

CONNECT WITH YOUR CO-OP

Annual Meeting Lineup Includes Food, Entertainment, & Prizes!

VVEC's 2022 **Annual Meeting** will be held on **October 20, 2022**, at the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 SE Adams Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74003. Registration begins at 5:00 PM and continues until 7:00 p.m. Members should bring the top portion of their electric bill with them for electronic registration for the event. VVEC staff will scan the barcode on the bill to register each members attendance, as well as enter them in the prize drawings. Each household will receive coupon vouchers to redeem at food truck vendors set up outside of the Community Center and will also receive a registration gift bag.

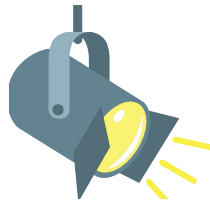


Entertainment by the Thomas Martinez band will begin at 5:00 p.m. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. the business session will open. There must be a quorum of 5% of the cooperative's members present to conduct business. VVEC trustees will conduct the meeting until it's conclusion when the popular prize drawings begin! Many gifts will be awarded, as well as three members in each of VVEC's nine districts will be drawn to win a \$50 credit on their electric bill. **One lucky member will win the grand prize- a \$500 credit to their monthly electric bill!**

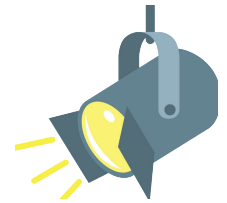


Bring your electric bill for registration, receiving registration gifts, and be entered to win prizes!





Employee Spotlight



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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7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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Thomas Martinez

For many, finding the harmonious chord between work and family can be difficult. Add in a budding music career and it becomes quite challenging. Thomas Martinez known by many as the rocker in a country boy's body also bears the title of VVEC Construction Foreman. He has been with the cooperative for 14 years and for a number of years he has balanced work, family and music. When asked how do you motivate yourself, he simply replied, "you don't have to when you love what you do". The world is full of choices and each of us define what our own measure of success is. Martinez defines his as "being happy". He believes the secret to success is working hard, being happy, showing up and be willing to help out. Martinez has found his success in choosing to raise his children, spending time with his family and working for the cooperative. When asked if he had any advice for the younger generation of linemen he replied, show up every day on time and do what it takes to get the job done, you will climb the ladder of success. Music remains a hobby for Martinez and is shared with his love of traveling. He is looking forward to upcoming travels to Hawaii and Europe. We are proud to share Martinez's love of music and stage performance with our members. Be sure to see him at the upcoming VVEC Annual Meeting, October 20th!

VVEC TO RETURN \$500,000 IN CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS

There are benefits to being a consumer-owner of a cooperative. One of those is receiving capital credit refunds. Your board of trustees has recently approved returning \$500,000 in capital credits to VVEC members. The amount will appear as a credit on your October electric bill.

Capital credits are one of the benefits of cooperative ownership and are unique to the cooperative form of business. According to the co-op's auditing firm, Briscoe, Burke and Grigsby, one dollar in five of the co-op's equity has been returned to members in the form of capital credit retirements.

This year's retirement will be approximately \$500,000 and will be paid to members receiving electricity from the co-op in 1984 and 2021. Refund amounts will be based on the dollar amount billed to each member in 1984 and 2021 for electric usage.

As in the past, the credit will be identified as a "patronage refund" and will be subtracted from the total amount due on your October bill.

Members with multiple accounts will receive one credit on their membership account. That one credit will reflect the total accumulated capital credit refund from all their accounts. This is the 29th consecutive year capital credits have been returned; \$20,093,488 has been returned since VVEC was founded. Former VVEC members will be sent a check for their refund if it is \$5 or more. Lesser amounts will be held in each individual member's capital credit account until it reaches the \$5 minimum.

If you have questions about your capital credit refund, please call one of our consumer representatives at 918-371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

How do capital credits work?

VVEC tracks how much electricity you buy and how much money you pay for it throughout the year

At the end of the year, VVEC completes financial matters and determines whether there are excess revenues, called margins

VVEC allocates the margins to members as capital credits based upon their use of electricity during the year

When the co-op's financial condition permits, the board of trustees decides to retire, or pay the capital credits

VVEC notifies you of how and when you'll receive your capital credits retirements

Money
Back to
YOU!



Would Your Home Pass an Electrical Inspection?

If you're getting ready to sell your home or just wondering how electrically sound it is, there are some general guidelines out there to assess the condition of your home's wiring and electrical bones. Although it varies depending on where you live, most local codes follow the National Electric Code (NEC).

The NEC is an industry-specific, jargon-filled document that outlines required practices for all aspects of residential and commercial electrical installation. Don't worry, you don't have to google it and read it from cover to cover, but know that your local code could vary. Local code always wins out when there are variances, so be sure to check with your qualified electrician or local building department (start with your city or town) for specific code requirements.

Electrical malfunction is dangerous. U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 45,210 reported U.S. home structure fires involving electrical failure or malfunction per year from 2010 to 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. The home fires resulted in 420 deaths, 1,370 injuries and an annual \$1.4 billion in direct property damage.

In general, here are some all-house guidelines that an inspector would look for; remember they may or may not align with your local electrical code but they are NEC-mandated. If your home has any of the following

defects, it may not pass an electrical safety inspection:

- Old knob-and-tube, along with BX cable wiring, common in the U.S. from about 1880 to 1930
- New lights and receptacles installed into old wiring
- Overcrowded wires; i.e. too many wires bundled together producing excess heat
- Spliced wires that were illegally installed (they must be installed by an approved method)
- Broken or missing carbon monoxide detectors or smoke alarms (whether smoke alarms must be hard wired depends on the age of the home and in most cases, whether any home improvement projects required a permit)
- Non-insulated/non-contact-rated recessed lights that touch attic insulation, which is a fire hazard
- Improper overcurrent protection, which means the breaker or fuse is too large for the wire rating
- Improper Grounding and Bonding of electrical panels and devices

Some other room-specific things to look for include:

Kitchen

- Does your electric range, cooktop or oven have a dedicated 240-volt circuit?
- Is the breaker for the range, cooktop or oven sized correctly?
- Does your island have its own outlet? (The NEC has outlet requirements for kitchen islands, peninsulas and countertops.)
- Does your microwave, refrigerator, microwave and garbage disposal



each have its own circuit?

Bathroom

- Are outlets GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupters)? GFCIs are designed to protect people from electric shock around water.
- Do your combination fan/lights have their own 20-amp circuit?
- Do the light fixtures in the shower or tub area have a "lens" cover? Are they moisture resistant?

Other Rooms (living, dining, family, bedrooms):

- Does each room have a wall switch installed beside the entry door?
- Are outlets installed no farther than 12 feet apart?
- Are ceiling fixtures controlled by a wall switch and not just a pull chain?

There are also hallway, staircase and garage code requirements, as well as those for the electrical service panel and wiring. Check with your qualified electrician or the city or town where you live for specific code requirements in all areas of your home.

For more about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



September Calendar of Events



10th - Bartlesville Farmer's Market, Frank Phillips Park, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

10th - Kan-Okla 100+ Miles of Garage Sales & Flea Markets, various parts of NE Oklahoma and SW Kansas, Large sale sights in Dewey, OK and Caney, KS.

13th - Music on the Lawn at Frank Phillips Home, 1107 SE Cherokee Ave, Bartlesville, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

16th - Rogers County Free Fair, Claremore Expo Center, Claremore. Exhibits, Horse Show, Food Vendors, and Carnival Rides.

17th - Rogers County Free Fair, Claremore Expo Center, Claremore. Exhibits, Horse Show, Food Vendors, and Carnival Rides.

17th - Woofstock 2022, Riverwalk Tulsa, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM. Pet adoptions, pet vendors, and fun for the family.

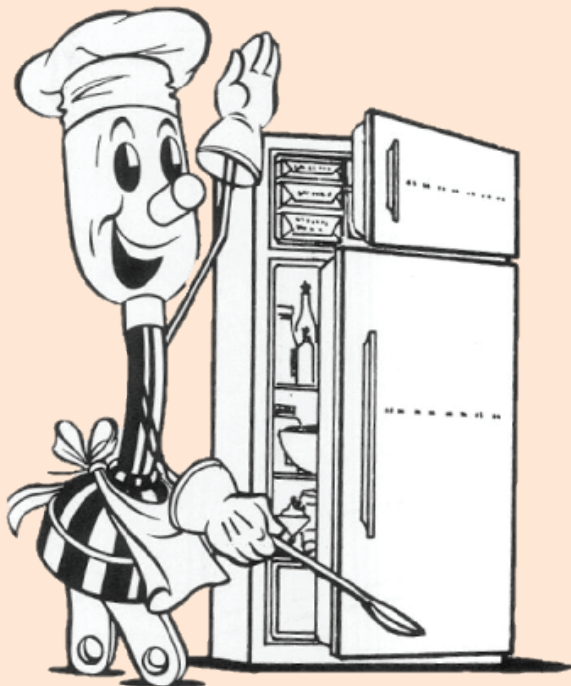
23rd - Pioneer Day Festival in Skiatook, Skiatook Central Park, Begins at 12:00 PM

24th - Pioneer Day Festival in Skiatook, Skiatook Central Park, Begins at 12:00 PM

24th - 35th Annual Oldies & Goodies Car Show, Downtown Dewey, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Willie's Throwback Recipe

Pumpkin Bread



- 3 c. sugar
- 3 ½ c. flour
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 c vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- ⅔ c. water
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- ½ c. raisins
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 c. pumpkin

Sift dry ingredients together. Combine with remaining ingredients, mixing well. Pour into greased loaf pans, filling less than half full. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour.

Submitted by: Shirley Roberts of Chelsea,
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.



■ For Rent: 3 bedroom- clean, quiet, range and refrigerator. \$800 month plus electric. NO PETS. Contact 918-734-2325

■ Barbie doll three story doll house, great shape. \$50.00. 2 heavy duty doll houses, \$50.00 both. Like new, all doll houses are heavy plastic built. Contact 918-272-7787

■ 1950's wood desk, made in Chicago. needs restained, \$200.00 Contact 918-272-7787

■ Mathis Brother's dining table with four chairs, dark wood. \$300.00 Contact 918-272-7787

■ Large dark stained all wood dresser, and wooden mirror with shelves. \$200.00 Contact 918-272-7787

■ Guess black purse, like new, \$50.00. Light blue like new billfold, \$25.00. Michael Kors black bag, \$100.00. Both bags have handle and shoulder straps. Contact 918-272-7787

■ Old black mantel clock with key, \$100.00. Contact 918-272-7787

■ Old iron decorator corner post, \$100.00. Old cast iron aunt Jemima Bank, \$100.00. 1950's Ice bucket and lid, \$50.00. Contact 918-272-7787

■ New never used, Doug Stephens (OETA) Suze Orman set CD's and books, wills & trust & retirement, \$165.00. New Dr. Joel Fuhrman 'Eat to Live' set books

and DVD's, \$160.00. Contact 918-272-7787

■ Harley Davidson rolling frame and parts (1985-1986), 80's tank 4½ gallon swing arm. Contact 918-272-7787

■ Wheelchair ramp, 10 ft aluminum folding near new, used 3 times. \$125.00 (cost \$230 new). Extended: 120"L 2835W 1.97D Folded: 60"L 14.17W 6.3D 600lb capacity, weight 60lbs. Contact 918-899-8295

■ American antique ice box made by american refrigerator Co. Good condition, with original seals, metal, racks, etc. \$500.00 or best offer. Contact 918-954-6546

■ Elliptical (electric) monitor, Gold's Gym, \$150.00. Contact 918-954-6546

■ Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience, most dogs \$40.00. 918-381-1170

■ Nordic Track exp 2000 xl treadmill, \$150.00. Contact 918-954-6546

■ Schwinn stationary bike. Electric controls and monitor, \$150.00. Contact 918-954-6546

■ Electric hospital bed/mattress with hand lifting bars available for sale. Contact 918-341-1339

■ New and used lumber. 1x4,2x4,2x6,2x12 in various lengths up to 14 feet. Great for projects. \$375 or best offer for all. Contact 918-361-7560

■ Professional digital photo organizing. Simplify your memories into one centralized digital photo library. Contact 918-948-4771.



VVEC offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance for Labor Day. Offices will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:30 AM.

Service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend. If you should experience an interruption in your electric service, please call 918-371-2584 or 1-800-870-5948. You can also report outages using the SmartHub app on your smart phone or tablet. VVEC wishes all of our valued members a safe and fun holiday weekend!



Happy
LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER IS

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

For a storm preparedness checklist, visit:



SUMMER RESIDENTIAL RATES

April through September usage;
May through October billing

Customer Charge | \$30.00

Energy Charge

1st 2,000 kWh | \$.08272/kWh

Over 2,000 kWh | \$.08782/kWh

A power cost adjustment (PCA) will be applied to all bills when the actual cost of power purchased exceeds or is less than 59.87 mills per kWh.

In addition, a gross receipts tax of 2% of revenue will be included, plus additional taxes if applicable.

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.



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