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YOUTH TOUR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**MAY IS
ELECTRICAL
SAFETY MONTH**

EVENTS | CLASSIFIEDS | RECIPE



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VVEC BRUSH CREWS WILL BE CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE SEQUOYAH AND SOUTH COFFEYVILLE SUBSTATION AREAS APPROXIMATELY FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



FROM VVEC

Remember And Honor

MEMORIAL DAY

29 MAY 2023

VVEC offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Offices will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. at 7:30AM

Employee Spotlight

Danny Bement



After honorably serving 4 years with two Gulf deployments in the Marine Corps, Danny Bement came to work for Verdigris Valley Electric in September 1998. He began his career with the cooperative working on the construction crew. In 2006, he moved to maintenance, working in a bucket truck for the Claremore-Verdigris area. In 2009, he moved to another truck working in the Owasso-Elm Creek area and became the leadman for that maintenance truck in 2020. Danny proudly served in that position through August of 2022, when he was asked to assume the position as Assistant Director of Operations, Engineering Services and Purchasing. He was happy to move into this position as a transition for the approaching retirement of our current Director. As a maintenance lineman, he enjoyed helping members and feeling like he made a difference in people's lives by keeping the lights on and restoring the power after acts of mother nature. He recalls one day that he and a fellow lineman Josh Jackson made a difference in one member's day. They were working near Gundy's airport when they were approached by a frantic woman whose cat was missing. The cat was found in a tree and Josh climbed the tree to retrieve the cat. The woman was very appreciative! One of the things he misses most about working in the field is building and maintaining relationships with the members through his daily interactions with them. He also misses the camaraderie and team work of the lineman out on the job. When asked "if you weren't working at VVEC, what would you be doing?" He said, "Honestly, I can't think of anything....THIS is my life. I have enjoyed my almost 25 years of working for the co-op and feel like I have a real connection with everyone I work with." Danny enjoys hunting, reloading, shooting and spending time with wife Deana and daughters Morgan and Kendall. And when the time comes for retirement, he would like to purchase land in VVEC's northern territory where he can spend his days fishing, hunting, and to improve the habitat for turkeys and wildlife in general, something he can leave to his children for future generations so they may have the opportunity to experience his love of hunting and all things outdoors.



May Calendar of Events



4th - Gathering on Main, Owasso Redbud Festival Park, enjoy food and vendors, 6pm-9pm

5th - Germanfest, 1429 Terrance Dr. Tulsa, OK, Enjoy authentic German food, music, and fun. 10am-1pm

11th - Spring Fest, Veterans Building in Collinsville, 903 W. Main St. 6pm - 8pm. Shop local vendors and food trucks.

12th - Tulsa Mayfest, Downtown Tulsa, Arts festival and food vendors

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25th - Boots on the Boulevard, Downtown Claremore, Seasonal Food Truck and Shopping event, 6pm-9pm

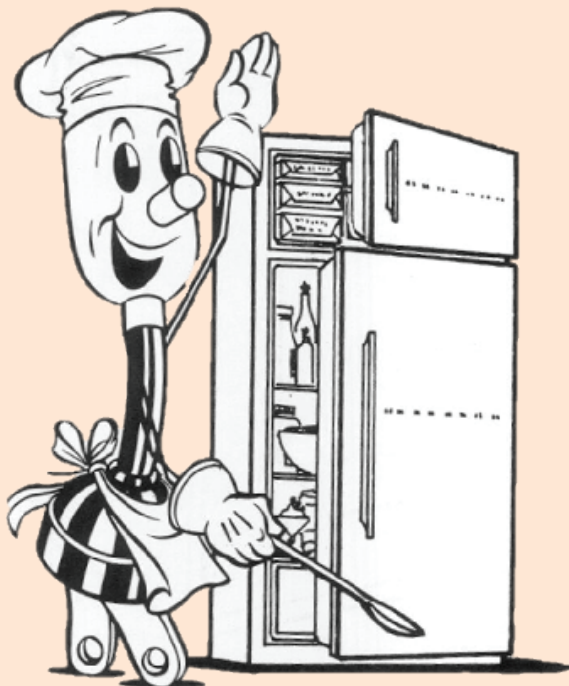
20th - Rooster Days Festival, Central Park, Broken Arrow. Enjoy carnival rides, food trucks, and vendors.

26th - 58th Annual Delaware Powwow, Copan, 7pm-11pm

28th - Barnsdall Big Heart Day, Alumni Basketball games 6:30pm, Movie under the stars (Cars) 9pm

29th - Barnsdall Big Heart Day, Festivities begin at 8am, grand finale fireworks at 9:20pm

Willie's Throwback Recipe



Ham and Cheese Quiche

- 9 inch pie shell
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 1/2 c. ground cooked ham
- 1 1/2 c. grated cheese
- 1/2 c. chopped green pepper (optional)
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 c. mayonaise
- 2 eggs

Mix all ingredients and pour into the pie shell. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 40 minutes or until set. Easy to double recipe.

Submitted by: Susan Baldwin of Owasso
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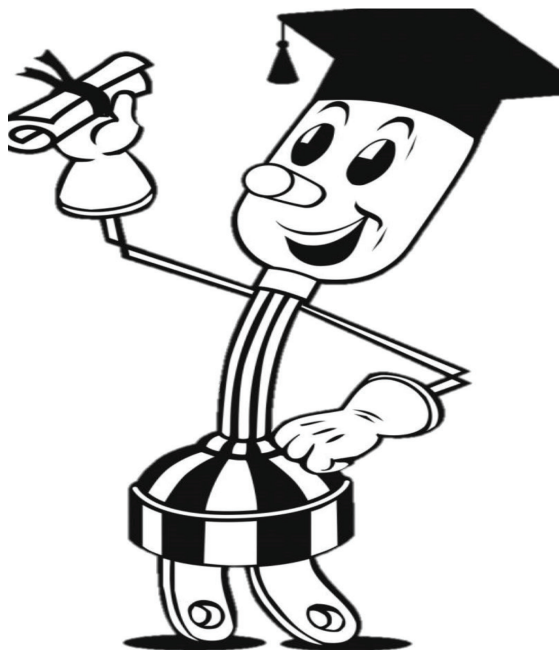
SUBMIT ADS to classified@vvec.com or send to Attn: Classified, P.O. Box 219, Collinsville, OK 74021. Ads must be in writing. Your account number, name, address and a phone number is required on all ads.

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

- Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience. Most dogs only \$40. Contact 918-381-1170
- Nut Huttler Pecan Harvester, Contact 918-545-2270 after 6pm
- Barbie dollhouse, 3 story, great shape. \$50. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old iron porch corner post. \$75. Contact 918-272-7787
- 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 6' 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
- 2 dollhouses, good shape, come with furniture. \$40.00 both. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old black mantle clock with key, \$100. Contact 918-272-7787
- Black Guess Purse, new. \$45.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- New light blue purse. \$25. Contact 918-272-7787
- Like new black Michael Kors purse. \$50. Contact 918-272-7787
- 4 truck tires and 2 chrome rims size Ram 4 lug rims, 26x10, in great shape. \$600. Contact 918-272-7787
- Harley Davidson 1968 rolling frame and parts, tank 4 1/2 gal, swing arms. Best offer. Contact 918-272-7787
- 1950's wood desk, needs restained, \$150. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old Ice Bucket, 1940's-1950's, \$45.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Piano, Old from school, been tuned, plays great. \$50.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Bassinet, like new. \$60. Contact 918-288-8829



YOU DID IT!

Congratulations Class of 2023!

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YOUTH TOUR

THE WINNERS

Two area Juniors will join more than 1,800 other students from cooperatives across the nation to experience a weeklong, all expenses paid trip, packed full of fun and learning at the nation's capital. There will be tours of national landmarks, meeting with congressional representatives and hearing dynamic speakers, however, the lifelong friendships that will form are the best part of this once in a lifetime experience!



Kaytlin Cody (left) of Sperry High School and Josie Turner (right) of Dewey High School were selected to represent VVEC on the leadership trip to Washington D.C., happening June 16-22, 2023. VVEC is proud to sponsor Youth Tour and invest in tomorrow's leaders.



YOUTH TOUR

SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the Youth Tour Trip Winners, VVEC awarded Tanner Kallam of Oologah-Talala High School (below) a \$1000.00 scholarship and Abigail Cunningham of Barnsdall High School (left) a \$750.00 scholarship. Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative values education and investing into the futures of students in the communities we serve.





PREVENT DEADLY SHOCKS

Check your Boats and Docks.

Each year, people are killed by electrical shock while in the water near docks or boats plugged into shore power. Prevent a tragic electrical accident by taking the time to inspect all electrical systems on or near the water.

When it comes to your boat's electrical system, particularly those with alternating current (AC) systems, keep these tips in mind:

- There are some big differences between your house and your boat. Maintenance of the electrical system should be done by a professional familiar with marine electrical codes.
- Boats with AC systems should have isolation transformers or equipment leakage circuit interrupter (ELCI) protection, comply with American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) standards, and should be serviced by an ABYC Certified® Technician.
- Fuses are rated to protect the wire, not the appliance. If a fuse blows continuously, it should NOT be replaced with a larger one just to keep it from blowing again—something else is wrong. Get it checked out.
- Have your boat's electrical system checked at least once a year. Boats should also be checked when something is added or removed from its system.

What you need to know about electrical safety and docks:

- Install a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) breaker on the circuit(s) feeding electricity to the dock. A GFCI measures the current in a circuit. An imbalance of that current, such as a discharge into the water, will trip the GFCI and cut power.
- The metal frame of docks should be bonded to connect all metal to the AC safety ground at the power source.
- Neighboring docks can also present a shock hazard. Ensure your neighbor's dockside system complies with the National Electrical Code (NEC) and has been inspected. Marinas should comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 303 and NEC Section 555.
- All electrical installations should be done by a professional electrical contractor familiar with marine codes.
- Because docks are exposed to the elements, their electrical systems should be inspected at least once a year.

Learn more about electrical safety at



SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;
May through October billing

Customer Charge | \$30.00

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.