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of Year**



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Oklahoma Wheat**



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From Climbing Trees to Climbing the Charts

Employee Thomas Martinez is Bound for Nashville

If you saw IEC employee Thomas Martinez perform at this year's annual meeting, then one day you may be able to say you saw one of country music's biggest stars before he hit the 'Big Time.' The popular country entertainer has exchanged his co-op hard hat for a cowboy hat as he signs a recording contract with Capitol Records in Nashville.

Martinez resigned from his job on one of the co-op's brush cutting crews recently, when he told us he had been talking with Capitol Records and would be traveling to Nashville to complete negotiations on a contract to record for the music company.

A Cleveland native, Martinez has been employed with IEC for about a year and a half. He and his wife Tara, also a Cleveland native, have two young daughters.

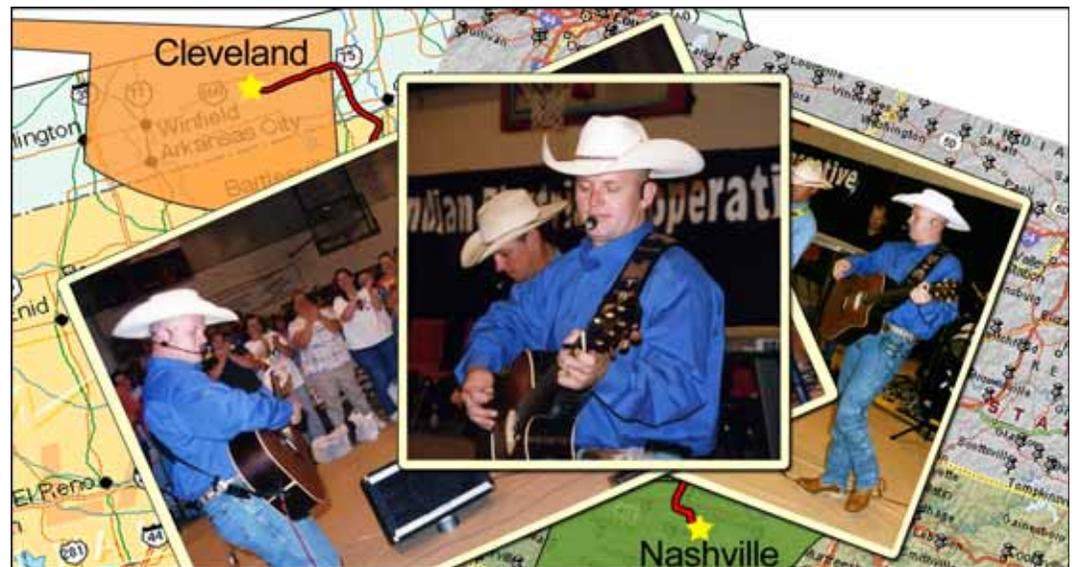
Being an entertainer is a life-long dream for Martinez. He began playing the coronet in elementary school, but changed to the guitar.

"I started out playing traditional stuff, and then heavy metal," he says. "But now I guess you'd have to say we play new country."

He and his five-member band Wild Frontier put on a high energy show. They're popular with music lovers of all ages and play well over 100 shows each year in a five-state area. They released their first CD "Here's to Your Memory" in March.

"We're very excited Thomas' dream is coming true," says IEC General Manager Jack Clinkscale. "He has a great deal of talent and we understand he's at the point where his dream now requires his full commitment.

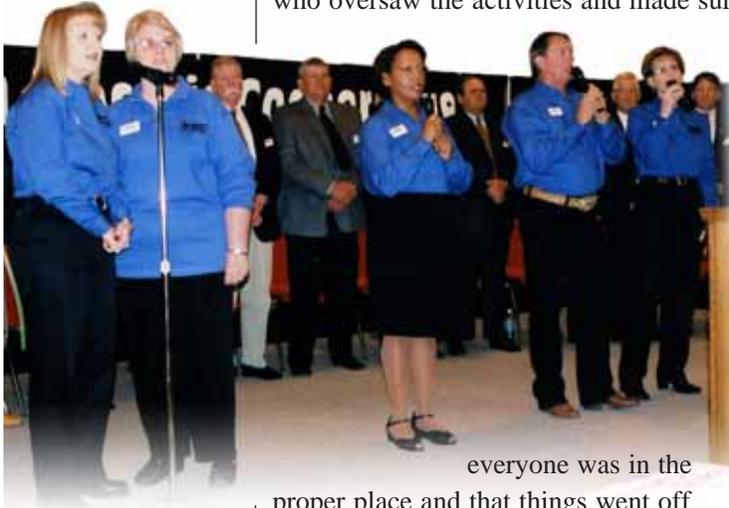
"We send our best wishes with him and know he's going to take Nashville by storm."



Great Meeting and Great News for a Good Friend

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

This is a great time of year. Not only is football in full swing, but the annual meeting is over. Now, don't get me wrong, I love the annual meeting. It is great to see so many members gathered in one spot to conduct the business of their cooperative. We had over 600 members register in a year in which we had no formal business to conduct and no contested trustee races. We had great entertainment, a well-attended business fair and fantastic weather to top it off. But an annual meeting is a lot like a daughter's wedding. You spend countless hours planning, anticipating and worrying for an event that takes only a short time to complete. If everything goes well, you have a good time and



everyone goes away satisfied. Very few actually notice how smooth things run. But let there be a mistake or glitch in the program and absolutely everyone notices.

I want to thank all of the employees who attended, and especially Clara Eulert who oversaw the activities and made sure

everyone was in the proper place and that things went off smoothly.

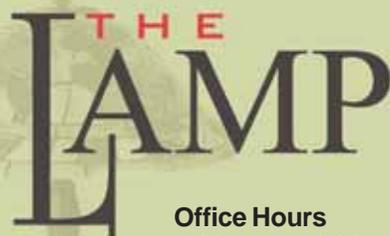
For those of you who did not attend, you missed a very special rendition of our national anthem. The IEC employee group of Amanda Ramsey, Karen Davis, Teresa Robertson, Darrell Murray and

Janice Brown did an outstanding job. I knew they had been practicing, but their rendition was unbelievable.

I had another occasion recently that caused me to be sad, yet overjoyed, for an IEC employee. Thomas Martinez, who performed so well at annual meeting, is leaving IEC. This is a sad occasion because I hate to lose a good employee for any reason. As you've probably read on page 1, Thomas has signed a recording contract with Capitol Records. I am very happy for Thomas, who is an outstanding entertainer with a special gift, but I will miss him greatly, both as an employee and as a friend. I wish him only the best and I hope IEC's loss will be the entertainment industry's gain. I reminded Thomas not to forget us when we call for concert tickets.

Although we didn't have him for long at IEC, he has left an indelible mark that will not be forgotten at this co-op.

Fall is upon us now and things are going well at your cooperative. Now, if only someone could get the Dallas Cowboys to play better...



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Trustee Part of Historic Sale of Oklahoma Wheat to Cuba

IEC Trustee Mike Spradling is part of a group of Oklahomans who recently traveled to Cuba to investigate the sale of wheat to the small island country. Spradling was there representing the Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

The delegation, comprised of representatives from the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture, the State Wheat Commission, U. S. Wheat Association, State Farm Bureau and State Farmers Union, Plains Grain and W-B Johnson Grain, and Oklahoma Sen. Jim Inhofe, met with Cuban agriculture representatives.

“Sen. Jim Inhofe made the trip possible,” says Spradling. “His office got us the license to travel from the U.S. Treasury Dept.”

Spradling says although most products and services that could be sold to Cuba are banned, it is legal to sell agricultural products and medical supplies. “Anything that is needed for humanitarian causes,” he explains.

The trip proved to be both productive and historic, says Spradling.

“We agreed to sell one million bushels of Oklahoma wheat to Cuba, making this the first origin-specific purchase Cuba has made,” he says. “They were impressed with the quality of our wheat, and stated they wanted to buy Oklahoma wheat, specifically.”

At current prices, the sale totals about \$4 million.

The wheat will be shipped through

the Port of Houston. It started in November and will continue through December.

“It’s a perfect fit,” says Spradling. “Cuba is wanting a high-quality product, which Oklahoma wheat is, plus the transportation costs are relatively inexpensive because of our location.”

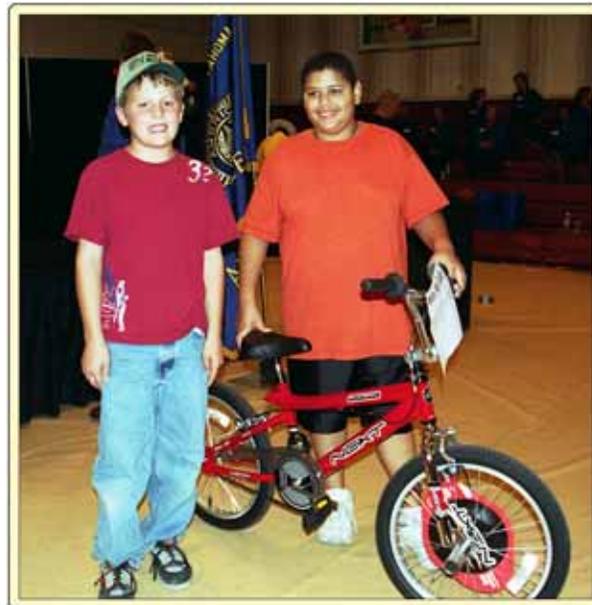
Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Terry Peach shakes the hand of Chairman Pedro Alvarez with Mike Spradling.



Numerous Activities, Great Entertainment and Prizes at 65th Annual Meeting

Members attending our 65th annual meeting Saturday, Oct. 16 enjoyed a fun morning with great entertainment and lots of wonderful prizes.

Final tally indicates 650 members registered their attendance at the meeting. They then took advantage of the many services offered at the health fair sponsored by the Cleveland Area Hospital; learned safety precau-



tions at our Electric Junction Safety Fair, and visited the many booths in our Business Spotlight.

Electrifying entertainment was provided by IEC employee Thomas Martinez and band Wild Frontier.

Winners of the grand prizes were (above left to right) Mignon Meschkat, Cleveland, \$500, and Mrs. Albert Phillipe, Fairfax, \$250. Youth grand prize winners were (left) Devon Erassarret and Anthony Walker, both of Cleveland.

RECIPES



Festive Cranberry Salad

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| 1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk | 1 (16-oz.) can whole-berry cranberry sauce |
| 3/4 cup lemon juice | 1/2 cup chopped nuts |
| 1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained | 1 (8-oz.) tub Cool Whip |

Mix all ingredients, except Cool Whip, in a bowl. Fold in topping. Pour into 9-x-13-inch container and freeze. Remove from freezer about 5 minutes before serving.

YIELD: 12 large servings.

NOTE: Garnish with fresh fruits such as kiwi, mandarin oranges, or strawberries.

Melt-in-Your-Mouth Sugar Cookies

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| 1 cup powdered sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | 1 tsp. soda |
| 1 cup butter or margarine | 1 tsp. cream of tartar |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 eggs | 1 tsp. almond extract (optional) |
| 4 cups + 4 Tbsp. flour | |

Cream sugars, butter and oil until fluffy. Add eggs. Mix flour, salt, soda and cream of tartar. Add to first mixture. Add vanilla and almond extract (optional.) Mix well. Roll into walnut-sized balls. Place on cookie sheet. Flatten with a glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake at 300° for 12 minutes or at 375° until done.

IEC employee Clara Eulert enjoys a brief ride atop a horse and buggy owned by IEC Trustee Mike Spradling after giving a demonstration to children attending the Flying G Ranch Horse Camp this summer. Pulled by the Spradling's Clydesdales, the rig frequently can be seen in area parades.

If you are interested in having Eulert or IEC's Safety Coordinator Bill Graham visit your school or organization with Electric Junction, please call Eulert at (918) 295-9558, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost for the presentation.



Christmas Office Closings

Indian Electric offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Friday, December 24 for the Christmas holiday.

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.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

·Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

·Don't staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords-you could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

·Don't overload extension cords or allow them to run through water or snow on the ground.

·Before using any light strings, animated displays or other electrical products outdoors, make sure the product is approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use."

·Don't use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.