric Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, to provide energy weatherization kits when we perform this audit. Additionally, a rebate of up to 50 percent of the cost (up to a maximum of \$500) is available to members taking the corrective actions noted by our auditor at the conclusion of the audit. The blower door audit has a value of over \$400, but we charge only \$100 to have the audit performed. The blower door audit is not available if you have natural gas or propane in your home.

The Walk-Thru Audit

- An infrared camera tests locating places of air leakage and energy loss.
- Inspection of rim joists, windows, doors, recessed lighting, electrical outlets and switches for air leaks.
- Documentation of all air leaks for sealing.
- Check of the heating system filter.
- Visual inspection of the heating and air conditioning duct work for air leaks, if accessible.
- Check of the temperature setting on the water heater.
- Inspection of attic insulation and determination if any additional insulation is needed.
- Inspection of crawl space and basement for any energy efficiency opportunities.

The walk-thru audit is available to all members in lieu of the blower door. This audit does not include a weatherization kit and there are no rebates available. The cost of a walk-thru audit is \$50.

Call our member services department at 918-371-2584 to schedule your energy audit.

VVEC lineman achieves journeyman status



VVEC congratulates Chance Stephenson on his certificate of completion for the four-year apprenticeship program through Northwest Lineman College as well as his journeyman lineman certificate. Stephenson received the recognitions during the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Safety and Loss Control Awards Luncheon on April 2, 2018. Photo courtesy of OAEC



Strawberry Peanut Butter Pie. Recipe and photo courtesy of luckyleaf.com

Strawberry Peanut Butter Pie

Serves 12

- 1 1/4 cups crushed pretzels
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 21-ounce can strawberry pie filling

Combine pretzels and granulated sugar then stir in butter. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and sides of 10-inch pie plate. Cover and chill.

With electric mixer on medium speed, beat together peanut butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in whipped topping.

Spoon 1/2 cup pie filling into crust-lined pie plate. Carefully spread peanut butter filling over top. Top with remaining pie filling. Cover and chill 2 hours before serving.

UPDATED BROWSER REQUIRED

In order to ensure user security, SmartHub is increasing its encryption. Beginning in June, users with an outdated browser will no longer be able to access SmartHub due to outdated security measures. Upgrading to the latest version of your web browser is a fast, easy process. The minimum browser versions you need to install or update to are as follows:

- Internet Explorer 11+
- Google Chrome 30+
- Google Android 5.0+
- Firefox 27+
- Safari iOS 5.0+
- Safari OSX 9+



VVEC WISHES YOU

Happy Mother's Day

MAY 13TH, 2018