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## VVEC Youth Tour Winners Return From Washington D.C.







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## NEW UPDATE:

Reporting Outages is Even Easier  
With Option to Text!



VVEC is now offering two-way texting for Smarthub members. Using our Toll-Free Number, active members can now text **OUT** to report an outage. Members no longer have to log in to Smarthub or call in to report an outage. Simply text **OUT** to **1-855-941-3586**. Members can also receive a text when power is restored by using the “Manage Notifications” option.

Need to Download the Smarthub App? It can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

The SmartHub app for iOS and Android devices allows you to:

- Pay your bill and view billing history.
- Sign up for Auto Pay and request paperless billing.
- View and manage your energy use.
- Set custom account notifications and alerts.
- Update your contact information.
- Get the latest CORE news.
- Start and stop service.
- Report an outage or other issue.



# Incumbent Trustees Seek Re-election



## **Chuck Huerter - District #7**

Chuck Huerter holds an associate's degree in electronics, a bachelor's degree in personnel administration, and has 20 years' experience with Phillip's 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 retired production supervisor from American Airlines, where he had 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 certification 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 40 years with the company.

He is an active member in the Owasso community where he and his wife, Diana, have lived for more than 40 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.





***Pictured left to right- Emery Edgar,  
Jackson Wells, Kaitlyn Brackett***



VVEC Youth Tour winners enjoyed a week long trip to Washington D.C where they made life long friends and memories. The days were packed with tours, museums, and leadership activities. Before flying out to Washington, all Youth Tour participants from electric cooperatives across the state gather for a banquet with their families and representatives from their cooperative. This is the kick-off event and where participants meet for the first time, networking and building friendships to grow over the course of the trip.





# Sending a child to college?

## Discuss safety first.

When you are shopping for dorm room supplies, décor, snacks and other back-to-campus items, take a moment to discuss safety tips with your child before hugs and goodbyes.

Here are some safety topics to help keep your college student safe.

### Electrical safety tips:

When shopping for items that run on electricity, look for a safety endorsement label, such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories).

Do not put a cell phone under a pillow or place it on or under bedding. It could overheat or catch fire.

In the dorm or apartment, make sure outlets near water sources are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). If they are not, contact the resident assistant, campus housing staff or landlord. (Look for a test and reset button on the face of the outlet.)

Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power if too much current is drawn. Avoid overloading extension cords, power strips or outlets.

Do not hang decorative lights with nails or tacks; always use plastic hooks.

Do not run electrical cords across traffic paths or under rugs.

### General safety tips:

Find out what type of public safety department is on campus and how it functions; ask which services the department offers and the steps it takes to prevent crime.

Locate emergency call buttons or phones across campus in case of an emergency.

Walk with a friend, especially at night.

When attending events or parties, go with at least one person you know and trust. If your friend leaves, do not stay.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

Avoid being distracted (listening to music, texting, and so on) while walking on campus.

Find out what types of mental health services or counseling the campus offers.

To learn more about electrical safety tips, go to [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).







# August Calendar of Events



**4<sup>th</sup>** - Owasso Gathering on Main,  
Redbud Festival Park, Main  
Street Owasso, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

**6<sup>th</sup>** - 1st Annual Collinsville  
Sports Battle, Tournaments in  
Sand Volleyball, Basketball, Soft-  
ball, and Frisbee Golf, Collinsville  
City Park.

**6<sup>th</sup>** - Aunt Jane's Ice Cream Social  
at Frank Phillip's Home, 1:30  
PM- 3:30 PM.

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Collinsville Outdoor  
Summer Movie, Collinsville  
City Plaza, begins at 9:00 PM

**11<sup>th</sup>** - Summerfest, Food trucks  
and local vendors, Downtown  
Collinsville, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Hillside Farmer's Market,  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, 206 E  
184th St. N, Skiatook.

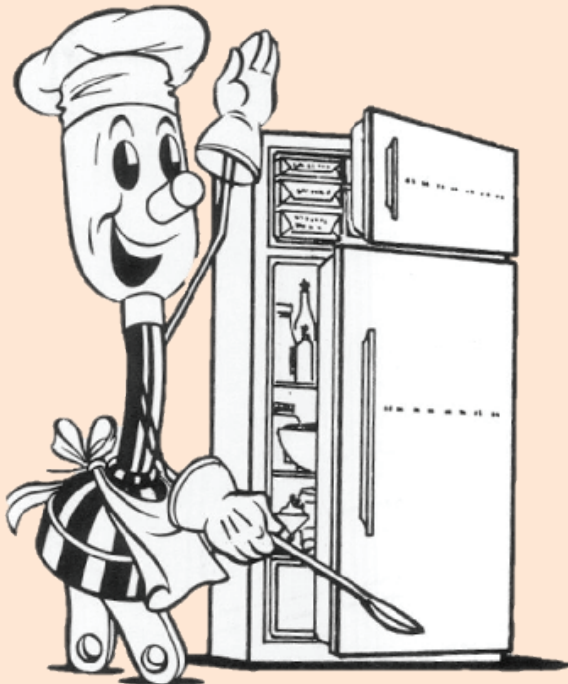
**13<sup>th</sup>** - Will Rogers Wiley Post  
Fly-In, Will Rogers Birthplace  
Ranch, Oologah, 7:00 AM - 1:00  
PM

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Third Thursday in the  
park, Skiatook City Park, 6:00  
PM - 9:00 PM

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Bartlesville Farmer's  
Market, Frank Phillips Park,  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## Willie's Throwback Recipe

### Chuck Wagon Cookies



- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. white sugar
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1 c. peeled, grated  
apple
- 1 1/2 c. flour

- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Cream shortening, sugars, peanut butter and egg.  
Sift dry ingredients; add to creamy mixture. Add  
apples and vanilla. Shape into balls, size of walnut,  
flatten on a cookie sheet with fork or thread spool.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Submitted by: Pearl Finney of Collinsville,  
Published in The Servin' Spoon II



# VVEC IS LOOKING FOR LOST MEMBERS: CURRENT ADDRESSES ARE NEEDED

## LOST MEMBERS

From time to time members move out of VVEC's service territory or pass away, but Capital Credits still have to be allocated for the energy used while members had active service. Sometimes VVEC's last known address is not correct and the Capital Credit checks that are sent out come back to the cooperative. We need your help to find these former members. If you see a name on the list that you recognize and you have information about a current address, please contact us at 918-371-2584.

4T ENERGY LLC	ALLEN SUE A	ARNING ROBERT W	BAKER WANDA
75 NORTH STORAGE LLC	ALLGOOD JUSTIN	ARNOLD KIMBERLY A	BALDRIDGE JAMES
AARON JEFFREY A	ALLISON JUSTIN A	ARNOLD RENEE	BALES WILLIAM M
ABATSO GEORGE WMD	ALLISON SCOTT	ARNOLD WILLIAM J	BALL JERRY T
ACKART CHAD W	ALLSUP TERESA E	ARROWOOD-MARNEY BRODIE W	BALLARD JACK
ADAME PATY M	ALVAREZ ROLANDO	ARTISAN CONSTRUCTION OF OKLAHOM	BARBER JOHN CJR
ADAMS JAIDEN D	AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK	ASHFORD ERIN	BARGAS PAIGE M
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ADMIRE JOE	ANDERSON LEAH	ATWELL MELVIN G	BARLOW JUNE
AERY BURL R	ANDERSON MICHAEL S	AUMENT ZACHARY T	BARNES BARBARA
AGUILERA ANDREA	ANDREASON HAYDEN N	AUSTIN AMANDA J	BARNES MARY K
AGUILLARD BRAD	ANDREO CHASE A	AUSTIN DESTINEE S	BARNES PATRICIA
AKERS STEVEN T	ANIS SAMINA	AVANT STONE COMPANY	BARNES PATRICIA Y
ALBERY NICOLE	APPLEGATE NED D	AVILA JOSE E	BARNES RONNIE
ALBIN BRADLEY J	ARCHER J M	AYCOCK LISA M	BARNETT RICHARD C
ALEXANDER HOWARD	ARCHER JESSICA D	AZBILL GEORGE L	BARNETT SUELLA T
ALFORD BRANDON L	ARDLE RICHARD	AZBILL REX E	BARR MATTHEW
ALINGER LAURA	ARMSTRONG BILL W	AZBILL STEVEN R	BARR MICHELLE J
ALLEN AARON	ARMSTRONG EDWARD G	B & K CABINETS INC	BARR STEVEN R
ALLEN CHRISTOPHER J	ARMSTRONG SAM L	BADEN JOHN	BARRON JERRY K
ALLEN KAREN T	ARMSTRONG SARAH B	BAILEY GEORGE A	BASLER JAMES E
ALLEN LUDIE	ARMSTRONG CONSTRUCTION	BAKER TERRI A	BATCHELDER LARRY
ALLEN SHELBY			BATES COURTNEY C



## LOST MEMBERS

BATISTA JOSEPH D	BELL CHRISTAL D	BIAS ROBIN G	
BAUBLIT JULIE N	BELL MERLIE A	BICKFORD O L	
BAUKMAN ELISHA M	BELL FAMILY TRUST	BIEN VERNON E	BLISH LAURA
BAUMAN ROY H	BELLO PAUL A	BIGHORSE HELEN C	BLOOD JODY
BAUMANN TIFFANY L	BENEFIEL KEVIN	BILLEN BRITTNEY	BLUE MELVIN
BD-KAT ENTERPRISES LLC	BENEUX WESLEY	BILLINGS DON E	BLUM CHARLES W
BEAM BRENT H	BENHAM JON	BILLINGS SAMANTHA J	BOATMAN BILLY M
BEARDEN BERTIE L	BENNETT DALE	BITSKO CHARLOTTE	BOGLE PATSY
BEASTON-HODGES DAISY	BENTLEY JENNIFER	BLACK AMBER L	BOLAND KAITLYN
BEAUSHAW ROY D	BERGSTROM BRIAN S	BLACK JOHN	BOLLENBACH ANNA B
BEAVER ALYSSA R	BERRY JAELYN E	BLACKBURN ASHLEIGH R	BOYD J R
BEAVER JEREMIAH J	BERRYMAN DONNA F	BLAN W R	BOYD JAMES E
BECERRA-RUIZ JOSE J	BESS DANIELLE	BLEDSON NEWTON D	BRADFORD JIM R
BEELER CALVIN	BETHEA PATRICK K	BLEVINS JIM	BRADLEY PAUL J
BEKELE SELAMEWIT A	BEU EUGENE	BLEVINS MICHELLE L	BRADSHAW ROY G

## 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.

## 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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