

Jobs Well Done!

During the annual VVEC employee Christmas party, a special recognition is given for employees who have reached career milestones and for their dedication and commitment to the cooperative and the members we serve.



Honored for 25 years of service are Marlin Barnhart (left), Troy Lamb (right), and Keven Perrier (not pictured).



Honored for 10 years of service are (left to right) David Hunt, Sylvia Hunt, Daniel Garcia.



Recognized for 5 years of employment with VVEC are (above left to right) Dawna Martin, Melinda Edgar, Evan Umberger.



Mary Edgecombe was recognized for 15 years (left) and Regina Morris (right) was recognized for 20 years.



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VVEC 2022 Employee of The Year



Verdigris Valley Electric Cooperative's Director of Operations Services, Engineering, and Purchasing, Randy Riddle, was the recipient of VVEC's Employee of the Year Award. Presented by Alice Lawson. Randy has worked for Verdigris Valley for 41 years. Congratulations Randy!





WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C

*DEADLINE TO
SUBMIT ESSAYS
TO THE CO-OP
IS 4 P.M.
FRIDAY, MARCH
3, 2023.*

To compete, students must be juniors this year and attending high school in VVEC's service territory. Their parents do not have to be members of VVEC for them to participate in this program. Students are required to write an essay on a specific co-op related topic. The topic, along with the program's rules and regulations, are detailed in the Youth Tour Information Packet, available on VVEC's Web site at www.VVEC.com The three highest scoring finalists will win an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Two alternates will win a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$750 scholarship, respectively.

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January Calendar of Events



6th - Oklahoma Boat Expo, Cox Business Convention Center, 100 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103.

7th - Oklahoma Boat Expo, Cox Business Convention Center, 100 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103.

8th - Oklahoma Boat Expo, Cox Business Convention Center, 100 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103.

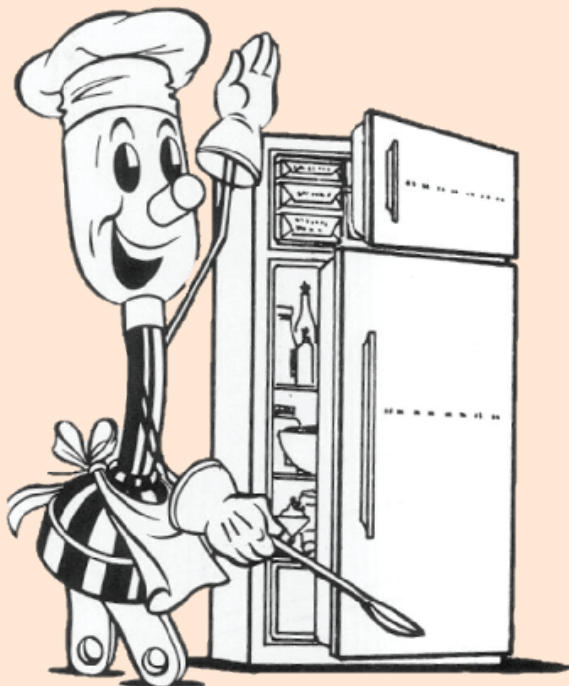
17th - The Green Country Bee Keepers meeting, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Located at Will Rogers Library, 1515 N. Florence, Claremore, OK.

23rd - Book Club, Will Rogers Library, 1515 N. Florence, Claremore, OK.

28th - Annual Green Country Home and Garden Show, Exchange Center, 4145 E. 21st St., Tulsa, OK.

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Willie's Throwback Recipe



Creole Black-Eyed Peas

- 3/4 c. chopped celery
- 3/4 c. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. oil
- 1 (10 oz) can tomatoes and green chiles
- Dash of Tobasco
- 4 c. cooked black-eyed peas with juice
- 1 (10oz) pkg. frozen cut okra, partially thawed
- 2 tsp. salt

In a large fry pan, saute celery and onions in oil until tender, stirring often. Add remaining vegetables and seasoning to fry pan. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer until okra is tender, about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve over steamed rice. Serves 8.

Submitted by: Mary Richardsaon of Copan
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.

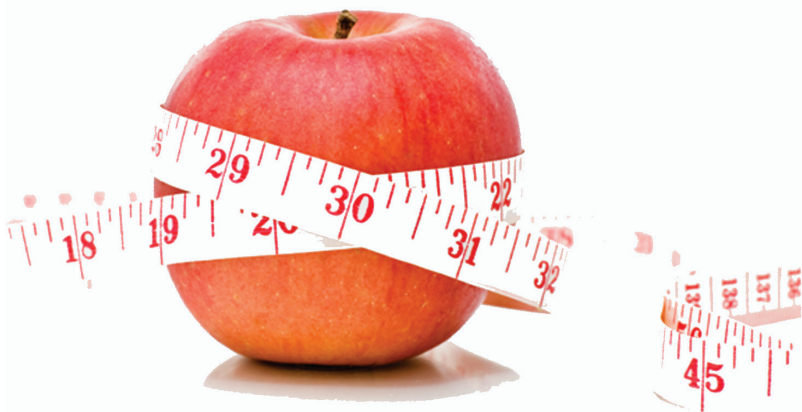
- Barbie Dollhouse, 3 story, Great Shape, \$50.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- 2 heavy duty dollhouses, like new, with furniture. \$40.00 both. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old 1950's claw and arm foot chair, needs re-done. Club type sitting chair. \$50.00 Contact 918-272-7787
- Professional personalized dog grooming at your home. Over 40 years experience. Most dogs only \$40. Contact 918-381-1170
- 1950's wood desk made in Chicago. Needs restained. \$150.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old black mantel clock with key. \$100, OBO. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old iron porch corner post, \$75.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Old stainless ice bucket, 1950's. \$40.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Harley Davidson rolling frame and parts. (1985-86), 80's tank. 4 1/2 gallons, swing arms. Best Offer. Contact 918-272-7787
- Used Troy-built Horse Tiller, Fair condition. \$500. Contact 918-504-6264
- Mainstream Patriot Kayak, stable, roomy cockpit, rod holders. 11'10", Weight 50#, \$300. Contact 918-344-6374.
- 70"x10"x5" Interterm portable electric hot water room baseboard heater. Excellent condition, no plumbing required. Plug-in 120 volt outlet. \$50.00 Contact 918-344-6374
- Dogloo Igloo Large dog house. Excellent condition. \$150.00. Contact 918-344-6374.
- New never used Suze Orman Set, Trust & Wills, Dvds, retirement plans, and print outs. \$150.00. Contact 918-272-7787
- Black Guess purse, new. \$45.00. New Light blue purse and billfold, \$25.00. Like New Black MK Purse, \$75.00. Contact 918-272-7787

Trustees Retain Positions On Board

Members in districts 7,8, and 9 met in November to elect trustees. However, since a quorum was not reached at any meeting, the incumbent trustees retain their positions for another three-year term. Those trustees are Chuck Huerter, Ken Howard, and Buddy McCarty, respectfully. Cooperative bylaws require that at least 5 percent of the members in any district must register their attendance in order for business to be transacted.

Important NEW YEAR Resolutions . . .

That don't involve diet or exercise!



1. Make sure outlets have GFCIs in the kitchen, bathroom & laundry
2. Replace frayed electrical cords
3. Check for loose-fitting plugs
4. Replace missing or broken wall plates
5. Check for overloaded outlets
6. Make sure light bulb wattage matches the fixture requirements
7. Have an electrician check outlets that are warm/discolored

Learn how to keep your family safe at:



VVEC IS LOOKING FOR LOST MEMBERS – CURRENT ADDRESSES NEEDED

From time to time members move out of VVEC's service territory or pass away. But Capital Credits still have to be allocated for the energy used while members had active service. Sometimes VVEC's last known address is not correct and the capital credit checks that are sent out come back to the cooperative. We need your help to find these former members. If you see a name on the list that you recognize and you have information about a current address, please contact us at 918-371-2584.

PRESKITT JAMES G
PRICE LARRY
PRICHARD JAMES P
PRITCHETT WESLEY J
PRODGER PATRICK
PROVINCE KATIE C
PURCELL LLOYD W
PUTNICK MATTHEW F
RACKLEY CAMERON E
RADEMACHER JENNIFER C
RADLEY MICHAEL T
RADLEY SAMUEL S
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RAKE DAVID
RALEY JOHN D
RAMEY AMANDA M
RAMOS DANIEL O
RANKIN JACK H
RAWLINGS STACEY D
REAGOR CRYSTAL D
REAVIS DUSTIN A
REBEN CHANTEL R
RECTOR DESIREA S
REDDEN TERESA L
REE CARLTON A
REE STEVEN
REE TRACY
REECE KAREN
REED HEATHER D
REED JIMMY
REEL HERBERT L
REEVES ALFONSO LIII
REEVES CARRIE R
REEVES LOLA
REIM ROGER
REIMER RICHARD
RENFROE JAKE D
RENFROE LARRY
RENZELMAN VIC
REVARD KARI L
REYES BRANDON D
REYES OLGA
REYNOLDS LIZ J
RGSR LLC
RHINEHART CHARLES
RICHARDSON KEVIN KSR
RICHARDSON MICHELLE M
RIEDEL MILO G
RIERSON VIRGINIA L
RIGGS BRENEN R
RILEY RICHARD
RINEHART KYLE B
RING CLINT A

RINGWALD ERIC T
RISEWICK MEGAN R
RITCHIE JUDY
RIVERA LUIS X
RIVES D M
ROBERSON DENISE
ROBERTS LEE B
ROBERTS SOLOMON I
ROBERTS TRAY D
ROBERTS WILLIAM K
ROBERTSON ANNETTA E
ROBINSON BEVERLY
ROBINSON JO ANN
ROBINSON PATRICIA A
ROBISON ALLEN A
RODRIGUEZ ARIEL
RODROCK REBECCA A
ROGERS JAMES S
ROGERS MATT T
ROGERS SYDNEY J
ROGERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
ROJAS-SOLIS SARAY
ROLAND BEEMAN
ROLAND SHYLEIGH C
ROMENGER GARRY
ROMERO YADIRA
ROOKS BETTY
ROOT NORMAN
ROSE J K
ROSEBURE ALLISON
ROSS ALAN
ROSS JUNIOR
ROSS MATTHEW
ROWAN LAYTEN T
RUMSEY ROBERT
RUNELS RON
RUNNIN F INC
RUPE HELMER CONSTRUCTION
RUSSELL BETTY D
RUSSELL JAMES B
RUSSELL RHIANNA
RYAN TRAVIS W
S & S OIL AND GAS LLC
SAGER BRIAN
SAGO LESTER E
SAMPLES WALEETA C
SAMPSON JACK E
SANCHEZ GABRIEL N
SANDERS ARVILLA L
SANDERS DAVID A
SANDERS MARILYN L
SANDERS MARISSA P
SANDERS NYLE K

SANDERS THOMAS J
SANTOYO CARLA
SARTEN JUSTINE K
SATELLITE MANAGEMENT
SAUCEDO NICOLE
SAVAGE JOE D
SAXTON JUDITH D
SCALF KELLY
SCANTLING DUSTIN G
SCHELLENBERG JAKE
SCHENCK SCOTT P
SCHEULIN DENNY L
SCHIAFFINO JOSEPH A
SCHIELE NORMAN
SCHLEKEWAY RICK
SCHMIDT ALVA
SCHMIDT MARTIN F
SCOTT CHERYL
SCOTT DALTON L
SCULLAWL GLORIA
SEARS THOMAS E
SEGER JONATHAN M
SELF WILLIAM H
SELLS MORGAN N
SEWELL AUTUMN E
SHADOWENS VIRGINIA
SHANKS ASHLEY E
SHANN MATTHEW
SHARPE FLORENCE
SHAWHART JAMIE L
SHEA KIMBERLY R
SHEHI JIMMY W
SHELLEY DANA
SHENOY NAVIN K
SHERMAN JOE
SHIELDS WANDA
SHIVELY ELLEN
SHOEMAKER BRENT
SHORT BENJAMIN T
SHRUM JUSTIN L
SHRUM NORMAN
SHULL TAYLOR N
SHULTS JOYCE
SIEMENS MESHAE S
SIEN RANDY J
SILVA ALEXANDRA
SILVA BRE D
SIMERLY HANNA
SIMMONS ADAM
SIMPSON LATASHA A
SKAGGS MARK
SLAUF JOHNNY
SLOAN JONI

SPARKS R E
SPEER MONYCA N
SPICER PAUL AJR
SPRINGEMAN LARA M
SPRINGER LEEANN N
SPUNAUGLE JERRY S
SPURLOCK GEORGE
SPURRIER JACK R
STAAB HELEN L
STACY ANITA M
STAMP LARRY
STANDRIDGE DEANNA
STANFIELD DONNA K
STANG EDWIN
STANKEIVICZ DEVYN
STANLEY LANITA
STAR S DAIRY
STARK RACHEL E
STARK TERRY
STARKS LORIE
STAUFFER J S
STEPHENS STEVE L
STEVENS KEVIN
STIGERS M W
STILES JESSE C
STIPE DEBRA
STITES COURTNEY
STOKELY DARREL WJR
STOKES WILLIAM HJR
STORIE STEPHEN M
STORM ANGIE D
STOTLER JEAN A
STOUT CORY D
STOWELL LOGAN B
STOWERS INVESTMENTS LLC
STRAW KERMIT D
STRICKLEN SENECCA F
STRIPER WELLS LLC
STRONG WILLIAM S
STUCKY LAURA
STUDNISKI RICHARD J
STUTZMAN WANDA
SULLIVAN GERALD
SULLIVAN ORVEL EJR
SULLIVAN PRESTON J
SUMTER RODGELAN
SUNN RUSSELL
SUTTON DEVIN M
SUTTON LARRY C
SWAFFAR PATRICK D
SWAGERTY JOE
SWAIM KELLY C
SWEEDEN O J
SWIFT LINDA L
SZEKELY ROBYN
TAIT BRYAN R
TALLMAN KENNETH D
TANDY CRYSTAL
TANNER MAX R
TANNER SABRINA
TATE CHRISTEEN
TATUM DARRELL L
TAYLOR ABIGAIL A

TAYLOR ANGIE L
TAYLOR DAVID
TAYLOR JIM
TAYLOR JOHN Q
TAYLOR MICAH L
TAYLOR ROBERT R
TAYLOR VERNON
TEAM INC
TEFERTILLER RALPH L
TEMPLETON JUSTIN C
TERRELL RENEE E
TERRY BILL J
TETER SAMUEL B
THAO LEE
THE BOEN FAMILY TRUST
THE ESTATE OF NORMA K HUNT
THE GREEN FACTORY 13 LLC
THE JAMES R COLPITT TRUST
THE REESE FAMILY LIVING TRUST
THE STEWART FAMILY TRUST
THEE MELVIN
THENNES DUSTIN
THOMAS JAMES D
THOMAS MATTHEW J
THOMAS PENNY D
THOMAS VICKEY K
THOMASON DONALD D
THOMASON SONYA L
THOMPSON CAROLYN
THOMPSON CAROLYN G
THOMPSON CLARENCE J
THOMPSON FLOYD
THOMPSON PAUL D
THOMPSON RONALD
THOMPSON WILLIAM W
THORNBRUGH RYAN
THORNTON C J
THULIN III MICKEY R
THYSSEN PETE J
TICE TRAVIS D
TIFFANY TINA M
TIMMS MELVIN
TODD ROBERT B
TODHUNTER ANDREW N
TOSH LEVI M
TRAUTWEIN BRANDON
TRENTMAN ALEXANDRIA M
TRUONG JULIE V
TRYON KARLEIGH
TUCKER ENTERPRISES
TUNG PETER
TURMAN ABBIE D
TURNAROUND MANAGEMENT LLC
TURNER TOMMIE
UHAN PATRICIA M
UPTON GERALD
UPTON VICKIE
VAN NATTA JACK
VANCE KELLY K
VANDYVONG LA
VANN IVY J
VANN MARVA L
VARNER RICHARD L

VEALE BRADLEY R
VENABLE DEVIN A
VICENA KALA
VICTOR FED SAVINGS
VILLARREAL CAROL
VILLINES JAMES K
VOGT COLLEEN
VUE CHONG
VUE KUE
WADE MARK
WAGNER DALE
WALENTINY RICHARD
WALKER BRANDON M
WALKER JORDAN M
WALKER KEITH A
WALKER SAM C
WALKER VIRGINA
WALL FRANKLIN A
WALLACE DAVID
WALLIS JOANNA R
WALSH HAYDEN M
WALSH JOHN B
WARD AUSTIN T
WARD TAMMY
WARE VIRGIL FJR
WARRINGTON KAHLIL
WATERS SARA
WATHEN SANDRA I
WATKINS JEREMY
WATKINS LAWREN D
WAWRZONEK JOSH A
WEATHERMAN KYLIE A
WEATHERS ASHLEY M
WEATHERS RUSTY
WEBB ASHLEY D
WEBB DELYSE N
WEEDEN ISAAC R
WEEKS LINDSEY R
WELLS CRYSTAL L
WELLS DONEL R
WELLS JOE D
WERNER JOHN
WESSELMAN TROY
WEST JACK D
WEST JOHN L
WEST LENA S
WESTERGARD TIMOTHY M
WESTON THERESA R
WEYGANDT DUSTIN
WHEAT S J
WHEATLEY LEOTA M
WHEELER VICKI
WHITAKER HENRY E
WHITE EUGENE L
WHITE GUYLA
WHITE JOSHUA D
WHITE TIMOTHY D
WHITEHILL HOWARD
WHITESIDE DEON D
WHITFIELD JUSTIN C
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WHITHAM W B
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 YODER ERIC L
 YORK STEPHANIE M
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 YOUNG DAVID E
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 YOUNG RICHARD C
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 ZOLLO DONASHE E



Stay Warm, Stay Safe

Electric space heaters can help warm a room quickly. However, they can be as dangerous as convenient if used improperly. Safe Electricity urges everyone in the home to understand the importance of using space heaters safely:

- * Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved. Make sure the unit has an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
- * Before using a space heater, make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working condition.
- * Make sure the heater is clean and in good condition.
- * Place the heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface—NOT on carpets, furniture, or countertops.
- * Space heaters have one purpose—to provide supplemental heating. Never use them to thaw pipes, cook food, or dry clothing or towels.
- * Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from combustible liquids, like fuel, spray cans, and paint, and flammable items such as draperies, blankets, and sofas.
- * Never allow pets or children near an electric heater.
- * Accidental contact could cause serious shock or burns.
- * Do not overload circuits. Never use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater and make sure not to plug the unit into the same circuit as other electric appliances.

If your space heater is plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) and it trips, don't assume there is something wrong with the GFCI. Immediately stop using the heater until a professional can check it— if not, a serious shock could occur. Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed. Replace older space heaters with newer, safer models.

WINTER RESIDENTIAL RATES

October through March usage;
 November through April billing

Customer Charge | \$30.00

Energy Charge | \$.07772/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.

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.