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Tampering with Electric Meter is Illegal, Dangerous

Stealing electricity just doesn't make sense. It's not legal, it's unfair to our members who faithfully pay for the electricity they use, and it can be dangerous, sometimes even fatal.

Nonetheless, there are still consumers who tamper with their electric meters so the meter either doesn't accurately reflect the power that's been used, or doesn't show any power consumption at all.

In an effort to stop meter tampering and guard the co-op's assets and financial stability, "we are going to work with area law enforcement agencies to go after these people and prosecute them," says Karen Davis, IEC manager of office services.

"When we find a case of meter tampering, we are going to notify the local authorities, document the tampering and work with the authorities and district attorneys to prosecute those responsible," she explains.

Davis goes on to say that in addition to prosecution, Oklahoma law allows co-ops to recoup a portion of the cost in meter tampering cases. Also the Oklahoma Corporation Commission requires all electric utilities to physically read each of their meters twice each year.

"So our chances of catching someone stealing electricity are pretty good," Davis adds.

Gavin Lock Wins \$500 Scholarship

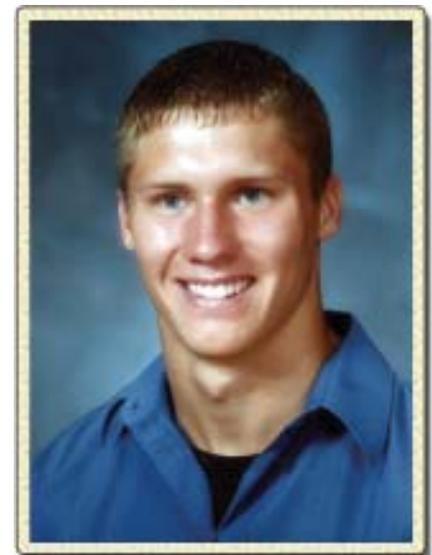
IEC Delegate is Winner During All-College Basketball Tournament

Gavin Lock of Cleveland was awarded a \$500 college scholarship during the Touchstone Energy® Leadership Summit held in conjunction with the 2004 Touchstone Energy® All-College Basketball Classic in Oklahoma City on Jan. 3. Gavin and classmate Andrea Endicott were selected by Indian Electric Cooperative to attend the Summit.

Thirty-nine high school students, all outstanding scholars and athletes, represented electric cooperatives across the state at the Touchstone Energy® Leadership Summit. This year's Leadership Summit program, entitled "Extreme Leadership," focused on what it means to be a leader, with special training from Oklahoma leaders including Stewart Kennedy, inventor of P.B. Slices; Julie Goodenough, OSU women's head basketball coach; and Tracy Markum with Team Impact, who uses feats of physical strength and humor to motivate young leaders.

Now completing its 68th year, the Touch-

stone Energy® All-College Basketball Classic is one of the nation's longest-running basketball events.



Gavin Lock

IEC is Your Co-op

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

Greetings to all members of Indian Electric. For those of you who many not be aware, I am the new manager of your cooperative. You will often hear me refer to Indian Electric as your cooperative because I am very proud to be associated with a business whose purpose is to provide our member/owners with the best possible electric service at the lowest possible price. I feel a cooperative is the greatest form of business because we don't answer to investors or stockholders and we aren't in business to make a large profit. Indian Electric Cooperative was formed over 50 years ago to provide a service no one else wanted to provide; it just wasn't profitable enough to serve rural areas. You, as a member/owner, have a say in how your cooperative is run. We have an 11-member board of trustees who are elected from the membership. I am accountable to the board and the board is accountable to you, the members. As with any democratic form of governance, if you are unhappy with your representation on the board, you can vote for a different trustee or even run for the board yourself! When you call the Indian Electric office in Cleveland or Fairfax, you

will be able to talk to a real person who lives in your area and whom you probably know.

By way of introduction, I now reside in Mannford with my lovely wife Beverly and my equally lovely daughter Kelly. Beverly, a recovering Texan, and I have been married for 24 years. We were married when I was attending college at Southwestern State in Weatherford. We moved to Texas after I graduated and it took me only 23 years to get her back to Oklahoma! Kelly is 16 and a junior at Mannford High School. Our son Jason, 19, is a freshman at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kansas and is a member of the college rodeo team. We reside on Kennyville Road on nine acres with two dogs, a cat, nine horses and a burro. As you might guess, we are horse crazy. Beverly and Kelly barrel race and Jason and I team rope.

I am very happy to be back in Oklahoma and look forward to meeting everyone. If my first months here are any indication, this is a very friendly area with lots of nice folks. As I said earlier, Indian Electric is YOUR cooperative. If we do something good or something bad or you just have a comment, question or suggestion, give us a call. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Rock Reese Attains Trustee Certification

Rock Reese was recently recognized at a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) regional meeting in New Mexico for his commitment to education and attainment of the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate. He was recognized before more than 1,200 electric cooperative officials from seven states.

The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director, or CCD, program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses including Director Duties and Liabilities, Understanding the Electric Business, Board Roles and Relationships, Business Planning and Understanding Financial Planning.

“Today’s electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, particularly increased



General Manager Jack Clinkscales (left) and Board President Wanda Foster congratulate Rock Reese for attaining trustee certification. Reese represents members in district 9; Foster represents district 5 members.

knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills, and a working knowledge of cooperative principles,” says IEC General Manager Jack

Clinkscales. “Attaining this level of certification reflects the commitment Rock has not only to the members of his district, but to the entire membership, as well.”

Keep Your Clothes Dryer Clean and Safe

It’s much more convenient and pleasant to dry laundry in a clothes dryer than to hang it outside in the cold winter months. But to keep yourself safe and prevent fire hazards, that dryer needs a little simple maintenance—primarily ensuring that lint isn’t piling up in the exhaust system, where it can catch fire. To prevent these problems, you need to:

- Clean the filter after each load of clothes.
- While the dryer is operating, check

the outside exhaust to make sure exhaust air is escaping normally. If it isn’t, turn the dryer off, look inside both ends of the duct for lint, and remove it.

- If the dryer feels hotter than normal, this may be a sign that the temperature control thermostat needs servicing.
- If clothing is still damp at the end of a normal cycle or requires longer dryer times, the exhaust or lint screen may be blocked.
- Check the exhaust duct more often if you have a plastic, flexible duct. This type

of duct is more apt to trap lint than ducting without ridges. Inspect the duct for kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

- If you are having the dryer installed, insist upon metal duct unless the installer has verified that the manufacturer permits the use of plastic duct; rigid or flexible metal duct provides the least restriction of airflow with most dryers.

Area Co-ops to have Booth at Tulsa Home & Garden Show

Indian Electric, along with five other electric co-ops from Green Country, are sponsoring a booth at the 2004 Greater Tulsa Home & Garden Show, scheduled for March 11-14 at the Expo Center on the Tulsa Fairgrounds.

“The co-ops have been participating

in this show for about 10 years. It’s a fun event for us and we always enjoy visiting with the members who stop by the booth,” says David Wilson, IEC’s director of member services.

This year, the co-ops will be handing out small hard hats for the youngsters and

stress balls to the adults, along with providing useful information on energy efficiency technology and co-op programs.

The first 500 people who attend each day will receive a free tree sapling donated by the Green Country co-ops.

Admission price is \$7 and can be purchased at the door. So plan now to visit the show and drop by the co-op booth to say hello.

RECIPE



Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough Cheesepie

Cookie Dough (recipe follows)	1 egg
2 pkgs. (3 oz. each) cream cheese, softened	1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/3 cup sugar	1 packaged chocolate crumb crust (6 oz.)
1/3 cup dairy sour cream	

Prepare cookie dough. Heat oven to 350. In small mixer bowl on medium speed, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth; blend in sour cream, egg and vanilla. Pour into crust. Drop cookie dough by teaspoonfuls evenly onto cream cheese mixture. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or just until almost set in center. Cool completely on wire rack. Cover; refrigerate leftover pie.

Cookie Dough

2 Tbsps. butter or margarine, softened	1 Tbsp. water
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar	1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 cup all-purpose flour	1 cup Hershey's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks

In a small bowl, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add flour, water and vanilla; beat until blended. Stir in chocolate chunks.

Operation Round Up® Helps During the Holidays

by Clara Eulert
Co-op Liaison to IEC Foundation

Thanks to your involvement, the IEC Foundation through Operation Round Up® was able to assist 11 families and two organizations in December with a total disbursement of \$4,053.86. The Cleveland Ministerial Alliance received assistance for their holiday food baskets along with other assistance programs the alliance provides.

During the January meeting, the IEC Foundation board approved grants assisting seven area families and one organization.

If you would like to apply for assistance or participate in Operation Round Up® by having your monthly IEC bill rounded up to the next highest dollar, please contact me or one of our service representatives at (918) 358-2514 or 1-800-472-2850, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or you can visit our Web site at www.iecok.com, and click on the Operation Round Up® on-line sign-up form link.

Your contributions to Operation Round Up® are another example of the cooperative philosophy at work.

Civil War Returns to Yale Area

History comes to life as the 10th Annual Payne County Winter Re-enactment of the Battle of Round Mountain takes place Feb. 20 -22 in Yale.

The Battle of Round Mountain occurred in what is now Payne County near Yale, in 1861. Confederate forces caught up with a band of Unionist Creeks and Seminoles who were en route to Kansas. Records indicate 20 Confederate soldiers were lost in the battle.

The three-day re-enactment begins on Friday, Feb. 20 when area schools are invited to bring their students to tour the encampment and see how soldiers lived and fought in the 1860s. There is no charge for the students on that day. The students can see the re-enactors in authentic period dress, and also visit with them as they tell about the soldiers' way of life, along with hearing historians and viewing demonstrations.

There will also be a Civil War Ball held in the Yale Elementary School cafeteria.

The battle re-enactment will take place Saturday and Sunday at the event site which is east of Yale, about three miles from the actual battlefield. Lou Hensley, event coordinator for the Jim Thorpe Memorial Foundation who helps sponsor the re-enactment, says people wishing to attend need to enter through Jim Thorpe Park and follow the road to an undeveloped road on the northwest side. She adds more than 3,000 people attended the 2003 re-enactment.

Admission is \$5 for adults, and free to anyone 12 and under.

If you would like more information about the event, contact Hensley at (918) 387-2525. For more information about the Battle of Round Mountain, visit www.geocities.com/round_mtn/.