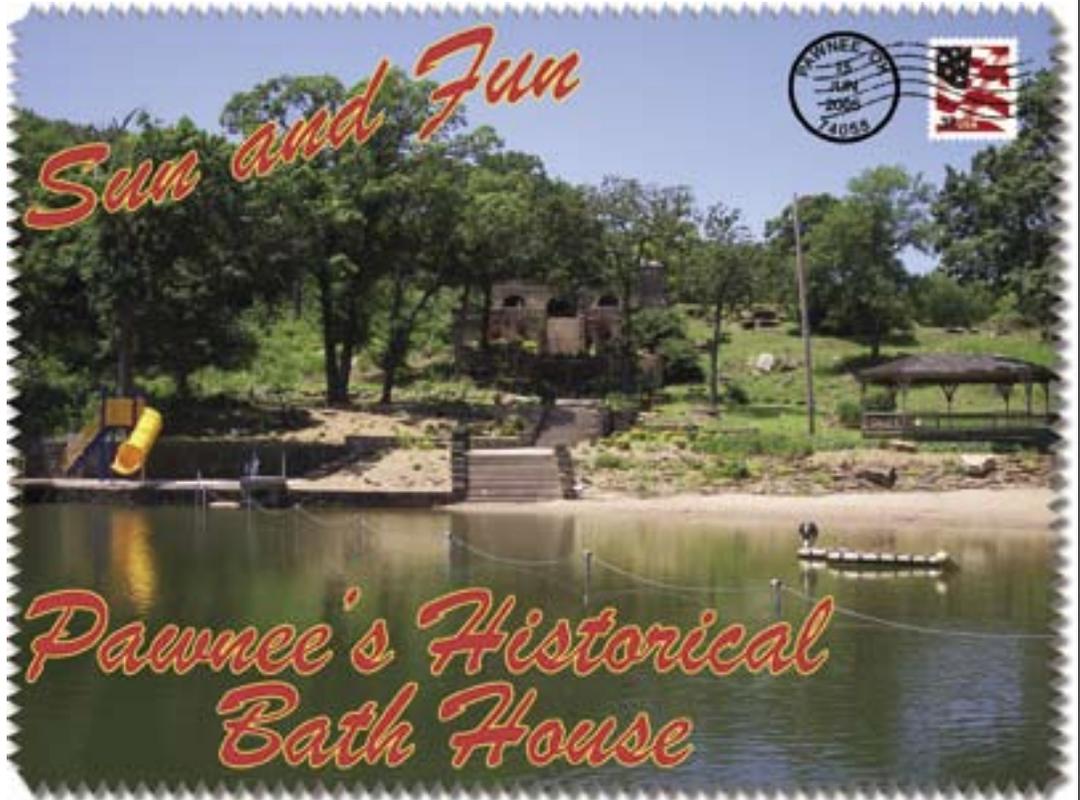




Outages
are Unavoidable



A New Look



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You don't have to be a life-long Oklahoman to know the best way to beat the sweltering summer heat is in a body of cool water.

There are plenty of lakes, ponds, city and backyard pools to be found, but for something fun and unique, Pawnee's historical bath house is the place to be.

Built in the 1930s by President Roosevelt's Work Projects Administration, the bath house was recently refurbished thanks to a community-wide effort. Now it combines the plush, natural beauty of northeastern Oklahoma with historical architecture made with hand-cut native stone.

The two-story bath house, with its terraced stairway and landscaping, overlooks a three-acre lake that is naturally filtered with a constant flow of water in and out.

Visitors can enjoy a sandy beach, water slide, high jump, diving board, water trampoline, paddle boats and a designated swim-

ming area. Certified lifeguards are on duty and concessions are available.

Updated bathrooms and showers are available in the bath house.

There is also a large gazebo used for occasional musical performances, and shaded picnic areas ideal for families.

Private parties can reserve the bath house by calling (918) 762-2110.

The bath house is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day and admission is \$2 per person, with no cost for children under 2.

Pawnee Lake and the bath house are located just west of Highway 18, north of Pawnee.

So, instead of spending money on high-priced gas and hotels this summer, try vacationing close to home. Pack a picnic lunch, load the kids in the car and make the short drive to the Pawnee bath house where you can make lazy day memories.

Outages Will Happen

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

Electric utilities have outages. I know this is not news to anyone; we have all experienced the sinking feeling of coming home and flipping on the switch and absolutely nothing happens. Even worse is the feeling of working away on your computer and having a power interruption steal what you may have been working on for hours.

I have been in this business for many years and have answered the universal question countless times – “When is our power coming back on?” Now, most folks are understanding, but some are, to say the least, a little irate. It is very difficult to tell a person it may be hours or even days before their power is restored when they are shivering in the dark. I have heard of cakes in the oven, chicks in the incubator, even Grandma in the bathtub when the lights went out.

Believe it or not, we hate outages just as much as you. No, we do not take the phone off the hook during major outages and we don’t look at it as just an opportunity to get in a little

overtime. Most of our employees are also members of IEC and they want the power back on just as badly as you do. They have loved ones who are also without power and no one really enjoys working in the adverse weather conditions that are usually prevailing during an outage.

We strive to keep outages to a minimum. We are constantly trimming trees and maintaining our right-of-way. We also do line patrol and maintenance on a regular basis. Despite these efforts, we cannot eliminate all outages. With 3,500 miles of line, serving 18,500 meters in seven counties, tornadoes, ice, wind, small animals, and human activities constantly cause damage to the system.

I realize that while you may sympathize with our constant battle against outages and line blinks, you still want premium power delivered on a constant basis. For all the factors mentioned above, this will not always happen. Outages and blinks can never be eliminated on a system the size of IEC.

What can you do? Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems are available at very reasonable prices that will protect

computer generated data. Many devices are also available which will save three-phase electric motors if one leg of your three phase power goes down. Small generators will keep your essential appliances on during extended outages. We do have insurance that pays for items damaged by power outages, but the outage must be caused by IEC negligence or error. The vast majority of outages relating to weather, small animals, and human activity are not due to any fault of IEC and therefore, are not covered by insurance.

The moral of this story is “Be Prepared.” Outages will happen and you can do some very inexpensive things to keep safe and comfortable during most outages. After all, it is much easier to prepare now than in the dark. If you have any questions or need some advice on preparing for an outage, call the IEC office at (918) 358-2514 and ask for David or Clara.



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We're Getting a New Look!

The commitment remains the same, but the look is new and sleek.

IEC's logo has recently undergone a makeover and is now updated and more easily seen on the sides of our service vehicles.

The round four-color logos are being replaced with large oblong-shaped black and white logos. The letters 'IEC' are in bold which makes them easier to read from a distance. The logos include contact information such as the co-op's main telephone number and Web site address. The vehicles also are getting a reflective red stripe on the sides.

"We have been using the previous logo on our service vehicles for well over 10 years," says David Wilson, IEC's member services director. "We feel it's time to update it, and we want to make it easier to see and recognize."



Energy Camp Snapshots

Jennings 8th graders Brandon Wren and Richard Dallas, along with IEC linemen Shawn Stocum and Shane Lott, enjoyed four days at Energy Camp.



Trena Zickefoose (seated right) and her niece Emily, rest their feet in cool water after walking during the Pawnee County Relay for Life Walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS).

The annual fundraising event was held at the Cleveland High School football practice field Friday, June 10.

IEC was a corporate sponsor and co-op employees, family members and friends participated in both the walk and the fundraising.

IEC was recognized with a plaque by ACS for being a corporate sponsor for the past five consecutive years.

Zickefoose, who serves as IEC's coordinator for the event, displays the plaque she gladly accepted for the cooperative.

RECIPE



Dee's Delicious Salad

Dressing:	1/3 cup vinegar
2 pkgs. of seasoning from 2 pkgs. chicken-flavored Ramen noodles	1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil	Stir, cover and refrigerate overnight.
Salad:	1/2 cup sunflower seed kernels
1 lb. bag of cabbage slaw	1/2 cup slivered almonds
1 bunch green onions, sliced, tops and all	2 pkgs. Ramen noodles, crushed

Pour dressing over salad and toss 30 minutes before serving.

District Meetings Scheduled

Members in districts 1, 4 and 7 will be gathering in upcoming weeks to vote on representation to the co-op's governing board.

District 1 - July 26, 6:30 p.m., Lakeside Southern Baptist Church, Manford

District 4 - July 25, 6 p.m., Community Church, Cleveland

District 7 - August 2, 6 p.m., Fisher Baptist Church, Sand Springs

In early June, members in these districts were sent postcards about the meetings and candidate filing periods.

David Wilson, IEC's director of member services, says anyone who has questions about the meetings, or is uncertain in which district they reside, should call him at (918) 295-9557 or Clara Eulert at (918) 295-9558.

Clear Rights-of-Way Mean Fewer Outages During Storms

June thunderstorms brought much-needed rain to northeast and north-central Oklahoma. Unfortunately, they also brought damaging winds that caused outages wherever they blew.

Some utility companies had thousands of consumers without power; some for several hours.

Although winds can be damaging, one of the biggest culprits during storms is electric line right-of-way that

isn't cleared and maintained.

"We work on our rights-of-way all year," says Roger McAllister, IEC's right-of-way coordinator. "By taking advantage of good weather, we're prepared for what can happen during bad weather."

McAllister goes on to say IEC doesn't ask the membership to pay for right-of-way maintenance as an additional charge on monthly electric bills.

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"We consider that to be part of delivering electricity. We aren't going to clear right-of-way and then bill the members for it like some other electric utilities do."

McAllister encourages anyone who would like to report trees or brush in the electric lines to call him at (918) 295-9567.