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Co-op Pays Taxes to Support Area School Systems

School kids will want to put their hands over their ears for this – school starts this month.

As teachers and parents know, education isn't cheap. It requires a lot of money on both the part of the school system and the parents.

At IEC, we realize the value of a good education.

That's why we provide financial support to school systems in our service territory through growth receipts taxes.

Each year we pay those taxes, based on the miles of electric line we have in each school district. In 2004, IEC paid \$487,891.26 in gross receipts tax.

"Most people think electric co-ops don't pay taxes," says IEC General Manager Jack Clinkscale. "But that's not true.

"We don't pay income tax, but we still pay several taxes businesses are required to pay. We feel contributing to the education of our youth is an important benefit to our tax dollars."

The accompanying chart shows the approximate amounts IEC paid to each school district in our service territory in 2004.

Taxes Paid

School System	Miles of Line	Taxes Paid
Cleveland	559.68	\$78,897.37
Pawnee	467.04	65,838.02
Woodland	410.60	57,881.75
Mannford	275.52	38,839.70
Olive	199.35	28,102.11
Hominy	180.43	25,434.98
Keystone	170.13	23,983.01
Yale	166.44	23,462.83
Frontier	159.39	22,469.01
Wynona	107.89	15,209.11
Shidler	105.74	14,906.03
Pawhuska	93.76	13,217.23
Sand Springs	88.75	12,510.96
Cushing	59.49	8,386.23
Jennings	59.23	8,349.58
Drumright	57.63	8,124.03
Oilton	56.87	8,016.89
Morrison	55.15	7,774.42
Prue	46.45	6,548.00
Ponca City	44.82	6,318.22
Pretty Water	44.36	6,253.37
Bristow	28.76	4,054.26
Bowring	15.04	2,120.17
Glencoe	4.17	587.84
Kellyville	3.48	490.57
Allen Bowden	0.69	97.27
Billings	0.09	12.69
Depew	0.04	5.64

Eastern Oklahoma Observations

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

I readily admit I am not a native of this area. While I was born and spent my formative years in Oklahoma, it was in the shortgrass country of western Oklahoma. We had so few trees we could name them and treat them like family. "Did you see that with all that rain, Frank grew 3 inches last year?" "Yeah, he must be pert near 6 foot tall, and in only 15 years!"

Having spent the past two years in Green Country, I have arrived at a few conclusions about this area (in no particular order):

- Driving habits are a little different. Turn signals are optional. Some drivers don't want to tip their hand and let you know where they are going; they want to keep you guessing. Those who do choose to use signals sometimes don't turn them off for a few miles. I guess they want you to know they made a lawful turn, even if it was five miles back. Passing on the right side and passing in no passing zones are acceptable. No blood, no harm. If NASCAR ever runs short of drivers, they need look no further than Green Country for plenty more.
- Humidity is a fact of life here. I always told my kids that hard work was good for them. A little perspiration never killed anyone. After experiencing the weather we had in July, I am rethinking this position.
- Green Country is an international haven for almost

every form of insect known to mankind. If it slithers, crawls, flies, buzzes or stings, we got one. For a night of free entertainment, turn on your porch light for about an hour after dark and then see how many different species of insects you can identify. A kid in Oklahoma can have an extensive bug collection with only a couple of hours work.

- Armadillos are nature's speed bumps. If an armadillo is not available a possum, raccoon, skunk or coyote will fill in quite nicely.
- For a state where tattooing is illegal, we sure have lot of them. And when did it become so fashionable to have more hardware attached to your body than a '63 Chevy?
- For a place with so many trees, people sure do get attached to them. Even when they grow into the power line it seems some people just don't want to lose even one.

Now, I don't want anyone to get the impression I don't like this country. For someone who has lived in dry, flat, treeless, dusty country for most of his life, this is truly wonderful country. Pardon me if it takes a little time to adapt.



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Annual Meeting Plans Underway

Mark Your Calendars for Oct. 22

It may still be summertime, but we're already planning for an informative and fun morning at this year's annual meeting in October.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, October 22 in the Cleveland High School band room. The business session will begin at 10 a.m.

Following registration, you will receive your registration gift as you enter the gymnasium for the business session. This year's registration gift is a forest green lawn chair. It is collapsible, with arm rests and a beverage holder, carry bag and a strap. And it has the IEC logo imprinted in white on the back. One chair will be given to each membership.

Our Business Spotlight is back by popular request. Businesses in our service territory are invited to highlight their products and services. Space is limited. If you want to be an exhibitor, please complete the accompanying reservation form and return it to us by Thursday, Sept. 8.

Entertainment this year is State-line bluegrass band.

Cleveland Area Hospital is again sponsoring our health fair. Several services will be offered, and some will have special requirements. We will provide you with more details as they are finalized.

Watch upcoming issues of The Lamp for more annual meeting information.

IEC delegates Heather Burk (left) and Stephanie Rose pose in front of the White House, which was just one of many places the pair visited while touring the nation's capitol on Youth Tour.

Burk, Rose Make Memories on Washington Youth Tour

Everything from a first plane trip to touring famous national sites were highlights, and now memories, for Heather Burk of Pawnee and Stephanie Rose of Fairfax. The pair spent an

expense-paid week in Washington, D.C. as IEC's representatives on the annual Youth Tour trip.



RECIPE



Many Melon Salad with Yogurt Sauce and Lime

1/2 cup milk
1 cup good-quality yogurt, not fat-free
1 Tbsp. honey
1 cantaloupe or other orange melon

1/2 green honeydew melon
1/2 small watermelon
2 Tbsps. light brown sugar
1 or 2 limes, cut into wedges

In a bowl, whisk together the milk, yogurt, and honey. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. At that time, peel and seed the melons and cut into 1-inch cubes. Combine them in a bowl, toss lightly, and divide the mixture among dessert bowls. (Glass bowls work great, because they let the colors of the melons show through.) Drizzle yogurt sauce on top of the fruit. Sprinkle each serving with about 2 teaspoons of brown sugar and serve with lime wedges to squeeze over the fruit at the table.

YIELD: 6 to 8 servings.

Heat Pumps Keep You Cool for Less

This summer hasn't been as hot as some we've known, but any summer in Oklahoma teaches us we don't want to live without air conditioning.

"Most people have central air conditioning systems. But for comfort and efficiency, an air-source heat pump is the ideal system," says David Wilson, IEC's manager of member services. When properly installed, an air-source heat pump's efficiency and performance are one-and-a-half to two times greater than systems that are 30 years old.

"Heat pumps operate by moving heat, rather than creating it. During the summer, a heat pump captures heat from inside a home or business and transfers it to the outdoor air through a condensing unit," Wilson explains.

"If you have a refrigerator in your home, you already have a heat pump system working for you. Your refriger-

ator is a heat pump that moves warm air from inside the box to outside making inside the box colder," he says.

Much less electricity is used to move heat rather than create it, making heat pumps more economical than resistance heating.

An air-source heat pump can supply two to three times as much energy as it uses.

Wilson says the heat pump system is a relatively simple system.

"The heat pump itself is installed outside your home along with an indoor air handler that is placed in a closet, garage, basement, crawl space, or utility room."

He goes on to point out it is important to hire a qualified installer. "One of the keys to getting the most benefit from a heat pump system is to make sure it's installed correctly."

Wilson says like any type of equipment, a heat pump must be maintained

Labor Day Closings

Indian Electric offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Monday, September 5 in recognition of Labor Day.

Dispatchers and service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend in case you experience an interruption in your electric service.

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properly.

He recommends cleaning or replacing filters every two to six months; cleaning outdoor coils when dirt is visible; removing plant life and debris from around the outdoor unit; cleaning the evaporator coil and condensate pan every two to four years; and cleaning the blower's fan blades, and supply and return registers, along with straightening their fins.

"These are maintenance steps that can be performed by the homeowner," say Wilson. He also suggests having a trained professional service the heat pump at least once a year.

For more information on heat pumps and how they can benefit you, call Wilson at (918) 295-9557, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.