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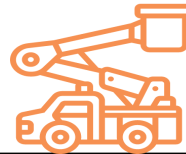
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NOTICE

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



If a member would like wood chips/mulch, they are welcome to ask the crews on site for them.



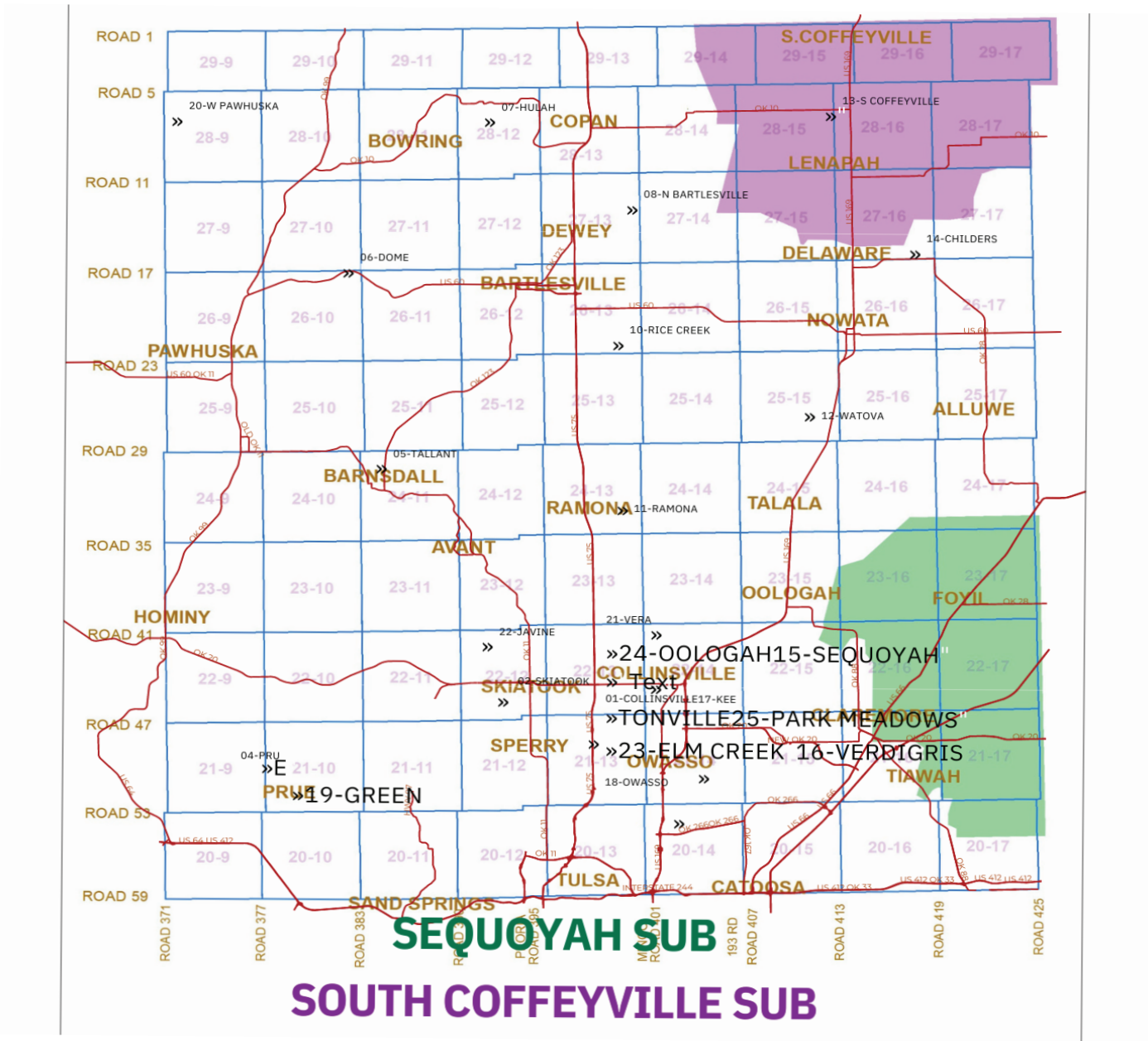
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Right-Of-Way Maintenance Helps Keep The Lights On

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 refers to a strip of land underneath or around power lines that your electric cooperative has the right and responsibility to maintain and clear. Trees must grow at a distance far enough from power lines and conductors where they will not cause

harm to individuals or disruption to electric service. 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. Clearing the ROW is critical to keeping our members' lights on. An average of 15% of power interruptions occur when trees, shrubs, or bushes grow too close to power lines.





March Calendar of Events



4th - Shamrock The 'Ville,
9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 5k and Fun
Run, Downtown Bartlesville

9th - Greater Tulsa Home &
Garden Show, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tulsa Expo Square, 4145 E 21st
St., Tulsa, OK 74114.

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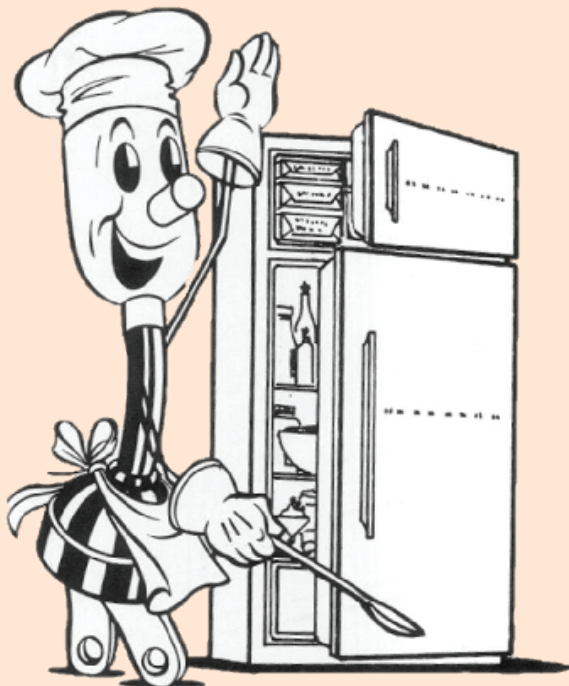
11th - Native American Art
Market and Indian Taco
Sale, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Johnstone-
Sare Building, 100 SW Frank
Phillips Blvd, Bartlesville, OK
74003.

24th - Claremore Home and
Garden Show, 10 a.m. - 7
p.m., Claremore Expo Center.

25th - Claremore Home and
Garden Show, 10 a.m. - 7
p.m., Claremore Expo Center.

25th - Battle of the Breads,
Frybread competition,
11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Delaware Tribe
of Indians, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd,
Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Willie's Throwback Recipe



California Casserole

- 4 c. cooked rice
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 sm. can green chiles
- 1/4 c. margarine
- 1 c. milk
- 1 (8 oz.) carton sour cream
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cheese grated

Combine all ingredients, except cheese. Pour into a 9 x 13 inch dish. Cover with cheese. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes.

Submitted by: Carolyn Hartman of Talala
Published in The Servin' Spoon III

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.

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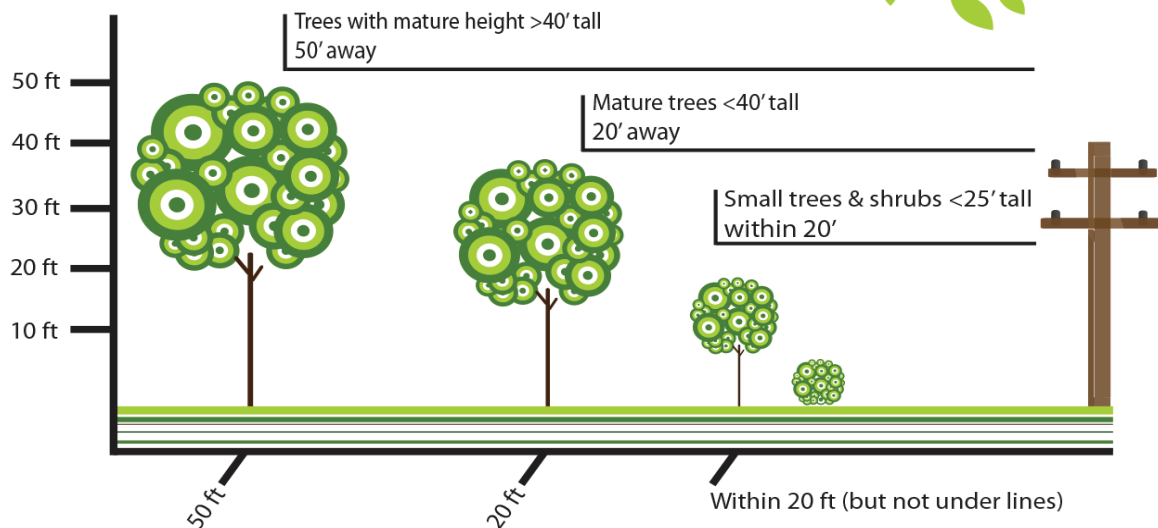


Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience. Most dogs only \$40. Contact 918-381-1170

2020 New Holland RF-450 4' x 5' baler, net twine, auto tie, wide pick up bale kicker. 930 bales. Contact 918-255-6508

Featherlite aluminum gooseneck stock trailer. 7' x 18' 7000# Axles, center gate, very good condition Contact 918-255-6508

Give TREES a Chance



Trees planted too close to power lines grow into a BIG problem. To prevent power outages and safety hazards, these trees need to be trimmed and sometimes removed. Do your part to keep trees healthy and prevent power outages.

Plant trees a safe distance from power distribution lines.



ADOPT -A- SCHOOL

Education is freedom. That is why we work with school systems in our service territory to assist in providing a quality education to our young people. Through the Adopt-A-School grant program, we help school systems enhance the learning experience by purchasing needed resources, such as books, computers, software, electronic equipment, updating their libraries, or purchasing equipment that will make the school and grounds safer. Adopt-A-School is a program created by VVEC personnel over 20 years ago. Each year school system representatives are invited to submit an application for funds from this program. They are asked to detail what they want to purchase and the cost, and how students will benefit from their request, if granted. Our program personnel review the applications and decide how many requests the program can grant based on the funds available that year. Once the request is granted, the school systems have a specific amount of time to make their purchases. Partnering with our school systems to enhance students' learning experiences is part of being a good neighbor.



**Applications deadline will be 4pm,
Friday, March 17th, 2023.**

Contact program coordinators
Misti Frazier at mfrazier@vvec.com
or Regina Morris
at rmorris@vvec.com or
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RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fires in northeastern Oklahoma can be devastating and deadly. The required fire-fighting equipment is costly, so we developed a program to help rural fire departments in our service territory purchase that equipment. The Rural Fire Department Grant Program provides financial assistance to area fire departments annually. The grants help the departments purchase equipment such as fire trucks, hoses, and firefighter gear, and even help with the costs of building or acquiring fire stations. Each year, area fire departments submit applications, which are then reviewed and grants awarded. The grants vary in amounts. Not only do the fire departments, get to purchase needed equipment, but you as a VVEC member, benefit by the fire departments' Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating improving. Improved ISO ratings mean lower home insurance rates for you. Volunteer fire departments usually try to operate with used, and/or out-of-date equipment. But by helping them through our Rural Fire Department Grant Program, we feel we are helping them protect you and your family.

LOOK OUT

FOR POWER SOURCES

10' 

Do not get within 10 feet
(in any direction) of a power line.

Be aware of power lines when
working on the roof.



Do not trim branches or limbs
near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long
or tall objects such as ladders
or poles.



Before you dig, call 811
to have underground
utilities marked.



Do not dig near padmount
transformers or other utility
equipment.

 **Safe
Electricity.org**

You do all you can to keep your pets healthy: you take them to the veterinarian for check-ups, feed them well and ensure they are up to date on vaccinations. After all, for many people, pets are part of the family.

Two-thirds (67 percent) of U.S. households, or about 85 million families, own at least one pet, according to the 2019-2020 National Pet Owners Survey. The survey was conducted by the American Pet Products Association, and the numbers are up 11 percent from 1988.

There is something else you can do for your pets, and that is to keep them safe around electricity. Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative and Safe Electricity offer these tips:

- Puppies and other pets love to chew on electrical cords. Keep cords out of sight or hidden with a cord cover. Provide teething or play alternatives.
- Watch your pet around dangling or sagging cords, including phone or tablet charging cables. Unplug charging cables once your devices are charged. Not only do they draw a small amount of energy when not in use, but the dangling cords are just crying to be played with.
- Watch where you place lamps and other plugged-in items. Lamps can be a fire hazard if they are knocked over, especially if they



have halogen bulbs.

- Do not leave your pet alone around items that get hot: curling irons and straighteners, an outdoor grill, a portable heater and other electric appliances, including cooktops. Pet proof your home much like you would for a baby or toddler. If you suspect your pet has been shocked or burned, take it to the vet right away. Owners may not realize a pet has been shocked until a few hours later when it has trouble breathing. Other symptoms include ulcers in the mouth and lesions on the tongue and gums.

For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](https://www.safeelectricity.org).

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.