

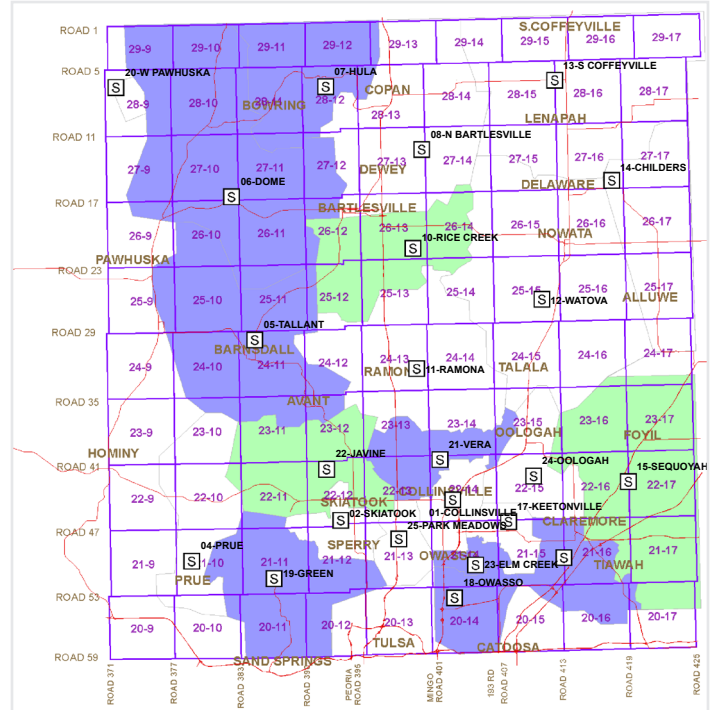
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VVEC PERFORMS RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

There are many ways VVEC provides you with safe, reliable electric service. One of the most common and crucial ways is referred to as right-of-way clearing (or vegetation management). A right-of-way (ROW) refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. A general guideline to maintaining a safe ROW is a total of 30 feet of clearance (15 feet on either side) of a three-phase line and 20 feet (10 feet on either side) of a single-phase line. Maintaining a clear right-of-way is important to ensure there's an operational safety zone between power lines and any trees or vegetation making the area accessible in case a line crew needs to perform repairs or maintenance.

Brush crews are currently working in the Javine and Rice Creek substation areas and will return to the Elm Creek substation area when the ground is dry enough and then move on to the Sequoyah substation area.



Brush work is scheduled in the green shaded areas on the map above. Spraying will take place in the purple shaded areas on the map above.

Contract crews with Progressive Solutions will spray in the area of the Dome, Hulah and Tallant substations. APEX will spray in the area of the Elm Creek, Green, Owasso, Vera, and Verdigris substations.

The crews will walk the right of ways with 4-gallon backpack sprayers and low volume spray targeted to trees and brush. The spray is never broadcast with heavy equipment or high volume sprayers. The herbicide is EPA approved and safe for humans, pets, livestock, wildlife and fish. ■



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ELECTRICAL SAFETY

SAFETY LESSONS FOR STUDENTS

On May 8th and 9th, 2019, VVEC participated in the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Dewey, Oklahoma. VVEC linemen Robert Rouse (top photo) and Mike Mattox (bottom photo) taught more than 400 fifth- and sixth-graders and their adult sponsors about electrical safety. Photos by Robert Rouse and Mike Mattox. ■



VVEC's headquarters in Collinsville, Oklahoma



VVEC AWARDS GRANTS TO LOCAL 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 in our service territory. This year, VVEC received 15 Adopt-A-School grant applications and awarded six grants to the following schools: Catalayah Elementary, Oklahoma Union High School, Prue Public Schools, Sequoyah Lower Elementary, Verdigris High School and Verdigris Lower Elementary. ■



VVEC Member Services Representatives Misti Frazier (left) and Chub Brewer (right) present an Adopt-A-School grant to Terry Saul and Stephanie Applegate at Sequoyah Lower Elementary.

PAY AS YOU GO PREPAID

As an alternative to regular billing, VVEC offers Pay As You Go Prepaid. It is available to new and existing members. You do not receive a paper bill when on Prepaid, but you can review your account history such as usage, charge and credit balance by signing in to SmartHub. Prepaid allows you to pay for your electric before it's used. You can now pay in advance according to your budget or for as much as you want to use.

As a Prepaid member, you will need to pay a \$25 membership, \$25 connect fee, \$25 deposit and \$50 credit for electricity, for a total minimum of \$125 to have your service activated. Prepaid electric service requires your account to have a credit balance at all times. You will receive low balance notifications by phone, text or email.

Benefits of Pay As You Go Prepaid include: members have more control over their energy use; Prepaid members typically use less energy than those on traditional billing; Prepaid helps members learn what habits increase and decrease usage; it helps members make informed decisions on when and how much energy to use; members can monitor real-time usage by signing in to SmartHub; Prepaid eliminates the unknown energy bill at the end of the month.

For more information about VVEC's Pay As You Go Prepaid program, please contact our Consumer Service Representatives at 918-371-2584. ■

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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glazed lemon cookies

YIELDS APPROXIMATELY 2 DOZEN COOKIES

- 1/2 cup room-temperature butter
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 tablespoons fresh lemon zest
- 6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.

In large bowl, mix butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and mix well. Add 1/2 of the lemon zest, 2 tablespoons of the lemon juice and the lemon extract; beat until combined. In medium bowl whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. Slowly mix dry ingredients into wet ingredients. Stir until combined.

Spoon out dough and roll into balls. Place on parchment paper 1 inch apart and lightly press with fingers to slightly flatten dough. Bake 15 minutes, or until edges start to brown. Transfer cookies to wire rack to completely cool.

To make glaze, whisk the powdered sugar and remaining lemon zest and lemon juice until smooth. Dip top sides of cookies into glaze for full coverage.

Recipe courtesy of Milk Means More

OKIE EATS



Want to light up your outdoor space without increasing your energy use? Try outdoor solar lights! They're easy to install and virtually maintenance free. Remember, solar lights work best when the solar cells receive the manufacturer's recommended hours of sunlight.

Source: energy.gov

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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