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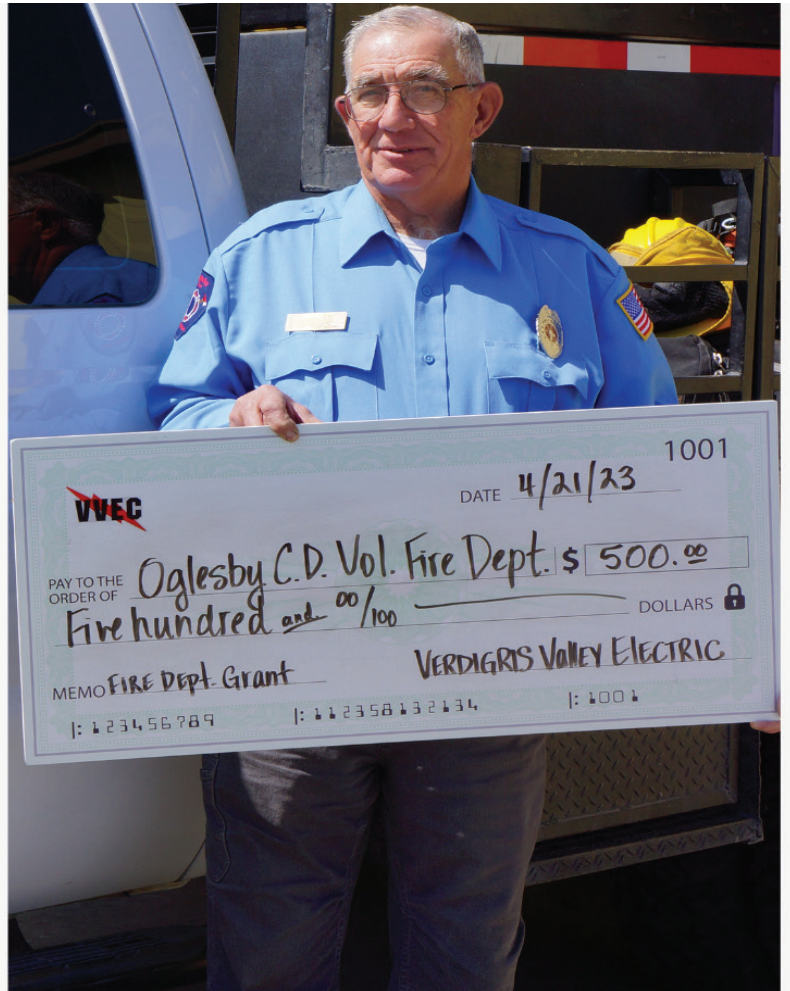
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Randy Riddle

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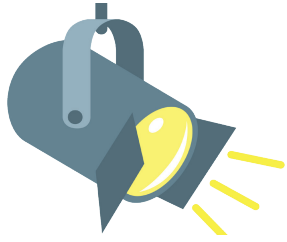
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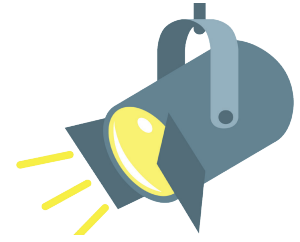
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Employee Spotlight

Randy Riddle



After 46 years of employment with 42 of those years being full time, Randy Riddle will retire on June 2, 2023. Randy began working part time in the warehouse for VVEC in 1977 while attending college. He became a fulltime employee in December 1981 as a distribution technician. During his career at the cooperative, Randy has served in several roles. In 1989, he became the Maintenance Superintendent then in 2003, he was promoted to Manager of Operations and finished out his career as Director of Operations, Engineering and Purchasing since 2019. Randy reflected on his time working at the cooperative and said "Every accomplishment has been a team effort." He recalled working several significant weather events during his time at the co-op, an ice storm in 1987, tornado of 1991 that damaged the Oologah-Talala Schools, he remembers driving from the Vera substation with the rotation coming over he and his co-worker. He spoke of the significance of the 2007 ice storm and the extensive damage and the nightmarish task of coordinating all responding crews, feeding them and finding a place for them to stay while working to help restore power to the membership. He also spoke of the unusual events he has experienced with the cooperative such as the Y2K millennium bug that was thought to shut down all computer processes at the stroke of midnight. All employees worked through the night in the office and crews were staged at our substations. He didn't really fear the possibility of equipment failure but rather the acts of those who might want to cause damage or vandalism to the system in an effort to create a Y2K fulfillment. And then there was the unthinkable Pandemic of 2020, where the world as we know it changed day by day. He was proud to say that while maintaining appropriate protocols, VVEC was able to continue business as usual. He was instrumental in getting the co-op "remote work" ready and implementing for the board of trustees web-x virtual meetings. The biggest change he has witnessed during his time at the co-op has been with technology and the vast improvements to line protection, specialized equipment and tools for the lineman. He has enjoyed teaching the guys about transformer banking and troubleshooting, in fact, his old hand drawn sheets on how to wire transformer banks are currently still in use. He said he has enjoyed working with everyone at VVEC and its been a good work environment. He has enjoyed helping other employees learn about power, power problems with electrical devices and being a hands on kind of guy really liked being able to take things apart and put them back together again.

Randy is looking forward to retirement and spending time with his wife of 41 years along with his two daughters and son. He and wife Sandy also have three granddaughters and 3 grandsons. When asked what he plans to do, he replied take time for his hobbies of traveling, camping, fishing, hunting, building /fixing things and tinkering with old cars. When asked what will he enjoy most about retirement he said "getting up in the morning and being able to plan my day." His final words of wisdom to the new generation of VVEC employees: "Don't forget the meaning of a co-op, don't loose sight of who we serve".

Very well said Randy! We thank you for your 46 years of outstanding, dedicated service to VVEC and the members we serve. We wish you a great retirement!



JUNE

Calendar of Events



2nd - Sunfest, Sooner Park, Madison Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006. Food and family fun.

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4th - Mac's BBQ Artfest, 1030 W Rogers Blvd, Skiatook, OK 74070. Artists and Vendors open at 9am. Games, Food, Music, and Raffles. Part of proceeds go to local American Legion post 131

15th - Skiatook Third Thursday, Centennial Park, Food and merchant vendors. 6pm - 9pm

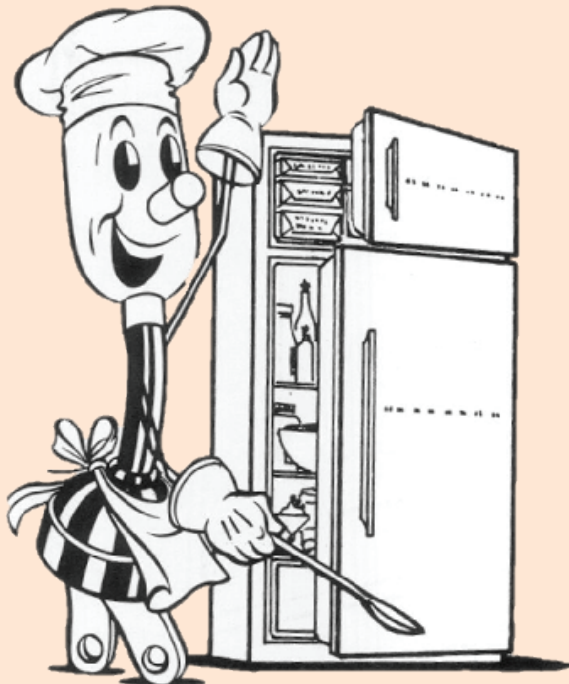
22nd - Cruising into Summer Food Truck Thursday, 6pm-9pm, join for food and shopping in downtown Claremore.

24th - Woolaroc Kids Fest, 1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Open for kids of all ages. Admission is \$14, Seniors \$12, Children 12 and under free.

24th - 55th Annual Burger Fly In, Sandridge Air Park, Burgers served at noon.

25th - Woolaroc Kids Fest, 1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Open for kids of all ages. Admission is \$14, Seniors \$12, Children 12 and under free.

Willie's Throwback Recipe



Strawberry Pie

- 2 c. water
- 1 c. sugar
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 package strawberry gelatin
- 1 quart fresh strawberries, halved
- 1 (9 inch) baked pie shell

Mix water, sugar, cornstarch, and cook until thick. Add gelatin. Remove from heat. Mix in strawberries gently. Pour into 9 inch baked pie shell, makes 2 pies. Chill and serve with whipped topping or ice cream.

Submitted by: Dorthea Baker of Barnsdall
Published in The Servin' Spoon III

CLASSIFIEDS

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
- Antique Oak Two Tier Hutch with matching Dining Table. 5' x 6' with four chairs. Elephant legs, very heavy. See and make offer, Contact by text 918-344-6374
- Dogloo Igloo large dog house. Excellent condition. \$100. Contact by text 918-344-6374
- Dramel Drill General Purpose Kit and EZ Lock Cutting Kit. \$25.00 Contact 918-344-6374
- 2 section harrow, \$25. Contact 918-335-0684
- 9 foot Dearborn double disk 3- point hitch, \$185. Contact 918-335-0684
- 3-point hitch, 2 bottom plow \$35. Contact 918-335-0684
- 3-point hitch, scrapper blade \$85. Contact 918-335-0684
- Ford 9N Tractor, runs good, needs rear tires. \$650. Contact 918-335-0684



BRUSH CREWS

Brush crews are on Sequoyah, Watova and S. Coffeyville subs the month of June.

Offices Closed FOURTH OF JULY

VVEC OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED ON
TUESDAY,
JULY 4, 2023.

OFFICES WILL
RESUME REGULAR
HOURS ON
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 5, 2023

ANGLERS BEWARE!

*Before casting your line,
look up for overhead
power lines.*

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FFA, May 3, 2023

It was a fun filled day, Misti Frazier and Regina Morris of VVEC visit with students to educate them about electric cooperatives. Oklahoma FFA has 29,219 student members across 366 chapters statewide, including more than 20 chapters in the immediate Tulsa metro area. The FFA convention was held in Tulsa again for 2023, drawing in more than 15,000 students, teachers, parents and vendors.



This gives a great opportunity for Oklahoma cooperatives to host a career booth and interact with the young leaders from all across the state showing them the cooperative difference!



GRANT AWARDS ENERGY CAMP WINNERS



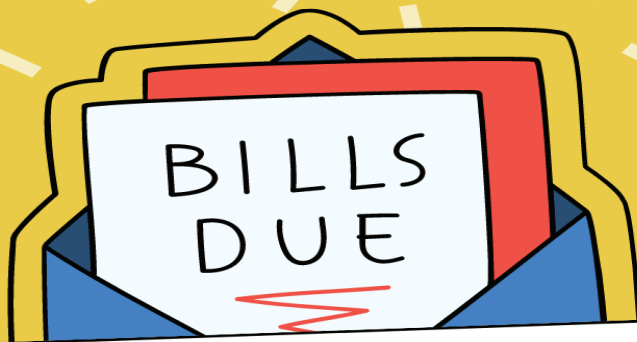
As a concerned partner in the development of the local community, VVEC's primary objective is to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. VVEC proudly demonstrates our commitment to the communities we serve through our sponsoring of Adopt-A-School and Rural Fire Department grant programs.

Each year, area fire departments and school systems submit an application for equipment and supplies. The grants are used to improve the classroom experience for students and to help protect resident's lives and property from fire damage. This year 8 recipients were selected for the Adopt-A-School: Bowring Public School, Caney Valley Schools, Catalayah Elementary, Claremore High School, Collinsville Upper Elementary, Dewey High School, Diamond Point Dist. 45 and Prue Public Schools. There were also 11 recipients for the Rural Fire Department grant: Avant Fire Department, Collinsville Rural Fire Protection District, Hulah VFD, Lenapah Fire Department, Nelagoney RVFD, New Alluwe Volunteer FD, Ochelata Volunteer Fire Department, Oglesby Civil Defense Volunteer Fire District, Pershing Volunteer Fire Department, Sperry Fire Department and Osage Hills Rural Fire Association, Inc.



Energy camp is a leadership development camp for eighth-graders held at Canyon Camp near Hinton, Oklahoma. VVEC selected two students to attend this year's camp, May 30-June 2, 2023. Winners are a two girl team from Barnsdall, Lena Prewitt (top left) & Cassidy Miller (above).





BILLING OPTIONS: PAY AS YOU GO (PREPAID BILLING)

As an alternative to regular billing, VVEC offers Pay As You Go (Prepaid Billing) that is available to new and existing members. While you will not receive a paper bill when on Prepaid, 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 and you will receive low balance notifications by phone, text or email. In the event your account does not have a credit balance, simply get your credit to \$25 and your service will be restored! For more information about VVEC's Pay As You Go (Prepaid Billing) program, please contact our Consumer Service Representatives at 918-371-2584.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;
May through October billing

Customer Charge | \$40.00 *Correction from last month*

Energy Charge | 1st 2000 kWh | \$.082790/kWh
| over 2000 kWh | \$.08789//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.