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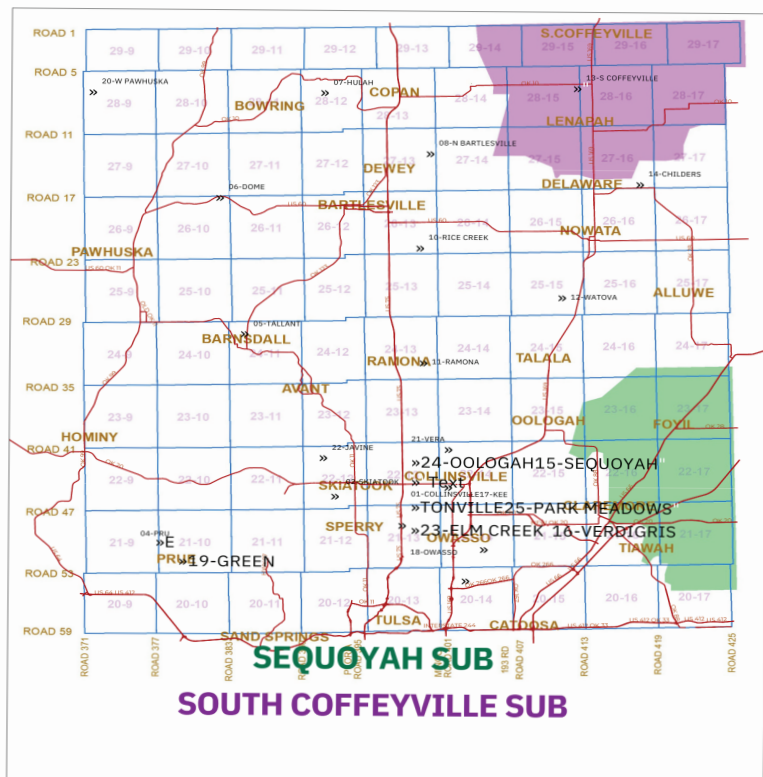
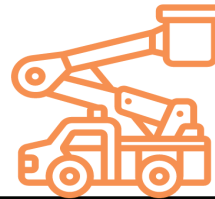
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NOTICE

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, VVEC BRUSH CREWS WILL BE CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE SEQUOYAH AND SOUTH COFFEYVILLE SUBSTATION AREAS HIGHLIGHTED ON THE MAP ON PAGE 3.

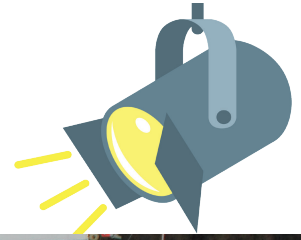
WORK IS SET TO BEGIN ON MARCH 1, 2023





Employee Spotlight

Edy Rodriguez



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? For most, the answer changes throughout childhood. VVEC maintenance lineman, Edy Rodriguez made that decision during the 2007 ice storm, he was 12 years old. Edy recounts those days; he loved watching the bucket trucks and line workers going up into the air as they worked to restore power in his neighborhood. It was about 8-9 p.m. when the linemen got power restored to his family's home. His family went outside to thank the workers and offered them a cup of coffee which they accepted. He remembers how happy and appreciative his family was for the work of the linemen, and THAT feeling led him to make the decision to become a lineman. On June 1, 2015, Edy became a full-time employee at VVEC after working as an intern since 2013 through the OSUIT Line Program. He worked on the construction crew for 5 years and has been a maintenance lineman with a "bucket truck" for almost 3 years. His favorite thing about working at VVEC is the people and personalities of the employees and seeing the members happy and the thanks he receives for getting power restored.

What are you most proud of in your career so far: a lot of things, becoming a journeyman lineman, working with great co-workers, being able to work the bucket truck safely.

Family: wonderful twin girls and wife Raquel, she is the backbone of the family, she's very understanding and supportive of my linework and always has a hot plate ready for me after an outage.

Hobbies: spending time and activities with his family, loves road tripping, making it an adventure to see new things and just to see where the road takes them.

Secret talent: speaks Cherokee, childhood best friend's grandmother was Cherokee and taught both boys to speak her native language.

Thank you Edy for the work you do! Let us all remember April 18th , National Lineman Appreciation Day

#ThankaLineman



April Calendar of Events



8th - The Great Bartlesville Easter Egg Hunt, Lee Lake in Bartlesville. 8 AM. Sponsored by Blowpipes and Brushes, come hunt for a one of a kind glass blown egg.

8th - City of Owasso Community Egg Hunt, Rayola Park, Owasso, 8300 N Owasso Expy. 9 AM - 12 PM

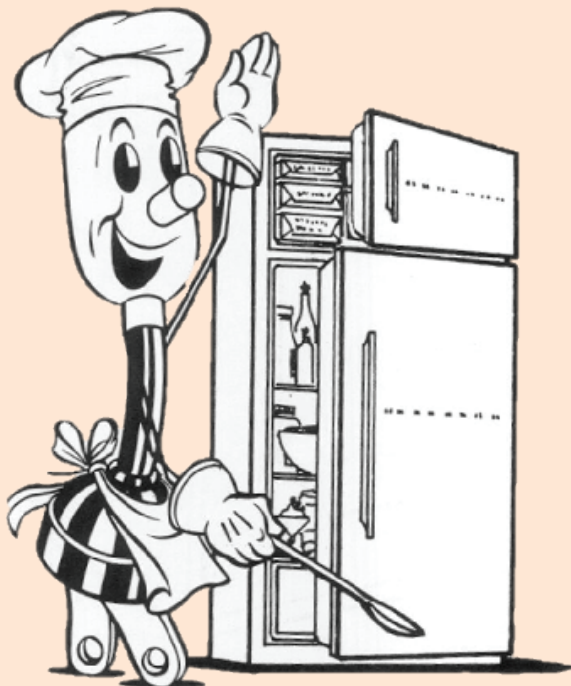
13th - Spring Fest, Veterans Building in Collinsville, 903 W. Main St. 6 PM - 8 PM. Shop local vendors and food trucks.

15th - Herbal Affair Festival, Sand Springs. 8 AM - 4 PM. 34th annual festival. Variety of vendors, food trucks, and educational booths.

20th - Zumba with Tarah, Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S Johnstone Ave, Bartlesville. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

22nd - Lawn & Garden Spring Fling, Redbud Festival Park, 109 North Main Street, Owasso. 1 PM- 4 PM Come view demonstrations on gardening, and enjoy outdoor activities for the whole family.

Willie's Throwback Recipe



Okie Cobbler

- 1 can peach pie filling
- 1 lg. can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 2 sticks margarine
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans

Empty peach pie filling into a 9x13 inch cake pan. Pour pineapple, with juice, into pan over peach pie filling. Pour cake mix (dry) as evenly as possible over pineapple. Do not mash down. Slice margarine thin, place over entire top of cake mix. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake in 375 degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes.

Submitted by: Barbara Brookshire of Owasso
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SUBMIT ADS to 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.

■ Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience. Most dogs only \$40. Contact 918-381-1170

■ Savage 2542 Pecan Shaker. Bought new and is in great shape. Contact 918-633-4658

■ Used Troy built (Horse) tiller in good condition. \$500 Collinsville Area. Contact 918-504-6264

■ 2003 18' Procraft Boat 180 Combo with 2004 115 Suzuki 4 stroke engine, factory matched trailer. Lots of extras, Bimini top, etc. Garage stored- excellent condition. \$12,500.00 Contact 918-283-8049

■ Journey Church- Journey and Friends Food Pantry is a ministry of Journey Church in Oologah. If you are in need of food, we can help. Contact 918-371-4902

■ Antique Oak Dining Table. 5' x 8' with four chairs. Elephant legs, very heavy. See and make offer, Contact by text 918-344-6374

■ Two Antique rotary dial telephones. Used as land line and work perfectly. \$50 each, Green and Tan. Contact by text 918-344-6374

■ Dogloo Igloo large dog house. Excellent condition. \$100. Contact by text 918-344-6374

■ 5 1/2 ft. and 6 ft. used steel fence posts, \$4.00 each (cash). Leave message stating how many posts wanted. Contact 918-341-6920.

■ 16ft by 12 inch culvert pipes. \$250 cash. Contact 918-341-6920

CLASSIFIEDS

April 18
National Lineman
Appreciation Day
#Thankalinenman



GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

VVEC Offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023. Our offices will resume regular hours on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:30 AM.

HADCO METAL TRADING RECEIVES BUSINESS LIGHTING REBATES



Hadco Metal Trading Co., LLC is located in the Claremore/Verdigris area. They distribute and supply metal products including aluminum, stainless steel, carbon steel, related alloys and industrial plastics for general engineering, aerospace and commercial markets. VVEC members services department worked with Hadco to qualify and submit for business lighting rebates offered through our power supplier AECI (Associated Electric Cooperative Incorporated). AECI reports that in twelve years of the program that over 2,000 participants in the business lighting program, will save more than a cumulative 1.4 billion kWh during the lifetime of the lighting equipment. That is a great stride in energy efficiency measures. VVEC offers rebates on room air conditioners, electric water heaters, heat pump water heaters, Energy Star certified smart thermostats, programmable timers for engine block heaters, ground source, dual-fuel and mini split heat pumps. If you are interested in participating in a rebate program, please contact our member services department or download a rebate form from our Web site.



PREPARE NOW FOR STORM SEASON

BY RANDY RIDDLE

Storm season is here again. We all know the damage thunderstorms can do, especially the severe ones. It doesn't matter what time of day, if the storm hits, the crews at VVEC are ready to respond. The Winds and lightening that come along with severe thunderstorms can cause power outages. Lightening can damage equipment and can cause tree limbs to blow onto lines. Even members' property like swing sets, trampolines, and portable buildings can be blown into power lines. Any number of items can cause a line to short out and trip a breaker or blow a fuse. When storms hit our service area we try to restore outages in the order they are reported. However, when large outages begin to come into our system, we must restore those first, before we restore the smaller outages. Members with medical alerts need to have those registered with us. When we look at outages on our OMS system we can see the medical alert symbols. However, almost all of the lines in our system have someone with a medical alert listed. This means our members should prepare to withstand a several-hour power outage. The past couple of years we have been promoting the SmartHub app and our website to report power outages. It is by far the easiest way to report outages. It is also the best way to gain the peace of mind that we know about your outage, and is being worked on, or in line to be repaired. When a feeder goes out or a severe storm blows through, thousands of members can be impacted causing the phone lines coming into our office to fill up quickly. Signing up and using SmartHub can help your co-op better serve you during outages.



VVEC MAKES DONATION TO NOWATA FFA CHAPTER FOR THE NOWATA COUNTY SPRING PREMIUM SALE



Pictured Left to Right: Gabe Freeman, Benton Blasi, Jim Brackett, Ryan Harrington, Brooke Hewitt, Kaylee Fischer and Mason Henderson.

The 2023 Nowata County Spring Livestock Show kicked off on February 23rd with the Premium Sale being held on Tuesday, March 7 at the Nowata County Fairgrounds. VVEC trustee Jim Brackett presents a check to Ryan Harrington, Nowata Schools Vo-Ag Instructor and Nowata FFA students for the sale. The Nowata FFA Chapter expressed their thanks to VVEC for the continued support of this event and the youth of Nowata County.

VVEC is proud to be partners in the community and helping with support of great organizations like Nowata FFA.

WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage;
November through April billing

Customer Charge | \$40.00

Energy Charge | \$.082790/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 62.088 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 to report outages from your smartphone.