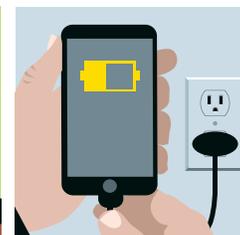
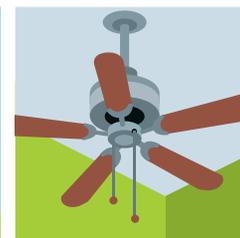
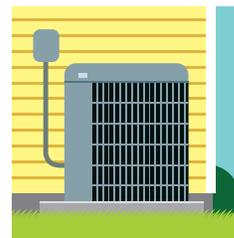
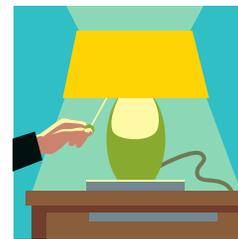


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The value of electricity continues to shine



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How many of us remember dropping into the co-op office with our parents and grandparents to pay the light bill? Whether you do that in person, by mail or online today, paying your monthly bill does a lot more than just keep the lights on.

Electricity keeps us connected to our modern world. Consider all the necessities and conveniences we enjoy in part because of the power lines running to the electric meter outside your home.

Count up your televisions, desktop, laptop and tablet computers, printers, your gaming consoles, music and video players and personal assistant devices. Whether they get used every day or just occasionally, the electricity that keeps them working comes from Indian Electric Cooperative.

Have you looked around your kitchen lately? Between the coffee maker and toaster and the microwave and electric skillet, a lot of us have added several other modern small appliances.

If you've got a craft nook or workshop, the power tools and machines you use to cut and shape your projects are either plugged in or recharged from the outlets connecting your household wiring to IEC.

You use electricity to run all these devices, use the stove, heating and air conditioning, and get hot water from the tap and we still keep the lights on. The good news is, even as we rely more on electricity, it's still a bargain, especially compared to other things we pay for regularly.

Since 2011, medical care, residential rental rates and education have increased at rates of three percent or more per year. Butter, meat and egg costs have been up by more than one to two percent annually, and even bread costs have risen better than a half point on average.

Electricity costs rise about one percent a year,

but co-ops across the country have reported a decline in average residential use per household since 2010. That means we're doing more things with less energy.

Kilowatt hour use per household dropped by eight percent between 2010 and 2016, slightly less than the nine percent decline reported by all electric utilities, nationwide.

When it comes to value, electricity is a clear winner, and we're always looking for ways to work with you to make it even better. That's why IEC urges energy efficiency, encourages you to look for ENERGY STAR® appliances, and promotes technology, designed to give members more control over their electricity use.

Energy performance dashboards, smart thermostats, power strips, and appliance settings that shift most water heating, laundry and dishwashing outside of peak rate periods help reduce the co-op's overall power demand. They also give you opportunities to control or even trim your monthly utility bills.

That's good for families, couples and individuals trying to live within their budgets. And it's going to become even more important as digital devices and Internet-connected technologies become even more important in our lives.

The average home now has 10 Wi-Fi connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 50 by 2020. Technology and the gateways that keep it working use electricity, so you'll depend upon IEC for more than the power that keeps the lights on.

That's why we're always working to provide service that's reliable, keep it affordable, and make it even more valuable to our member—you, your family and your neighbors.

Article written by Derrill Holly, of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for an easy way to make your home cozier?

Try using an area rug to increase the insulation levels of your floors.

Area rugs are stylish and can keep cool air from entering through your floors.

Your toes will thank you!

Education Process Enhanced With IEC Grant

Eager third graders attending the Sand Springs Limestone Technology Academy were recently presented with three Chromebooks made possible through a grant from Indian Electric Cooperative's Operation Round-Up® grant program.

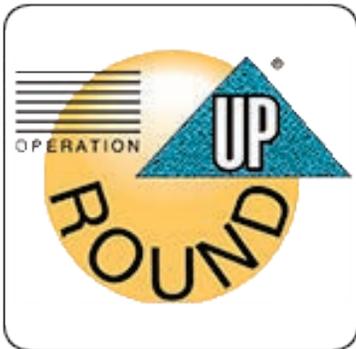
The school already uses Chromebook computers as they engage in digital curriculum such as Reflex Math, Study Island and Accelerated Reader. So, the additional three Chromebooks will be put to good use.

Anna Harris, Secretary and District 7 Trustee for IEC's Operation Round-Up® grant program presented the new Chromebooks to Kelli Stephenson, third grade teacher and Ms. Karen Biggs, Principal of Limestone Technology Academy, while members of the third grade class looked on with excitement.

For general donations, all cash or check gifts are tax deductible and accepted in the Indian Electric offices. Receipts for donations are offered at the time of donation.



IEC's Operation Round-Up® grant program secretary Anna Harris, right, presented the new Chromebooks to Kelli Stephenson, third grade teacher at Limestone Technology Academy.



Non-profit organizations, families and individuals within the boundaries of the Indian Electric Cooperative's seven-county service area, may apply for an Operation Round-Up® grant. Grant applica-

tions may be requested by phone or obtained at the Indian Electric Cooperative locations in Cleveland and Fairfax.

Operation Round-Up® is entirely funded voluntarily by IEC members and managed by the IEC Foundation, Inc. Donations result monthly from IEC members voluntarily "rounding up" their electric bill or prepaid account to the next dollar. IEC members can also increase their rounding in one-dollar increments. If interested in becoming a Round-Up® participant or to increase your donation, IEC members are encouraged to contact Clara Eulert at 918-295-9500 or clarae@iecok.com.

Utility Tax Cuts Do Not Apply To IEC

An evaluation was underway in mid-January at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to consider how publicly regulated utilities should be required to compensate their customers for tax benefits the utilities will get from the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

This process *does not* apply to Indian Electric Cooperative or its members as IEC is a not for profit corporation and therefore, does not pay federal income tax. IEC does pay the state gross receipts tax.

In hearings before the elected commission and the

administrative law judges, a representative of Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter's office argued the utilities should be required to immediately return tax break dollars to ratepayers in amounts his office already has calculated.

The utilities affected include Oklahoma Gas & Electric, Public Service Co. of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Natural Gas, CenterPoint Energy and Arkansas Oklahoma Gas.

Rebates Promote Energy Efficiency -Program Continues Thru 2018-

Indian Electric Cooperative continually focuses on keeping electricity costs 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 continues through 2018.

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 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 electric resistance heat, replacement of existing natural gas or propane heating system, replacement of an existing central air conditioner or Dual-Fuel heat pump.

Replacement of the Indoor Ground Source Heat Pump Unit Only installed by a certified dealer - \$150 per ton. Replacement of the heat pump (compressor) unit must be a gain

of 3 EER rating points and meet the 19.1 EER system requirements. Limit one (1) rebate per member address. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate.

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. Used equipment does not qualify for a rebate.

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.



Air Source Heat Pump with Electric Backup Heat installed by a certified dealer - \$150 per ton. Energy Star 16 SEER heat pump with electric backup. Limit one (1) rebate per member address.

Available for: new home construction or replacing resistance



heat.

Energy Star Rebate offers, eligibility criteria and rebate forms are available online at www.iecok.com/rebates or from either IEC office. Rebate applications can be mailed to IEC, P.O. Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020. Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for processing. The rebate check will be mailed to the IEC member.

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

Rebate amounts are based on
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Show Off Your Sweet Side This Valentine's Day

(Family Features) Treat family, friends and co-workers to something they will all love this Valentine's Day by making easy and impressive cookies. Start with your favorite roll-out cookie recipe or simply dress up store-bought ones by adding some simple details with icing.

From the cupids at Wilton, here are three ways to leave them smitten with sweets this Valentine's Day:

- **Desserts with dimension.** Triple your treats by stacking three decorated cookies in different sizes together and attach them with icing.

- **Complement with color.** A simple piping technique looks stunning when piped in different colors on your cookies.

- **Get to gifting.** Wrap your finished treats in a Valentine's Day treat bag or box.

For more fun and delicious Valentine's Day recipes, baking tips and inspiration, visit www.wilton.com.

Stackable Ombre Heart Cookies

Each stacked cookie serves 1.

Favorite roll-out cookie recipe

Royal icing (recipe on wilton.com)

Rose Icing Color

Heart Micro Mini Icing Decorations

Prepare and roll out cookie dough following recipe directions. Use 3 smallest cutters from 4-piece heart nesting cookie cutter set to cut out shapes. Bake and cool cookies.

Divide royal icing into three equal portions, and tint 3 shades of rose. Thin a portion of each shade following recipe directions. Use tip 3 and full-strength tinted icing to outline cookies. Use thinned tinted icing in cut decorating bag to fill in cookies; gently tap to smooth icing. Let dry overnight.

Use icing to attach cookies, stacking largest to smallest; place icing decoration on top.



Scalloped Heart Cookies

Each cookie serves 1.

Favorite roll-out cookie recipe

Ready-To-Use White Creamy Decorator Icing

Icing Colors: Burgundy, Red-Red and Christmas Red

Prepare and roll out dough following recipe directions. Use largest cutter from the 4-piece heart nesting cookie cutter set to cut out shape. Bake and cool cookies.

Divide icing into four equal portions. Tint one of each portion light burgundy, dark burgundy and combination of red-red/Christmas red. Reserve last portion white.

Starting from top edge of heart, use tip 102 and icing in dark burgundy, light burgundy, red and white to pipe V-shaped groups of two petals, one piped from left and one from right, to create row of petals in alternating colors. Repeat with second row between petals in first row. Continue to repeat pattern until cookies are covered.

Energy Efficiency Rebate Opportunities Continued from page 3

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.

chase 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, clarae@iecok.com or PO Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020 for more rebate assistance.

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