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Emery Edgar, Abbie Anquoe, and Kaitlyn Brackett represented VVEC at Energy Camp in May. See Page 2 for more information. Photo courtesy of OAEC

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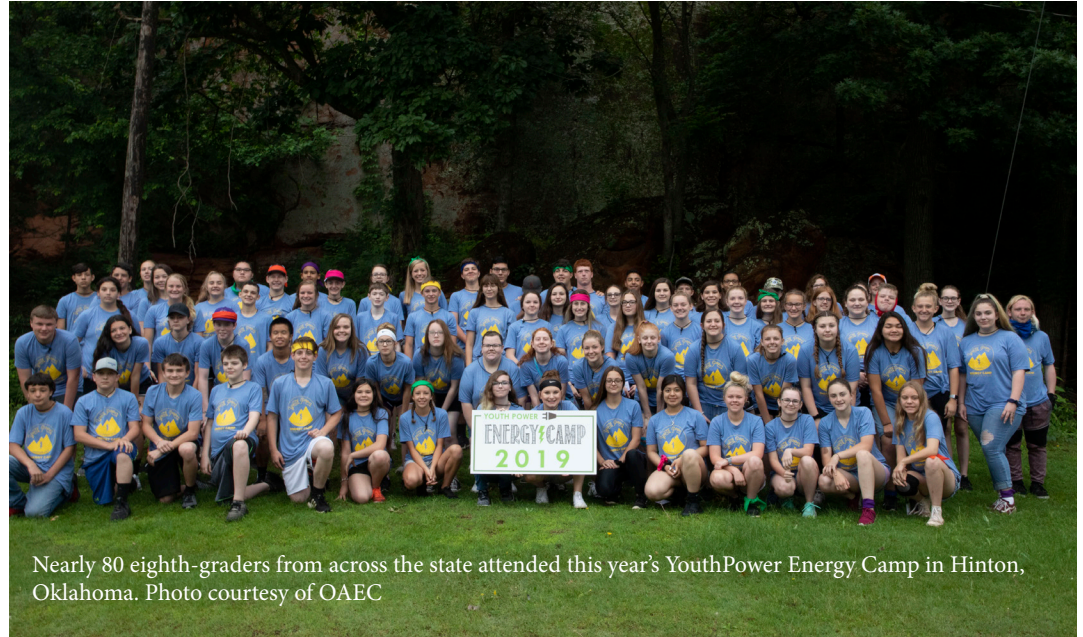
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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

ENERGY CAMP: A UNIQUE SUMMER EXPERIENCE



Nearly 80 eighth-graders from across the state attended this year's YouthPower Energy Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. Photo courtesy of OAEC

A summer camp like no other, YouthPower Energy Camp offers eighth-grade students from across Oklahoma the opportunity to learn about electricity and electric cooperatives, to experience being a lineman, and to develop leadership skills—all while creating new friendships. Kaitlyn Brackett of Oklahoma Union Schools and Emery Edgar and Abbie Anquoe, both of Sperry Middle School, represented VVEC at this year's camp, May 28-31. Find more information about Energy Camp at <http://vvec.com/content/youthpower-energy-camp>. ■

VVEC's headquarters in Collinsville, Oklahoma



IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS



Jerry W. Harris is a firefighter with Osage Hills Rural Firefighters Association, Inc., one of the 12 rural fire departments that received a grant from VVEC. Photo by Misti Frazier

More than a utility provider, VVEC is a concerned community partner. That's why VVEC provides financial assistance to local fire departments through our annual Rural Fire Department grant program. Grant funds help departments purchase equipment such as fire trucks, hoses, and firefighter gear that help make our communities safer places for us to live.

This year, VVEC received 21 Rural Fire Department grant applications and awarded 12 grants to the following fire departments: Avant Volunteer Fire Department, Boulanger Rural Fire Department, Collinsville Rural Fire Department, Country Corner Fire Department, Delaware Volunteer Fire Department, Hulah Volunteer Fire Department, Lenapah Fire Department, New Alluwe Volunteer Fire Department, Ochelata Volunteer Fire Department, Osage Hills Rural Firefighters Association, Inc., Owens & Company Fire Department, and Pershing Rural Fire Department. ■



John Strom receives a VVEC grant on behalf of the Hulah Volunteer Fire Department. Photo by Misti Frazier

OFFICE CLOSED NOTICE

VVEC offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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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QUALIFICATIONS OF 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." ■

energy saving tip

When it's warm out, avoid using the oven. Try cooking on the stove, using the microwave or grilling outside instead.

Source: energy.gov

grilled buttermilk chicken

SERVES 4

- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon mustard powder
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce, such as Sriracha
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 4 chicken drumsticks, bone in, skin on
- 4 chicken thighs, bone in, skin on
- Vegetable oil, for grill
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges, optional

In medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, mustard powder, hot sauce, garlic and paprika.

Place chicken in large zip-top bag; pour buttermilk mixture over chicken. Seal bag and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.

Heat outdoor grill for direct grilling over medium heat. Remove chicken from marinade, shaking off excess; discard marinade. Lightly oil grill grates. Transfer chicken to grill and cook, turning occasionally, 16-18 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165°F.

Transfer chicken to serving platter. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of Milk Means More

OKIE EATS

