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IEC Supports Area Schools through Annual Tax Payments

IEC Pays Over \$524,000 in Taxes in 2005

Any school student will tell you that they are enjoying the final weeks of their summer vacation, because the new school year begins for area schools later 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 the payment of gross receipts taxes.

Each year we pay those taxes based on the miles of electric line we have in each school district. In 2005, IEC paid \$524,358.69 in gross receipts tax.

Cleveland Public Schools received the most, with IEC paying over \$84,800. Pawnee schools received over \$71,000, Woodland over \$61,600, Mannford received more than \$41,800, and more than \$30,200 was paid to Olive Public Schools. The accompanying chart details amounts paid to other area school systems.

"Most people think since electric co-ops are non-profit organizations, they 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 which businesses are required to pay. We feel contributing to the education of our youth is an important, worthwhile benefit of our tax dollars."

School System	Miles of Line	Taxes Paid
Cleveland	561.73	\$84,829.91
Pawnee	470.59	71,066.56
Woodland	408.16	61,639.64
Mannford	276.85	41,808.88
Olive	200.59	30,292.42
Hominy	180.47	27,254.42
Keystone	170.74	25,786.04
Yale	167.33	25,270.50
Frontier	160.27	24,203.01
Wynona	108.37	16,365.39
Shidler	105.79	15,975.70
Pawhuska	93.76	14,159.70
Sand Springs	88.91	13,427.13
Cushing	59.57	8,996.17
Jennings	59.50	8,984.35
Drumright	57.63	8,703.62
Oilton	56.37	8,513.45
Morrison	55.53	8,385.47
Prue	46.47	7,017.46
Ponca City	45.78	6,913.99
Pretty Water	44.60	6,734.92
Bristow	28.81	4,351.40
Bowring	15.04	2,271.98
Glencoe	4.35	656.07
Kellyville	3.49	526.87
Allen Bowden	0.69	104.20
Billings	0.09	14.01
Depew	0.04	5.43
	<u>3,471.52</u>	<u>\$524,258.69</u>

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Don't Overlook Extension Cord Safety

Does Labor Day live up to its name for your family? While most people get the day off, many use the holiday to begin outside chores in preparation for fall and winter.

As part of that preparation, check power tools and electrical cords—including extension cords—for safety

before using them.

Before you begin any outdoor project, check that your power tool is designed for outdoor use and that there are no damages to its wire. Never carry a power tool by the wire or use it near water. Check to see that the tool is in good working condition before use. If

it's not, don't repair it yourself. Bring it to a licensed electrician or send it back to the manufacturer.

And don't overlook extension cords. Some tips for safety:

- For outdoor jobs, use extension cords designed for outdoor use. They're thicker, more durable and have connectors molded on them to prevent moisture damage.
- Do not buy a longer cord than you need.
- Check the amperage rating of the extension cord to make sure it is high enough to meet the power demand of the tool you are using.
- Use three-wire extension cords with three-pronged plugs. Never cut the third prong off of a power tool to make it fit a cord.
- Push plugs all the way into outlets to ensure complete connection.
- Do not plug one extension cord into another. Buy the proper length.
- Never leave an open extension cord that is plugged into an outlet. Unplug it when you're finished using it.
- Store extension cords in the garage so they won't be exposed to snow and cold weather.

Fire safety is as easy as A-F-C-I

By now, you've probably heard of GFCIs—ground fault circuit interrupters—which detect leaks of current from a circuit. Those leaks can cause dangerous electrocution to users of electrical devices.

But you may not have heard of AFCIs—arc fault circuit interrupters—another device you should know about. AFCIs detect erratic current flow and arcing faults, which can heat up electrical wire and cause nearby flammables to catch fire.

Electrical systems cause about 40,000 home fires each year, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, and arc faults are the main culprit. Normal arcing conditions occur when a plug is pulled, but dangerous arcing can occur along the circuit or at outlets because of damaged or overheated electrical wires. Cracked wire insulation, frayed wires, and loose or faulty connections can also trigger arc faults.

AFCIs de-energize the circuit as soon as an abnormal arc fault is detected, which can prevent an electrical fire.

All houses are susceptible to fires caused by electrical systems, but older houses whose wires are aging are most at risk. AFCIs can and should be installed on all general-purpose circuits by a qualified electrician. Some devices come in AFCI/GFCI combinations, so install both if your house has neither.



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We're Planning Another Enjoyable Annual Meeting

The cool temperatures of October are still months away, but we're already working on annual meeting.

The date is set for Saturday, Oct. 21 at Cleveland High School.

We are working to finalize details

on a morning of fun activities and enjoyable entertainment as you gather to conduct the business of your cooperative.

Many of your favorite activities will be returning. The Business Spotlight is

being expanded to include artisans and their wares; the health fair will be offering a number of medical services; capital credit checks will be available to eligible members; and we're gathering a wide variety of very nice gifts to give away as prize drawings.

The registration gift this year is a folding cooler on wheels with a telescoping handle. It has a 48-can capacity and is blue with black trim and the IEC logo in white. The coolers will be available to the first 800 members who register – one per membership.

Returning to entertain the crowd will be the Wiskey Bent Band, who plays a variety of country, new country, old rock and roll, blues and patriot tunes.

Cleveland Area Hospital (CAH) will again be operating the health fair, but details on services are still be finalized.

A CAH spokesperson said they are hoping to be able to offer free flu shots again this year, but they won't know for certain until October. And the Hillcrest mammogram van will not be available at this year's meeting.

"We still have a lot of work to complete on annual meeting," says Clara Eulert who is coordinating the plans. "But we're certain the members will have several activities to enjoy."

More information on annual meeting will be included in the September and October issues of *The Lamp*.

2006 Annual Meeting Business & Arts Spotlight Reservation Form

Business/Artist _____

Contact Person _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Product to be sold/displayed _____

Return completed form by **Friday, Sept. 1**

Indian Electric Cooperative

Attn: Clara Eulert

P. O. Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020

Spaces reserved on a first come, first serve basis

All participants will receive written confirmation after Sept. 15



Business Spotlight to Include Artisans

In the past, the Business Spotlight has given area businesses and non-profit organizations an opportunity to acquaint IEC members with their products and services. This year the opportunity is being expanded to include artisans. Anyone who has handmade items is invited to participate.

You must first complete the above reservation form and submit it to IEC no later than Friday, Sept. 1. Booth space will be determined on a first come, first serve basis. Those who will be participating will receive written confirmation on a booth after Sept. 15. If you have questions, call Clara Eulert at (918) 295-9533.

RECIPE



Homemade Ice Cream

Beat until a light lemon color:
6 eggs (can use Egg Beaters) (8) 1 can sweetened condensed milk (1 & 1/2 cans)
Gradually add:
3/4 cup sugar (1 cup) Dash of salt (1/4 tsp.)
Add:
1 pint Half 'n Half (3 cups) 2 Tbsp. vanilla flavoring (3 Tbsp.)
1 tsp. lemon flavoring (1 1/2 tsp.)

Pour mixture into freezer container. Fill to fill line with milk. Freeze according to freezer instructions, using 6 parts ice to 1 part salt.

Variations –

Banana – add 7 to 8 mashed bananas to the condensed milk mixture. Add 1 & 1/2 cups chopped pecans for Banana Nut.

Toffee – Add 18 crushed Heath bars.

Chocolate – Add 1 cup Hershey's Chocolate Syrup

Maple Nut – Add 3 Tbsp. maple flavoring and 1 & 1/2 cups chopped pecans

Black Walnut – Add 1 & 1/2 cups chopped black walnuts.

**This recipe is for a 1 & 1/2 gallon freezer container. The amounts in parentheses are for 2 gallon containers.*

Co-op Offices to Close for Labor Day

Indian Electric offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Monday, September 4 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.

Please call 1-800-482-2750 or 918-358-2514 to report an outage.

Co-op Helps with Cleveland Freedom Celebration

IEC had the honor of hoisting a huge American flag during the community choir's presentation at Cleveland's 10th Annual Freedom Celebration. The evening concluded with a beautiful fireworks display which was reflected in the waters of Keystone Lake.

