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Cooperative Members Elect New Trustee

Rock Reese elected to represent District 9

Rock Reese is Indian Electric Cooperative's newest board member, elected by the membership during the Annual Meeting in October.

Reese and his wife, Mitzi, live in Fairfax where he owns and operates the Red Devil Superette and she owns and operates her private law practice. They have two daughters, four-and-a-half year-old Katzee and 23-month-old Piper. He also serves as the Fire Chief for the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.

Reese graduated with an associate's degree in general business from Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and has lived in Fairfax for more than 15 years.

"I like the small town atmosphere in Fairfax. Everyone knows each other and they are always there to lend a hand when someone needs assistance," Reese said.

"Through my anticipated work with the IEC Board of Trustees, I hope to effectively communicate two things to our members: (1) How the Cooperative works and (2) How the members can become involved in that process," Reese said. "It is my intention to keep the communication lines open between the members and the Board of Trustees so we can better serve our membership. I look forward to serving on the Board and making a positive contribution to our Cooperative and community."

Members Enjoy Great Entertainment and Prizes

Members who attended Indian Electric Cooperative's 61st Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 20, enjoyed a morning of fun activities and entertainment, member privileges and lots of prizes.

According to IEC Board Secretary Wanda Foster, 686 members registered their attendance at the meeting providing the quorum needed to conduct business during the annual business meeting. Members were able to enjoy booths in the arts and crafts fair and participate in a health fair provided by Cleveland Area Hospital. Gene

McFall provided entertainment performing his prize-winning role of Will Rogers. Women who registered received a crystal clock and men who registered received a cap with the IEC logo. Sixty-one members received a variety of door prizes ranging from toaster ovens to cordless drills.

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Six hundred and eighty-six IEC members registered to vote during the 2001 Annual Meeting in October.

Annual Meeting *continued*

Prizes were donated by IEC, Northeast Electric, Joseph's Fine Foods, International Paper, Northwest Transformer, Diversified Electric, Weyerhaeuser, Stuart Irby, and Allgeier, Martin and Associates. Mary Pogue was the grand prizewinner of a trip for two adults and two children to San Antonio.



Grand Prize Winner Mary Pogue and IEC Board Vice-President Dr. Greg Fielding show off the grand prize certificate.



Rock Reese - the newly elected Trustee for IEC's District 9.

**S E R V I C E
A W A R D S**

Indian Electric Cooperative is proud to recognize our employees who have served us so faithfully through the years.



IEC General Manager Terry Jech presented 2001 Service Awards to:

- Leroy Wilkerson, 30 years
- Terry Dooley, 25 years
- Judy Nail, 20 years
- Bob Peterson, 20 years
- Charlie Taylor, 20 years
- Sharon Caughlin, 15 years
- Kenny Templeton, 10 years
- Robert Cox, 5 years
- Kim Donnelly, 5 years
- Rick Harvel, 5 years
- Mark Tilley, 5 years
- Elaine Wilson, 5 years

Holiday Office Closings

To allow our employees time to enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays with their families, Indian Electric Offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed for Christmas, Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th, and for New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st. We will reopen the following mornings at 7:30 a.m. and look forward to serving your needs.

Dispatchers will be on duty throughout the holidays. If you need to report an interruption in your electric service, please call 358-2514 or 1-800-482-2750 if you are calling from outside the local calling area.

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IEC Sponsors D.C. Leadership Trip for Area Students

High school juniors whose families are members of Indian Electric Cooperative have the opportunity to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. as part of Oklahoma's Rural Electric Youth Tour.

IEC and other Oklahoma Rural Electric Cooperatives sponsor the contest every year that brings approximately 1,250 high school juniors from across the United States for a weeklong tour of the nation's capitol. Two winners of IEC's Youth Tour Contest will visit historical sites, meet new friends, and learn more about government, rural electrification, leadership and electric cooperatives.

Indian Electric sponsors an essay contest to select the students who will represent IEC as well as the state of Oklahoma during the Youth Tour trip. To be eligible for the competition, the student must be a high school junior this year and must attend a high school in IEC's service territory.

Contestants are required to write an essay of 750 to 1,000 words on the topic, "The Local Electric Cooperative and the Unique Role It Can Play in Community Development." An independent panel of judges will evaluate the essay on subject knowledge, originality, composition, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Four finalists will be selected to give oral presentations of their essays during the Youth Tour banquet in the spring where the judges will determine two finalists. The top two winners will be awarded the all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 14-21. The two



runners-up will be awarded an all-expense paid trip to the Farmland Industries National Youth Leadership Conference in Liberty, Missouri, June 5-9.

The essay topic, rules and regulations are included in the Youth Tour Information Packets that are being distributed to all area high schools. IEC will accept essay entries from Nov. 13 through Dec. 21 from students enrolled in Fall Junior English at schools with block scheduling including Cleveland, Drumright, Mannford, and Yale. All other area juniors will be able to submit their essays between Jan. 15 and March 8. All essays will be judged by the same panel of judges after March 8, 2002.

For more on the 2002 Youth Tour and to download official rules, visit us at www.iecok.com and click on the Youth Tour button in the left menu.

Cooperative Members Continue Participation in the "Standing Together" Campaign



IEC will continue to accept donations to aid the September 11th disaster victims until Dec. 15th. Members may donate their capital credit checks or make a separate donation through the cooperative.

"Our members have been very generous in their donations and we would like to continue to extend the opportunity to our members who have not yet had the opportunity to donate," IEC Executive Director Terry Jech said.

If you would like to donate your capital credit check to aid the disaster victims, you can write "void" across your capital credit check and mail it or bring it to the IEC office.

Members can choose to make their donation to the American Red Cross, the New York United Way September 11 Fund, the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, or the New York State Fraternal Order of Police WTC Fund. In addition to, or in lieu of, capital credit donations, IEC members are welcome to make separate donations. All donations will be collected at the IEC office and will be sent in your name and the name of the co-op to listed disaster relief funds in time for the holidays.

Christmas Morning Breakfast Casserole

Serves 12

This is great to make the night before and put in the refrigerator to be baked on Christmas morning.

1 lb. pork sausage
½ c cold water
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese
5 eggs
Salt and pepper
2 c. biscuit baking mix
1 c. frozen loose-packed hash brown potatoes, thawed (you can use a little more if you like)
3 to 4 Tbsp. milk
Grated Parmesan cheese

Cook and stir sausage until brown, drain. Mix together baking mix and water and pat dough in a 9 x 13-inch pan (ungreased). Spoon sausage over crust. Sprinkle with potatoes and cheese. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour on top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake until crust is golden and eggs are set, approximately 25 minutes at 400°.

Fudgy Mint Cheesecake Bars

Makes 24 to 36 bars

Adding green food coloring to the cream cheese mixture makes these bars perfect for any Christmas occasion.

4 (1-ounce) bars unsweetened baking chocolate
10 Tbsps. margarine or butter
2 c. sugar
4 eggs
2 t. vanilla extract
1 c. unsifted flour
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
1 t. peppermint extract
Green food coloring, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt chocolate with ½ cup margarine. In bowl, combine chocolate mixture with sugar, 3 eggs, vanilla and flour. Spread in greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake 12 minutes. In mixer bowl, beat cream cheese, 2 Tbsps. margarine and cornstarch until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk then remaining ingredients. Pour over brownie layer. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Top with Glaze (below). Cool. Chill. Cut into bars.

Glaze: Melt 1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips with ½ cup whipping cream, unwhipped. Cook and stir until thickened.

Christmas Online

Visit www.christmas.com for a variety of online Christmas games, screen savers and desktop themes, personalized wishlists, and Christmas greetings from around the world. This site claims to be the Internet's largest Christmas portal and has teamed up with the Christmas Depot to provide online shopping for Christmas items. They also have plenty of online Christmas songs, recipes, crafts and more.

If you need a resource for Christmas shopping on the web, visit www.christmas-guide.com. They have links to sites where you can buy gifts and decorations, send cards and gifts and find Christmas stories, songs and art.

Do you have questions about Christmas cooking? Get answers to your questions along with great recipes, tips and advice at www.christmasrecipe.com. This site not only has hundreds of recipes, it also has party ideas and meal planning advice for all your holiday entertaining.

From Our Families to
Yours...
Have a Happy Holiday
Season!

Christmas is a very special time of year for all of us. It's a time to remind ourselves how truly fortunate we are in so many ways. And, it's a time for caring and sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. We sincerely hope this Christmas will be a special time, filled with happiness, for you and your family. So, from our families to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Indian Electric
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