ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP
OF THE MONTH

Did you know that 90 percent of the energy used to operate a washing machine comes from using hot water? A simple switch from hot to cold can save a great deal of energy!
Also, consider air drying or even line drying to save even more household energy.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS in the Cleveland Area Pound Pals organization are (back) Marci Brewer (with Dottie), Toni Riniker, Glenda Probst, Jennifer Carter, Mindy Friend (with Archie and Comet), Shannan Freeman, and (front) Michaela Brewer (with Max) and Lydia Draper (with Batman).

Some may remember Paul Anka singing it for Annette Funicello back in 1960, others may recall Donny Osmond crooning it all the way to the top of the Billboard Hot 100 in the early 1970s, but for a small yet committed force of volunteers in Cleveland, Okla., PUPPY LOVE is all about an inner drive to find homes for their four-legged friends...now.

Cleveland Area Pound Pals (CAPP), is a group of area citizens working together with law enforcement, city entities, and local veterinarians, to make their corner of the world a more informed and responsible pet ownership community.

In addition, they are striving to improve conditions at the local pound by creating a humane facility for lost, dumped, or roaming pets, and developing procedures for pound accountability. Volunteers visit the Cleveland Pound daily to feed, water and walk the animals.

Of great importance to CAPP is creating an effective foster network in order to give adoptable animals that come through the pound a second chance at life with a loving adoptive family.

CAPP works hard to educate people on the importance to spay and neuter their pets with the PLEASE TURN THE PAGE
Pound Pals was a previous recipient of an IEC Foundation Operation Round-Up® grant. Donna Rutherford visited the pound with Pound Pals founder Lee Merrifield.

Pound Pals Hosting Valentine’s Dinner

As a fundraiser for the work of its organization, Cleveland Area Pound Pals members will be hosting a Valentine’s Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 14. Seating begins as early as 5 p.m. at Cleveland’s Old School Community Center. A steak dinner will be served and plenty of entertainment provided. To reserve a $15 ticket or find out more call 918-358-2665.

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goal of reducing the number of unwanted and dumped puppies.

The group also works to connect people with resources that allow all who wish to spay or neuter their pet(s) to be able to locate a provider and afford the procedure.

Once people hear of an organization that works to help the local pet population, many jump to conclusions about just what that organization is set up to accomplish. For that reason, CAPP has discovered it’s necessary to point out what they do not do, for example: at this time, CAPP is not able to take in surrendered or dumped animals directly. Due to limited foster homes and resources, they are only able to work with dogs that come directly through the pound.

CAPP does want to help area citizens know what they can do to assist with their efforts:

• ADOPT. Begin the process by completing an adoption application on CAPP’s website: clevelandareapoundpals.com. Pictures of available animals are also posted. All animals are spayed/neutered, up to date on vaccinations, tested for heart worm, and have had a health check. There is an adoption fee of $75. Working with area vets and networking through social media, CAPP is even able to complete adoptions with people living out of state.

• FOSTER. CAPP is always looking for fosters to take dogs in from the pound. CAPP requires their fosters to prepare the dogs for their forever homes by potty training, crate training, socializing, and working on basic manners. Being a foster takes time and patience, but CAPP volunteers say it is completely worth it. A foster application is also on the group’s website.

• DONATE Funds - As a 501c3, non-profit organization, Cleveland Area Pound Pals relies on donations for support. Volunteers appreciate all cash donations. Donated funds are used to pay for immunizations or to buy cleaning supplies for the pound. Donations will be put to good use, volunteers promise. Donations may also be made from the website

• Supplies - CAPP is always thankful for donated supplies. A good “drop off” point is Mack’s Furniture and Appliance located in downtown Cleveland. Supplies needed: Pedigree dog and puppy food, collars, leashes, dog beds, bleach, Lysol, paper towels, rubber gloves, dog crates, dog runs, squeaky toys, and dog treats (that do not contain food coloring).

• VOLUNTEER. Dedicated volunteers are always needed and appreciated. CAPP volunteers stay busy and meet on a regular basis. To find out more, call 918-845-2990.

And last, but certainly not least, CAPP volunteers say they cannot stress enough the importance of pet owners having their own pets spayed and neutered. They point to the following statistics: 1 female dog and 1 male dog and their offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in six years. To clarify, they like to say 1+1=67,000!

CAPP says citizens can make a difference if they know their options!

People with an annual income of $35,000 or less may qualify for Cleveland Area Pound Pal’s “Fix-It” Program. Approved applicants will be directed to a participating vet in the Cleveland area and receive deeply discounted rates for a spay/neuter surgery.

‘Spay Oklahoma’ in Tulsa uses a sliding scale to charge participants for spay/neuter services. Companion Animal Assistance Program, CAAP, in Stillwater, also uses a sliding scale, but they run specials too. Their website says to check out their “$10 Big Dog Special.”

CAPP says area vets have very reasonable regular rates and to simply “shop around.”

In the “dream big” category, CAPP would like to build a new animal shelter for the Cleveland area. While they have an account set aside for this purpose, volunteers realize the reality of such a dream would take a benefactor who cares as much about “man’s best friend” as they do....you know, that something they call puppy love!
IEC Rebates Promote Energy Efficiency At Home And Work

Indian Electric Cooperative continually focuses on keeping electricity cost as low as possible for our members. The Cooperative’s goal to delay the construction of new power plants is supported by two rebate programs.

The Energy Star rebate program encourages members to use energy efficient appliances.

The Business Lighting Program provides commercial, industrial, school and agricultural cooperative business members a high-efficiency lighting program.

Both Energy Star rebate and Business Lighting programs continue through 2015.

ENERGY STAR REBATE PROGRAM:

Rebate requests must be submitted to Indian Electric Cooperative within 90 days of purchase and meet all proof of purchase, installation and program requirements.

“We would caution members to consult the website or contact Member Services, before purchasing to confirm appliance eligibility and rebate amounts if they plan to file for a rebate from IEC,” said Clara Eulert. The purchase and installation of the following items qualify an IEC member for a rebate:

Electric Water Heater - $50.

Unit must be 40 gallons or larger and have an efficiency rating of .90 or higher. Limit two (2) per member address. No rebates will be given for replacement of heat pump, tankless or gas water heaters. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate. If the new unit replaces an existing water heater, the efficiency rating of the old unit must be less than 0.9 efficiency.

Room Air Conditioner - $50. Applies to the purchase of any new Energy Star window or through the wall unit (for new or replacement unit). Limit one (1) per member address. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate.

Ground Source Heat Pump including the inside unit and loop installed by a certified dealer - $750 per ton. Energy Star Plus 2 rated (19.1 EER). Limit one (1) rebate per member address.

Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate. Rebates are limited to 50 tons commercial and 10 tons residential per facility. Electric or fossil fuel backup heat will be allowed for ground source heat pumps.

Available for: new home or building construction, replacement of existing electric resistance heat, replacement of an existing Dual-Fuel heat pump. Minisplit units with backup electric resistant heat are not eligible for a rebate. Limit one (1) rebate per member address. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate.

Replacement of the Indoor Ground Source Heat Pump Unit Only installed by a certified dealer - $150 per ton.

Air Source Dual-Fuel Heat Pump installed by a certified dealer - $150 per ton. Energy Star Plus 2 rated (16.5 SEER). The Dual-Fuel heat pump must have an automatic thermostat control and have a backup unit of natural gas, propane or fuel oil supplemental heating system. Limit one (1) rebate per member address.

Available for: new home or building construction, replacement of existing electric resistance heat, replacement of an existing Dual-Fuel heat pump.

Air Source MiniSplit Heat Pump installed by a certified dealer - $150 per ton. Energy Star Plus 2 rated (16.5 SEER). Minisplit units with backup electric resistant heat are not eligible for a rebate. Limit one (1) rebate per member address. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate.

Available for: new home or building construction, replacement of existing electric resistance heat, replacement of an existing Dual-Fuel heat pump.

Business Lighting Program:

An incentive rebate will be provided to commercial, industrial, schools and agriculture cooperative business members who reduce their lighting energy usage by installing new, qualified energy efficient lighting fixtures and bulbs. Rebate dollars are for lighting fixtures and bulbs, not for the labor to install or the miscellaneous equipment needed for installation. Eligible new lighting equipment includes:

• Fluorescent T-5 and T-8 lighting systems with electronic ballasts,
• 2-piece compact fluorescent bulbs and fixtures (screw in bulbs are not eligible)

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Impress Your Loved Ones with this Layers of Love Torte

“This torte is easy, yet elegant!”

Show someone how much you care by whipping up something special this Valentine’s Day. And, Lorie Roach’s Layers of Love Torte is the perfect treat!

Each layer has a distinct flavor, but they combine to create an overall richness that is simply to-die-for. Easy to prepare and pretty to serve, this one is a must-try.

See step-by-step photos of Lorie’s recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/torte

You’ll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use “just a pinch”...

Layers of Love Torte

What You Need
1 pkg chocolate sandwich cookies, finely crumbled or ground in a food processor
6 tbsp butter, melt and cool
2 c heavy cream
1 1/4 c powdered sugar, div temp, div
1/2 c cookie butter
1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c peanut butter, and 1 tbsp heavy cream
1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c hazelnut spread
1/2 c hazelnut spread

Directions
• Preheat oven to 350. Place a 9-in springform pan on a baking sheet.
• Stir together the cookie crumbs and melted butter until just moistened. Press crumbs evenly over bottom and up the sides of the pan
• Bake for 10 min, then cool completely on wire rack.
• Beat 2 c of the heavy cream with a wire whisk until frothy. Slowly add 1/4 c sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Refrigerate until needed.
• In another bowl, beat 4 oz cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c cookie butter, and 1 tbsp heavy cream until very smooth. Fold in 1/3 of the whipped cream to the cookie butter mixture and spread evenly in the bottom of the crust.
• Rinse bowl. Beat another 4 oz cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 cup hazelnut spread, and 1 c heavy cream until smooth. Fold in another 1/3 of the whipped cream. Spread evenly on cookie butter layer.
• Rinse bowl. Beat remaining cream cheese, 1/3 c sugar, 1/2 c peanut butter, and 1 tbsp heavy cream. Fold in remaining whipped cream. Spread over hazelnut spread layer.
• Chill torte in the fridge for 8 hours or overnight.

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REBATE OPPORTUNITIES

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• Light emitting diodes (LED) bulbs and fixtures
• LED exit signs
• Other technologies listed in the new lighting rebate tables

Rebate amounts are based on kilowatt-hours saved and will be calculated by Indian Electric upon receipt of a completed application.

Eligibility Criteria:
• Must be a member of Indian Electric Cooperative (only commercial/industrial schools and agriculture classes of customers are included).
• A separate application form must be completed for each installation site.
• Only applicants that have greater than 10 bulbs or fixtures qualify.
• The maximum rebate for each member is $30,000 per year. Multiple schools in a district can receive a lighting rebate, up to $30,000.

Rebate Requirements:
1. Members will contact Indian Electric, Clara Eulert (918) 295-9558, to discuss the program and obtain the lighting rebate application.
2. Using the lighting program application and lighting tables, a walk through is conducted to verify existing lighting which is recorded on the application along with information on the member’s business. The walk through may be performed by a trusted vendor, or the member.
3. Members and/or their selected lighting vendors will complete the new lighting section of the application.
4. The member will send the completed application to Clara Eulert, IEC, to verify calculations, estimate energy savings and receive approval for member to purchase lighting fixtures/bulbs.
5. When the approved lighting has been installed, the member will send a copy of the application, specification sheets and receipts to Indian Electric Cooperative, Attn: Clara Eulert, for reimbursement by check.
6. Indian Electric will perform a walk-through to verify new lighting installation.
7. Indian Electric will mail the rebate check to the member.
8. The Installing Lighting Vendor is responsible for appropriate disposal of replaced fixtures/bulbs.

Contact Clara Eulert, IEC Member Relations 918-295-9558, clarea@iecok.com or PO Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020 for more rebate assistance.