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# IEC Serves as Angel Tree Site

Most of us look forward to receiving gifts over the holidays. Children, especially, dream about the wonderful things they hope to find under the tree on Christmas morning.

Unfortunately, many children in IEC's service territory won't have any presents to open.

That is why IEC is teaming up with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in Pawnee County, and the Pawnee County Salvation Army unit to be an Angel Tree site this holiday season.

The Angel Tree Program allows individuals and organizations to personalize a gift for a child in need by adopting an Angel and purchasing toys or clothing items for that child. Each Angel Tag provides the name, age, gender, clothing sizes and special Christmas requests and wishes of a needy youngster.

According to Clara Eulert, who is coordinating IEC's participation in the project, the Angels are children 14 years old and younger.

"Anyone who would like to make Christmas fun for one of these children is invited to pick out an Angel from the tree in the co-op's lobby," says Eulert.

She adds the gifts need to be returned to the Co-op by Thursday, Dec. 15.

"The gifts must be in a bag or box and have the Angel tag on the outside. The gifts should not be gift wrapped," she says.

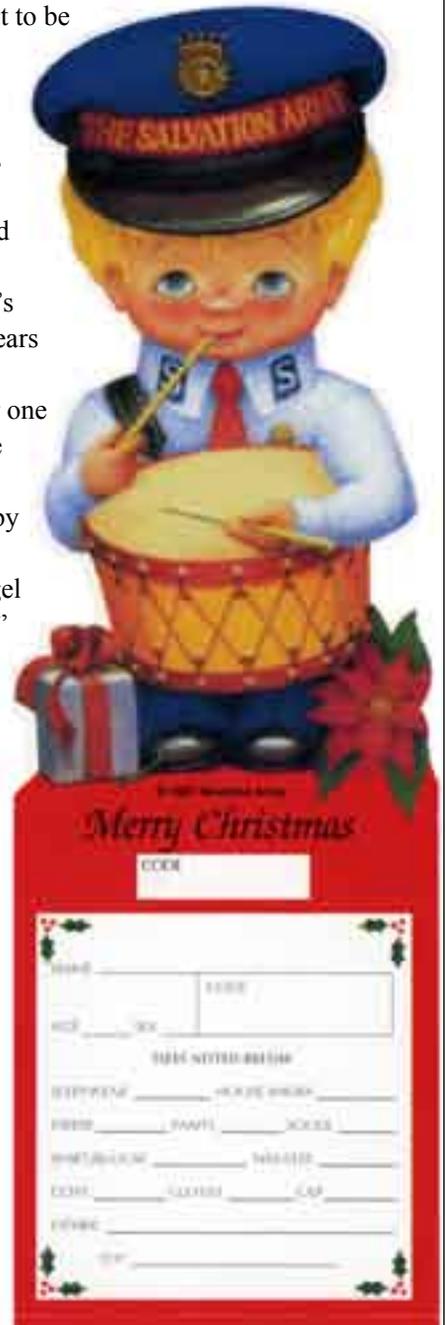
Eulert says representatives from the Department of Human Services will pick up the gifts on Friday, Dec. 16.

Eulert points out members can also help meet the needs of area residents through Operation Round Up® grants.

"The IEC Foundation gets so many requests for assistance this time of year, but the funds only go so far," explains Eulert. "So any person or organization who wants to help, can make a donation to Operation Round Up®. They can be assured their donation will help not only children, but also elderly persons and entire families."

Eulert adds any donations to Operation Round Up® are tax deductible.

"Helping with the Angel Tree or Operation Round Up® programs is a great way to share the Christmas spirit," she says.



# Another Great Annual Meeting

*by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager*

The IEC 2005 annual meeting was held on October 22 in Cleveland and if the size of the crowd is any indication, it was a great annual meeting. Of course, this is only the third annual meeting I have experienced since joining the cooperative and it was our best attendance in that time. For those of you who might be wondering, the gentleman who raised the question about the timeliness of moving a pole had a set of extenuating circumstances. It seems before the pole could be moved, some secondary wire owned by this gentleman needed to be extended or he would be without power. We had no success in contacting him on prior occasions, but the pole has since been moved. I hope he gets his secondary connected soon.

The only less than good happening at this year's meeting was my address to the membership. No, it wasn't my less than stellar delivery, but rather the content of the message. I informed the

members of a pending raise in our wholesale power costs that will force us to raise rates to you. In April 2006 we will receive an 8% increase in the power we purchase from KAMO Power Cooperative, our G & T; and Associated Electric, the "super" G & T which produces the power we purchase from KAMO. In the next 10 years, Associated will need a new coal-fired generating plant and additional pollution controls on its existing coal plants. Associated will spend over \$1 billion dollars in that time period and will be forced to pass along those costs to us. In addition to the rate increase in 2006, we will most likely see a similar increase in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

We will continue to try to reduce our operating expenses to insure we pass as little of these cost increases on to you as possible. The expenses Associated is experiencing are not unique. They are affecting the entire energy industry. You can see them reflected in your natural

gas, propane and gasoline bills. The only bright spot in IEC increases is that they will be level. There will be no wild fluctuations based on market conditions. These slow, moderate increases will allow you to budget accordingly. If you know how many kiloWatt hours you will use, you will know what your bill will be. Despite these increases, electricity will still be the most stable, reliable and economically source of power available.



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# Members Amend Bylaws at Annual Meeting

Members attending the 66th Annual Meeting returned three incumbents to the board and voted to reduce the number of trustees.

Almost 750 members attended the meeting, which was held Saturday, Oct. 22 at Cleveland High School.

Re-elected to the board were trustees Robert Burk, district 1; Leon Day, district 4; and Bill Boone, district 7. They were elected by acclamation, since none drew an opponent at their respective district meetings.

The membership voted to reduce the number of trustees from 11 to nine. The amendments provide for one trustee to be elected from each of the co-op's nine districts and to instruct the board to review, and if necessary, redraw the district lines from time to time to maintain equal representation of the members. They also require the board to review the districts not less than 90 days before the next annual meeting. The amendments become effective as of Aug. 1, 2006, in time for the nomination and election of trustees who come up for re-election at the 2006 annual meeting.



## And the winners are...

Grand prize winners are (above, left to right) Ron James, Cleveland, who won the \$1,000 grand prize, trustees Wanda Foster and Greg Fielding, and Heather Hernandez, Sand Springs, who won the \$500 grand prize.

Young Matt David (right) is the winner of an iPod nano. He is the grandson of Perry and Cathryn Luttrell of Sand Springs.



## Co-ops Face Increasing Demand, Environmental Costs; will have to Raise Rates

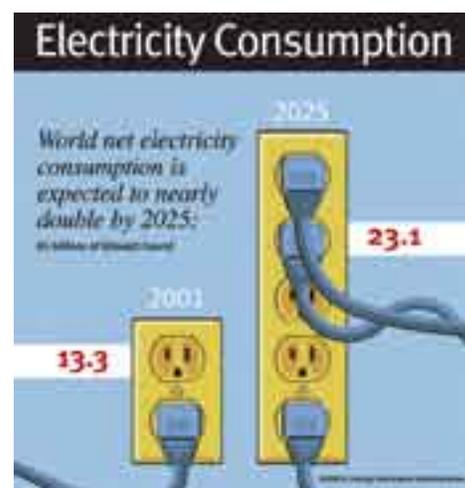
After two years of planning and discussion, IEC's power supplier has implemented a plan to increase wholesale electricity rates in 2006 to fund upcoming capital investment needs.

Two primary needs make it necessary to increase electric rates, according to Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) who supplies power to KAMO Power and IEC. First, demand for electricity throughout Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa is rising, and substantial investment in new generating resources is needed to meet this demand. Secondly, the cost of meeting future environmental

requirements on existing power plants is projected to be significant.

AECI is preparing to meet these needs for our three-tiered cooperative system, which consists of AECI, the six generation and transmission co-ops who own it, and the 51 distribution co-ops, like IEC, throughout Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa who own them.

AECI forecasts member energy sales will grow 2.8 percent each year through 2014. At this pace, by 2007 AECI will need more generation to meet member-owner electricity demand.



# RECIPE



## Christmas Breakfast Sausage Casserole

1 lb. ground pork sausage  
1 tsp. mustard powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
4 eggs, beaten  
2 cups milk

6 slices white bread, toasted, cut into cubes  
8 oz. mild Cheddar cheese, shredded

Crumble sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until evenly brown; drain.

In a medium bowl, mix together mustard powder, salt, eggs and milk. Add the sausage, bread cubes, and cheese, and stir to coat evenly. Pour into a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover, and chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350-degrees. Cover and bake 45 to 60 minutes. Uncover, and reduce temperature to 325-degrees. Bake for an additional 30 minutes, or until set.

## Christmas Chocolate Balls

4 (16-oz.) jars peanut butter  
3 & 1/2 (16-oz.) pkgs. confectioners' sugar  
1 cup butter, melted

3 (12-oz.) pkgs. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
2 Tbsps. shortening

Blend together the peanut butter, sugar and melted butter. Allow to chill in refrigerator. Roll into 1-inch balls and return to refrigerator.

In a double-boiler over medium heat, melt the chocolate and shortening. Whisk together until smooth.

With a toothpick inserted in the balls, dip them into the chocolate. Place on waxed paper and allow to set in refrigerator.

## Holiday Office Closings

Indian Electric offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Friday, December 23 for the Christmas holiday and Monday, January 2 for the New Year holiday.

Dispatchers and service personnel will be on duty throughout the holidays. Please call 1-800-482-2750 or 918-358-2514 to report an outage.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.



Norma Bullock, (left) Hominy, is the winner of a replica stained glass Coca-Cola jukebox, which was given away by the IEC Foundation at annual meeting. IEC employee Clara Eulert makes the presentation.

## Follow these tips to Save Energy this Winter

- Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees when you are home, and lower the temperature when you go to bed or when you are not at home. This will ensure optimal home heating and save energy.

- Cut annual heating bills by as much as 10 percent by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours a day.

- Weatherize your home by caulking and weather-stripping all doors and windows. Also use locks on

your windows to make them tighter and draft resistant.

- Insulate or increase the amount of insulation in your attic, basement and outside walls. Also cover through-the-wall air conditioners to prevent cold air from leaking into your home.

- Reducing air leaks could cut 10 percent from an average household's monthly energy bill. The most common places where air escapes homes are: floors, walls, ceilings, ducts, fireplaces, plumbing penetrations, doors, windows, fans, vents and electrical outlets.

- Keep shades and curtains open during the day on the south side of your home to allow solar heating. Close them at night to retain heat.

- Don't block your radiators or heating vents with furniture or draperies. Keep your registers and baseboard heaters dirt and dust free. Close vents and doors in unused rooms.

- Have your heating system serviced once a year and regularly replace furnace filters.