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VVEC ANNUAL MEETING

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, & PRIZES!

VVEC's 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on October 12, 2023, at the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 SE Adams Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Bring your electric bill for registration, receiving registration gifts, and be entered to win prizes!

Thursday
Oct. 12
5 p.m.

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION GIFT
FOOD TRUCKS

5:00 PM - 6:45 PM
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:
THOMAS MARTINEZ
BAND

7:00 PM
BUSINESS SESSION
PRIZE DRAWINGS



**Fun for the
Family!**





VVEC's 2023 Annual Meeting



VVEC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- District 1:** Jim Brackett - 720-4531
- District 2:** Jack Bogart - 371-9587
- District 3:** Vernon Lewis - 521-5461
- District 4:** John Hibdon - 847-2320
- District 5:** Jimmy Lambert - 760-7029
- District 6:** Dennis Lenox - 289-5961
- District 7:** Charles Huerter - 914-1498
- District 8:** Ken Howard - 724-9965
- District 9:** Buddy McCarty - 272-5134 or 272-5364

General Manager: Alice Lawson

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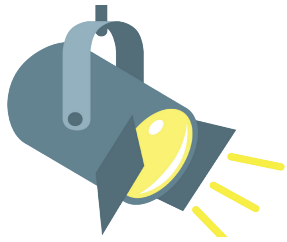
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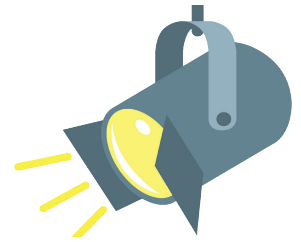
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Employee Spotlight

Mary Edgecombe



Mary began her career with VVEC in November of 2007. She started as a billing representative and after several years was promoted to supervisor of the Billing Department. Mary was later offered to work in the accounting department as an accounting clerk. Mary states, "I have enjoyed all my positions in the Coop. Each one offers its own rewards. Being in the billing department keeps you in touch with the members, and accounting, while being behind the scenes is important and fulfilling." Mary and her husband have lived in Oklahoma for 33 years, where they've raised two daughters, and now have 3 delightful grandchildren, and have enjoyed every minute. VVEC appreciates Mary's service to our members!



“Working at VVEC is just another great part of my life.”
- Mary Edgecombe



September Calendar of Events



8th - 16th Annual Kan-Okla
100 Mile Highway Garage Sale.
Along Highway 75 & Highway
166.

15th - Coweta Fall Festival.
115 S. Broadway St, Coweta.
Carnival Rides, Food, Live
Entertainment.

23rd - Talala Street Dance,
Talala Downtown. Dancing
Begins at 7:30 PM.

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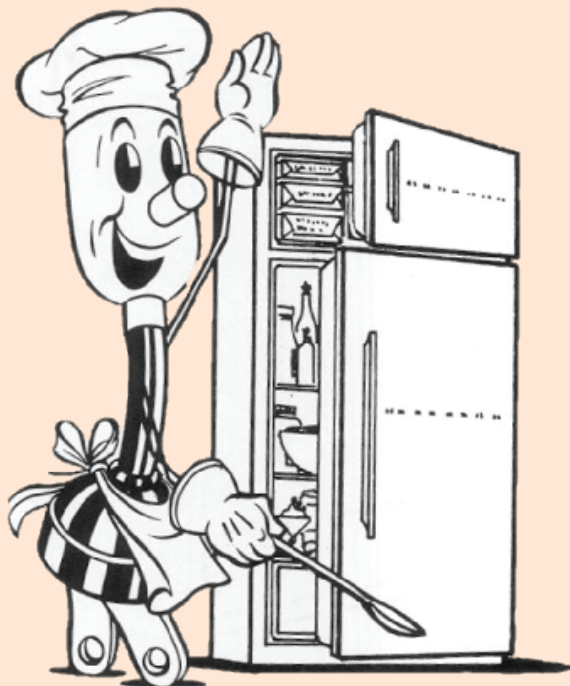
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Entertainment.

30th - Festival Americas.
Guthrie Green, Downtown
Tulsa, 2 PM. Food, Art, Dancing,
Cultural Demonstrations.

7th - Owasso Gathering
on Main 10 Year Birthday
Celebration. Redbud Festival Park,
Main Street Owasso. Shopping
and Food Trucks Begin at 6 PM.

23rd - Bartlesville
CommUnity Fest. Unity
Square, Bartlesville. 5 PM - 9
PM. Food Vendors, Family
Fun, Live Music, and Cultural
Demonstrations.

Willie's Throwback Recipe



Spiced Pecans

- 1 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 c. evaporated milk
- 3 c. pecan halves
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Combine sugar, cinnamon, and milk in
saucepan. Boil until small thread forms in cold
water, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
Add pecans and vanilla. Pour over mix until
well coated. Turn out on wax paper and separate
while nuts are still warm.

Submitted by: Lois Lowe of Delaware
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.

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

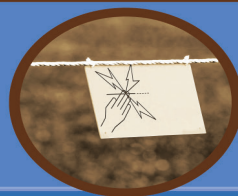
Savage 2542 Pecan Tree Shaker. Extra pads for smaller trees. One owner. \$7,500. Contact 918-633-4658

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Got Electric Fencing?

INSPECT IT REGULARLY



1.

Make sure that fencing is visible.

Use electric fence tape, warning signs or other methods.

Inspect electrical fencing regularly.

Ensure everything is tight, secure and free from frays.

2.



3.

Make sure your electrical fence is tight and well-supported.

A lack of support can cause it to sag.

Cap posts, especially metal T-posts.

This prevents an animal (or human) from being impaled.

4.

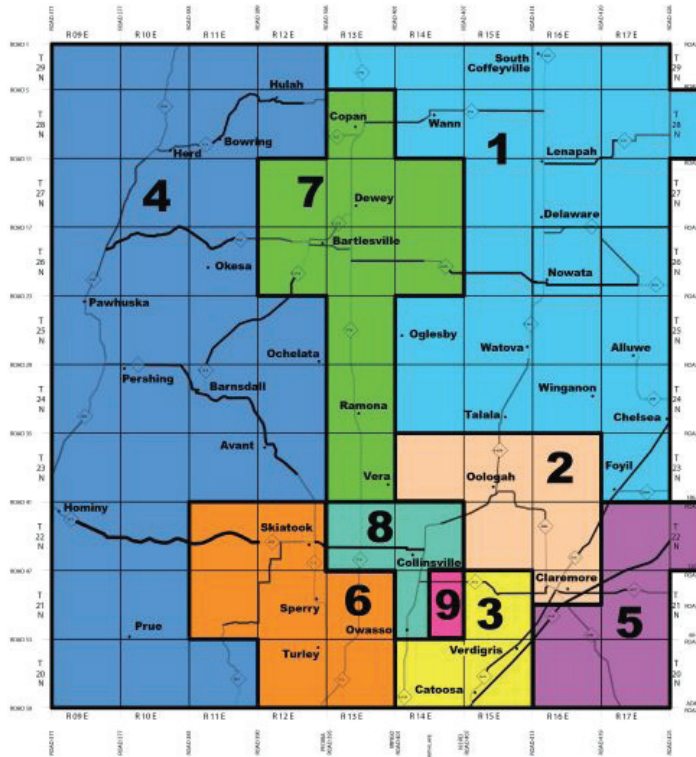


5.

Check for a loose or sagging fence.

Not only can animals escape, but wires can fall out of insulators.

DISTRICTS 1, 3 & 5 TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES



Selecting representation for VVEC’s board of trustees is one of the fundamental privileges of co-op ownership. Members in Districts 1,3 and 5 will meet this year. Registration for all meetings will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.-when the business sessions begin. There must be a quorum of 5% of the members in the district present to conduct business. Members who are the voting delegates for organizations such as churches will need to submit a completed Organization Certificate, which can be found below. The certificate needs to be submitted at the time of registration.

If you don’t know which district you live in, see the district map to the left. Your board district is also printed on your monthly bill. If you have questions, please call the VVEC office at 918-371-2584 and speak with a consumer services representative. You will also receive a notice by mail with details of your district’s meeting.

District 1 will meet Thursday, November 2nd at Hillside Christian Church: 1348 W. Davis Dr., Nowata.

District 3 will meet Tuesday, November 7th at Hilldale Baptist Church: 21085 S. Keetonville Rd., Claremore.

District 5 will meet Friday, November 3rd at Justus-Tiawah South Campus: 15011 E. 523 Rd., Claremore.

ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE

RESOLVED THAT _____

(Person's name typed or written in ink)

who is a member or officer of said organization, is hereby designated official

representative by _____

(Name of Organization)

to vote at the District Meeting of Members which said organization holds a membership in the Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., to be held during November 2023, for Districts 1, 3 and 5, on all matters which at said meeting of Members may properly come before them; the action of said representative and all that he or she may do in this behalf is hereby ratified and confirmed as the act of

(Name of Organization)

(President)

(Corporate Seal)

ATTEST: _____

(Secretary)

Complete this form and present it when registering in attendance at district meeting.

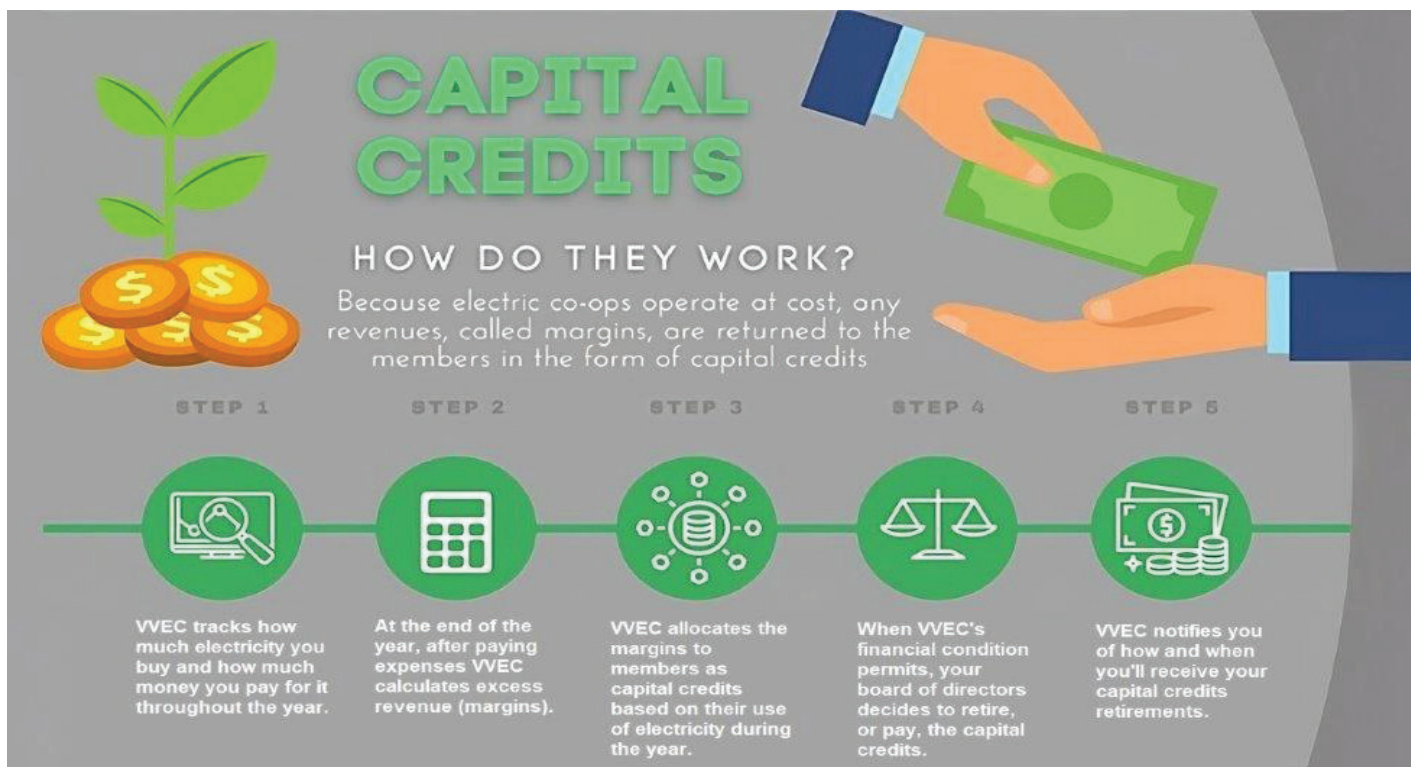


Membership Has Its Privileges!

\$500,000 IN CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS RETURNING TO MEMBERS IN OCTOBER

Cooperatives like Verdigris Valley Electric are unique in that they are a not-for-profit business. What this means to our member owners is that they have a stake in the finances of Cooperative. The Cooperative answers to the members not unrelated stockholders. To this end, the Cooperative distributes its revenue in excess of expenses back to the members through margins or capital credits. This year after carefully reviewing the financial matters of the Cooperative, your board of trustees approved the return of \$500,000.00 in capital credit or patronage refunds. This is the 30th consecutive year capital credits have been returned to the members. A total of \$20,593,488 has been returned to the members since the Cooperative started business in 1938. Of the \$500,000.00 dollars to be returned to members, \$250,000.00 will be returned to members and former members that received power from the Cooperative in 1984; the remaining \$250,000.00 will be returned to members and former members that received power from the Cooperative in 2022. For all active members a credit will appear as a "patronage refund" on their October 2023 bills. Members that have multiple accounts will receive one credit on the membership account; that one credit will reflect the total accumulated capital refunds from all of their accounts. Former members that had service in 1984 and or 2022 will receive a check if the refund is greater than \$5.00; lesser amounts will be held in the account awaiting the time that accumulated capital credits reach the \$5.00 threshold.

If you have questions regarding your capital credit refund, please call one of our office services representatives at (918) 371-2584 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



No posting zone: Power poles

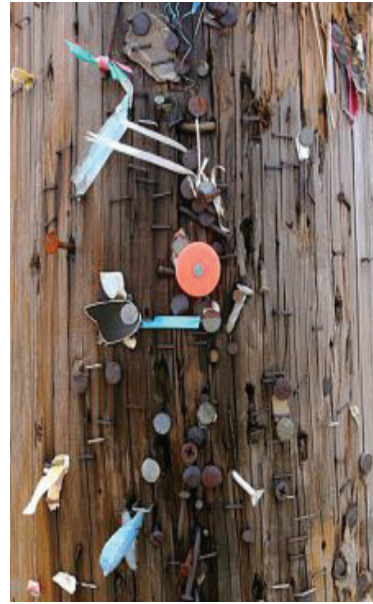
Most jobs do not require you to climb 40 feet in the air and conduct business within a few feet of high voltage power lines that carry 7,200 volts of electricity. However, for many utility workers, this is just another day at the office.

Across the nation there are millions of utility poles that provide the electricity that powers everything in your daily life — including the brewing of your morning cup of coffee and the lighting you turn off before going to bed. The electricity we depend on would not be possible without the utility workers who maintain and repair these utility poles.

The Safe Electricity program urges everyone to keep utility poles free from all personal materials such as balloons, fliers, and metal objects like staples or tacks. By respecting utility poles, you can help keep your community powered, and your local utility workers safe.

This practice is not only illegal in many areas, but also creates hazards for the linemen who repair and maintain utility poles and other electrical infrastructure and can increase your monthly utility bill.

Utility workers use specialized climbing devices to perform regular maintenance and repair damaged power lines at the top of utility poles. Nails, tacks, and other metal objects that are used to attach objects to utility poles can interfere with the safe operation of the climbing boots used by utility workers.



Foreign objects that are embedded in utility poles can also snag or damage the protective clothing that keeps line workers safe from electrical shock. These men and women already work in extremely hazardous conditions, so everyone who relies on electricity should take steps to make their job as safe as possible.

Other items that have been found on utility poles include tree stands for hunting. If you plan on hunting, do not place tree stands or other objects on utility poles. Doing so not only creates a risk for utility workers, but it is also extremely dangerous for yourself or anyone who uses it. For your own safety, please keep as much distance between yourself and overhead power lines as possible.

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;
May through October billing

Customer Charge | \$40.00

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.