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THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME**

Left: VVEC Youth Tour delegates Lauren Worley (left) and Bethan Stradling (right) traveled to the nation's capital in June. Right: more than 70 students from across Oklahoma attended Youth Tour 2019. Photos courtesy of OAEC



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REPORT OUTAGES ON SMARTHUB

Each year, VVEC selects two high school juniors from the co-op's service territory for an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. This year, Lauren Worley of Claremore High School and Bethan Stradling of Collinsville High School joined more than 70 Oklahoma students and 1,800 students from across the U.S. at the nation's capital, June 15-20. Students experienced American history and government first-hand as they visited national landmarks, memorials, museums, and met with legislators. ■

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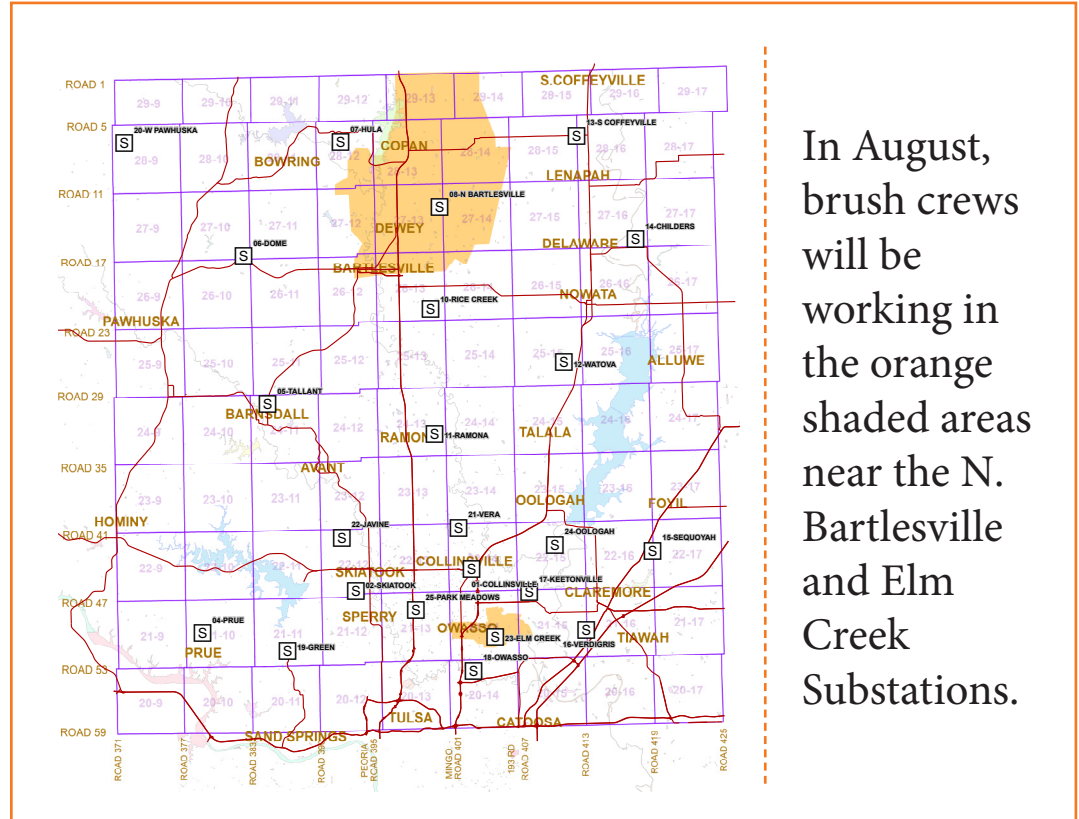
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RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

BRUSH CREWS TO WORK IN THE ELM CREEK AND N. BARTLESVILLE SUBSTATION AREAS



In August, brush crews will be working in the orange shaded areas near the N. Bartlesville and Elm Creek Substations.

VVEC's headquarters in Collinsville, Oklahoma



INCUMBENT TRUSTEES SEEK REELECTION



Chuck Huerter - District #7

Chuck Huerter holds an associate degree in electronics, a bachelor's degree in personnel administration, and has 20 years' experience with Phillips Petroleum. He owned a small business in the health care industry for 15 years before retiring.

Huerter has represented District 7 since 1985, watching the district grow to more than 2,600 members. He holds certified director status from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which he earned after completing the required number of continuing education classes offered to board trustees; he has also earned his board leadership certification.

Huerter is a bicycling enthusiast and has ridden in Oklahoma Free-wheel, a cross-state bike tour. He is an active member of the Bartlesville community. He has three children and seven grandchildren.



Ken Howard - District #8

Ken Howard is a production supervisor with American Airlines, where he has worked since 1998. Prior to his career with American Airlines, he owned and operated a local aviation business. He is a lifelong resident of Collinsville, living on VVEC lines, and a graduate of Collinsville High School.

Howard continues his trustee education by attending classes designed for cooperative trustees and has received his certificate in the Credentialed Cooperative Director program sponsored by NRECA. He has represented the more than 4,400 members in District 8 since his election to the board of trustees in 1992.

Howard and his wife, Dana, have three children and are also grandparents. They are active members of Life Church, Owasso.



Buddy McCarty - District #9

Buddy McCarty was appointed to the board of trustees in 1995 to fill the unexpired term of a trustee who was moving, and now represents one of the fastest-growing areas in VVEC's service territory. District 9 has more than 3,400 members.

McCarty is an agent for State Farm Insurance, recently celebrating 37 years with the company.

He is an involved and active member of the Owasso community where he and his wife, Diana, have lived for more than 37 years. They both attended Northeastern State University. Diana is now retired. McCarty and his wife have two daughters, two granddaughters and one grandson.

He encourages the members in his district to contact him at 918-272-5364 if they have questions about their cooperative. ■

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. Or, download the SmartHub app to report outages from your smartphone.

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% of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes if applicable.

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chicken noodle casserole

- 1 large broiler chicken or hen
- 1 pound noodles
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup margarine or butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 hard boiled eggs, peeled and chopped
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 small can pimentos
- Milk, as needed, if too thick
- Grated cheese

Stew the chicken or hen. Remove meat from the bones and set aside. Cook the noodles in the broth until tender.

Saute the onion, celery and green pepper in the butter; season with salt and pepper and add to the chicken and noodles. Add the remaining ingredients, except the cheese and blend well. Top with grated cheese and heat in a 350°F oven until well blended and cheese melts, approximately 20 to 25 minutes.

This makes a large amount. If you plan to freeze part of it, substitute onion salt for the onion.

Recipe courtesy of the late Thelma Bryson of Oologah, Oklahoma. The recipe was published in the 1973 Servin Spoon cookbook, a collection of recipes submitted by members and employees of VVEC.

OKIE EATS



SAVE THE DATE!

VVEC's 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, at the Robson Performing Arts Center in Claremore, Oklahoma. More details will follow in the September issue.



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