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## Thank You, To Our Linemen

### VVEC Celebrates Linemen Appreciation Day



**L**inemen are the ones who restore the power, as well as the calm, after the storm. Every April, VVEC takes time to thank our extraordinary linemen who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Verdigris Valley linemen are responsible for maintaining more than 4,700 miles of line within the service territory. We depend on our entire staff to keep operations running

smoothly, but on April 18, National Linemen Appreciation Day, VVEC honors all linemen who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations. These brave individuals repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our communities. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our world would be dark. No matter the time- day or night, weekday or weekend - if

the lights go out, so do they. In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, linemen are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community, county or state is in need after a major outage occurs.

We hope you will join us in thanking the many linemen- locally and worldwide- that light up our lives. Use **#ThankALineman** on social media to show your support. ■





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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

# Representing Our Members

## Meet VVEC's New Legislative Liaison Officer

**D**on Hutchinson began full time work at VVEC on September 1, 1983. Prior to that, he had worked part-time for VVEC as night security and dispatcher while attending college. During his time at VVEC, he has also worked in the warehouse, purchasing department, member services, and most recently in the engineering department working on easements and aiding with staking of new jobs or relocations. With all this experience, Don has proven himself to be a valuable resource to VVEC. Last month, Don was asked to join in with the member services department again to continue and strengthen his work with key accounts, economic development and become a legislative liaison for VVEC. He enjoys interacting with VVEC members and the public. When asked what he hopes to accomplish with this new role he responded "To better our relations with legislatures, municipals, county commissioners and be available to assist so that we can work in partnership for the betterment of our communities. I see Oklahoma changing so fast, there is enough business for all of us." VVEC would like to recognize him for the amazing job he does with impeccable customer service and a **cooperative spirit.** ■



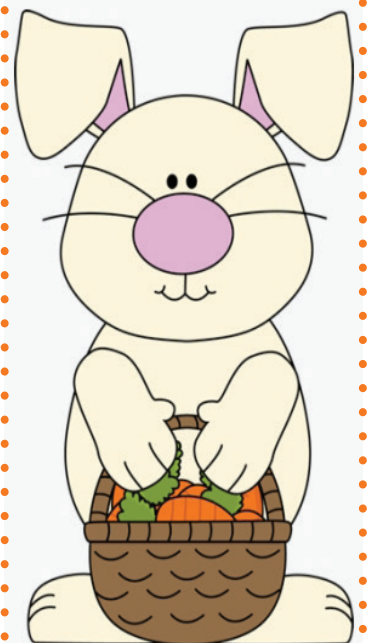
## ENERGY TIP

If energy bills for your home seem too high, the likely culprits are air leaks. Here are some tips from VVEC that can help you stop leaks from your home – and your wallet. Older homes, especially those built before 1994, may be plagued by leaking ducts and inadequate insulation. Leaky ductwork can reduce the efficiency of your heating and cooling system by as much as 20 percent. A good time to check for leaks is on a windy day, when you'll be able to find drafty spots. Experts recommend going after big leaks first. That means plugging all holes around chimneys, vents, water pipes, and heating system ductwork. Seal any duct leaks with mastic. Avoid the use of duct tape, which can dry out and disintegrate when used. Adding insulation to floor,

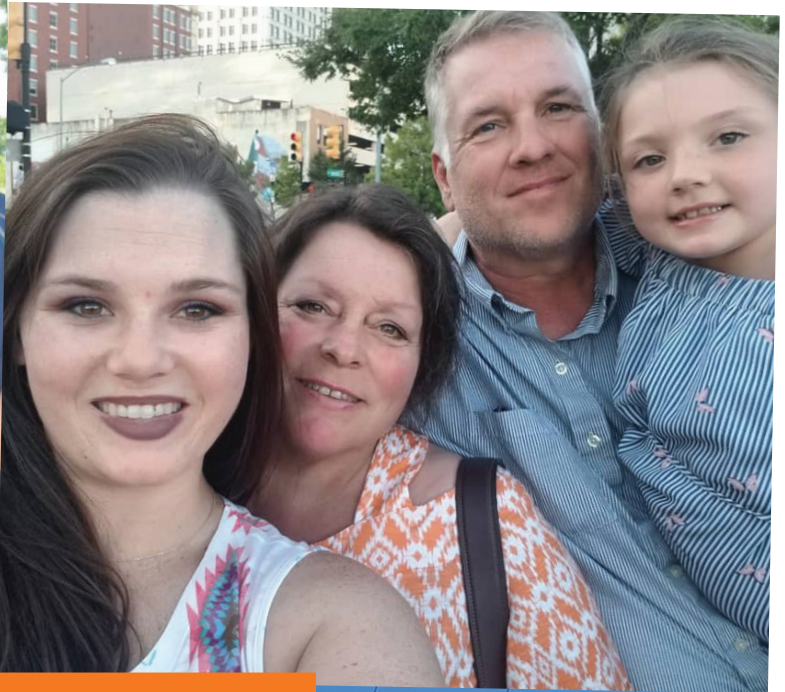
walls, and ceiling cavities can improve energy efficiency, but may be a job for a professional contractor. Once you've sealed major leaks, look for smaller ones – around windows, doors, electrical outlets, and light switches. Seal gaps around windows and doors, using caulk on non-moving parts. And replace any worn weather stripping. Caulk or expanding spray foam are perfect in spots where plumbing, wiring, vents and ducting penetrate through walls. Installing foam outlet gaskets behind electrical outlets and light switches – especially on outside walls – can save energy, too. For safety's sake, make sure all combustion appliances, such as furnaces, stoves, and water heaters, are properly vented. ■

## Office Closure

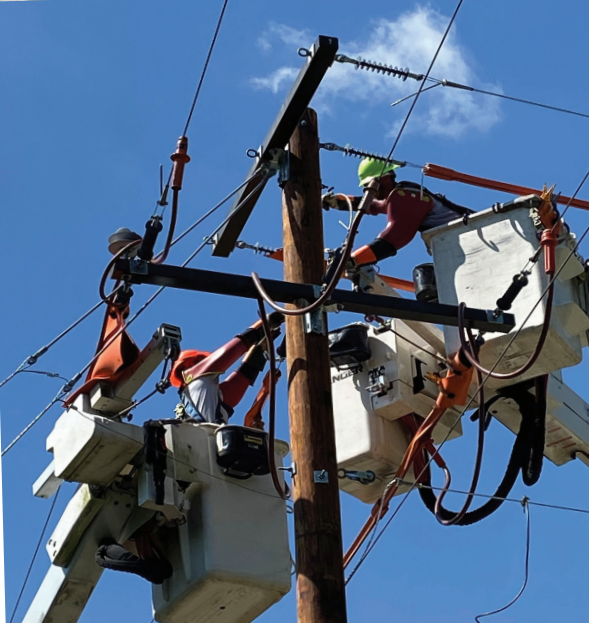
VVEC offices will be closed Friday, April 15 so management and employees can celebrate Good Friday. Service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend. If you should experience an interruption in your electric service, please call (918) 371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948. You can also report outages using the SmartHub app on your smart phone or tablet.







**THANK  
YOU,  
VVEC  
LINEMEN!**







**"Restoring  
the calm  
after the  
storm."**







# April Calendar of Events



**7<sup>th</sup>** - Owasso Gathering on Main,  
6:00 PM, Redbud Festival Park,  
109 North Main Street, Owasso

**9<sup>th</sup>** - Community Easter Egg  
Hunt, 11:00 AM, Collinsville  
Park.

**9<sup>th</sup>** - Oklahoma Bluebird Society  
annual spring meet at St. Mary's  
church in Drumright, Oklahoma,  
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Contact Brad  
Williams at 918-714-6182.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - 2nd Annual Great  
American Homestead Expo,  
Hillside Farm, 206 E 184th St. N,  
Skiatook, OK 74070.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Herbal Affair & Festival,  
1:00 PM - 9:00 PM, 500 N  
Adams Rd, Sand Springs.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Community Easter Egg  
Hunt, 10:00 AM, Barnsdall  
Football Field.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tulsa Earth Day  
Celebration, Guthrie Green,  
111 Reconciliation Way, Tulsa.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** - Art Auction to Benefit  
the Osage Ballet, 6:00 PM -  
8:00 PM, Osage Casino Skiatook.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Tulsa Earth Day  
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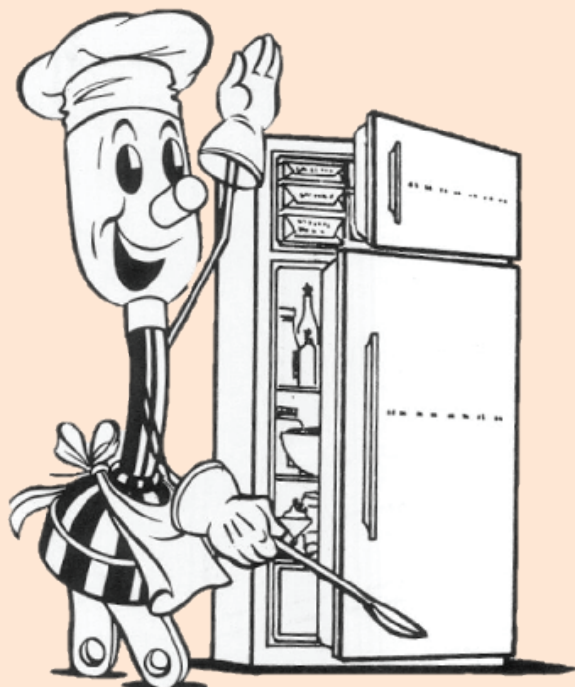
**SUBMIT EVENTS** to [classified@vvec.com](mailto:classified@vvec.com)  
or send to Attn: Event, P.O. Box  
219, Collinsville, OK 74021.

Events submitted by the 1st of the  
month will run in the following month's  
newsletter.

*VVEC reserves the right to delete events.*

## Willie's Throwback Recipe

### Ice Box Cake



- 1 cup milk
- 20 marshmallows
- 1 can crushed  
pineapple

- 1 large container of  
Cool Whip

Heat milk, add marshmallows and stir to melt. Chill.  
Fold pineapple into Cool Whip. Add marshmallows  
mixture, mix lightly. Refrigerate at least 6 hours.

Submitted by: Carolyn Stewart of Collinsville,  
Published in The Servin' Spoon II



# CLASSIFIEDS

**SUBMIT ADS** to [classified@vvec.com](mailto:classified@vvec.com) or send to Attn: Classified, P.O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021. Ads must be in writing. Your account number, name, address and a phone number is required on all ads.

The deadline for all ads is the 1st of the month. Ads submitted by the 1st of the month will run in the following month's newsletter.

*Classified ads are a free service to VVEC members only. As many ads as space allows will be included in each issue. VVEC reserves the right to delete or shorten items or descriptions.*

- Dishes Wheat Pattern 1950's, 32 pieces \$60.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- Looks new, 2 qt. white with blue Amish design and lids \$80.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- Old 1940's cups and saucers, white with blue and pink stripes \$30.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- New never used: Suze Orman set, books and DVD's on retirement and finance \$160.00 in box. Contact 918-272-7787
- Dr. Joel Fuhrman "Eat to Live" books and DVD's. Set in box, never used. \$160.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- 1977 Harley Davidson Shovelhead, ape hanger, bags, ect. As is, sitting in barn for 12 years. \$4,200.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- BBQ grill, gas, used four or five times, \$75.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- Riding Mower 54 inch cut, new engine 3 years old, needs work, \$150.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience, most dogs \$40.00. 918-381-1170
- 16" X 12" portable Samsung TV with remote and rabbit ears. \$50.00 Contact 918-381-1170
- Native Bluestem Prarie Hay, no chemicals. SQ. Baled. \$8.00 Contact 918-504-6264
- I buy cast iron cookware in any condition, Call or text 918-697-9183
- 3-point Quick Hitch by Haul Master, with 3 pairs of adapters for Cat 2. Like new, \$150.00 Contact 918-766-2986



## Is Your Information Up-To-Date?

Current account information is important at VVEC. Contact information is confidential to VVEC and not shared with any outside (3rd Party) users.

If you have received a new phone number, have had a name change, or have an additional contact number you would like to change, it is time to update your information.

VVEC would like members to add an email address to their contact information in order to receive push notifications and important information about outages and service updates.

You can update your information by calling 918-371-2584, Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM, or by filling out a form available on our website.

Scan the code with your phone camera to be taken directly to the form!







DO YOU KNOW WHAT  
TO DO IN THIS SITUATION?

Safe  
Electricity.org

Call 9-1-1 to report the accident location and clearly state to the dispatcher that electrical lines or equipment is involved.

Utility equipment includes:

- neighborhood pad-mounted transformers (metal boxes—usually green or grey);
- equipment such as a switching cabinet or junction box for underground utilities;
- overhead power lines or poles

If you are in an accident or incident involving electrical equipment, remain in your vehicle or cab until the local utility arrives to de-energize power. Stepping out of your vehicle while touching it at the same time or trying to walk or run to safety can cause

serious burn injuries or death.

If you are in a multiple-car accident, yell to others (from your car) to warn them not to leave their vehicle. Also warn those who might stop to help to not approach the scene.

**DO NOT** go near or touch electrical equipment.  
**DO NOT** move a downed wire with your hand or an object such as a stick.

## WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage;  
November through April billing

**Customer Charge** | \$30.00

**Energy Charge** | \$.07772/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.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer.*

## 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.
- Download the SmartHub app at [www.smarthubapp.com](http://www.smarthubapp.com) to report outages from your smartphone.



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