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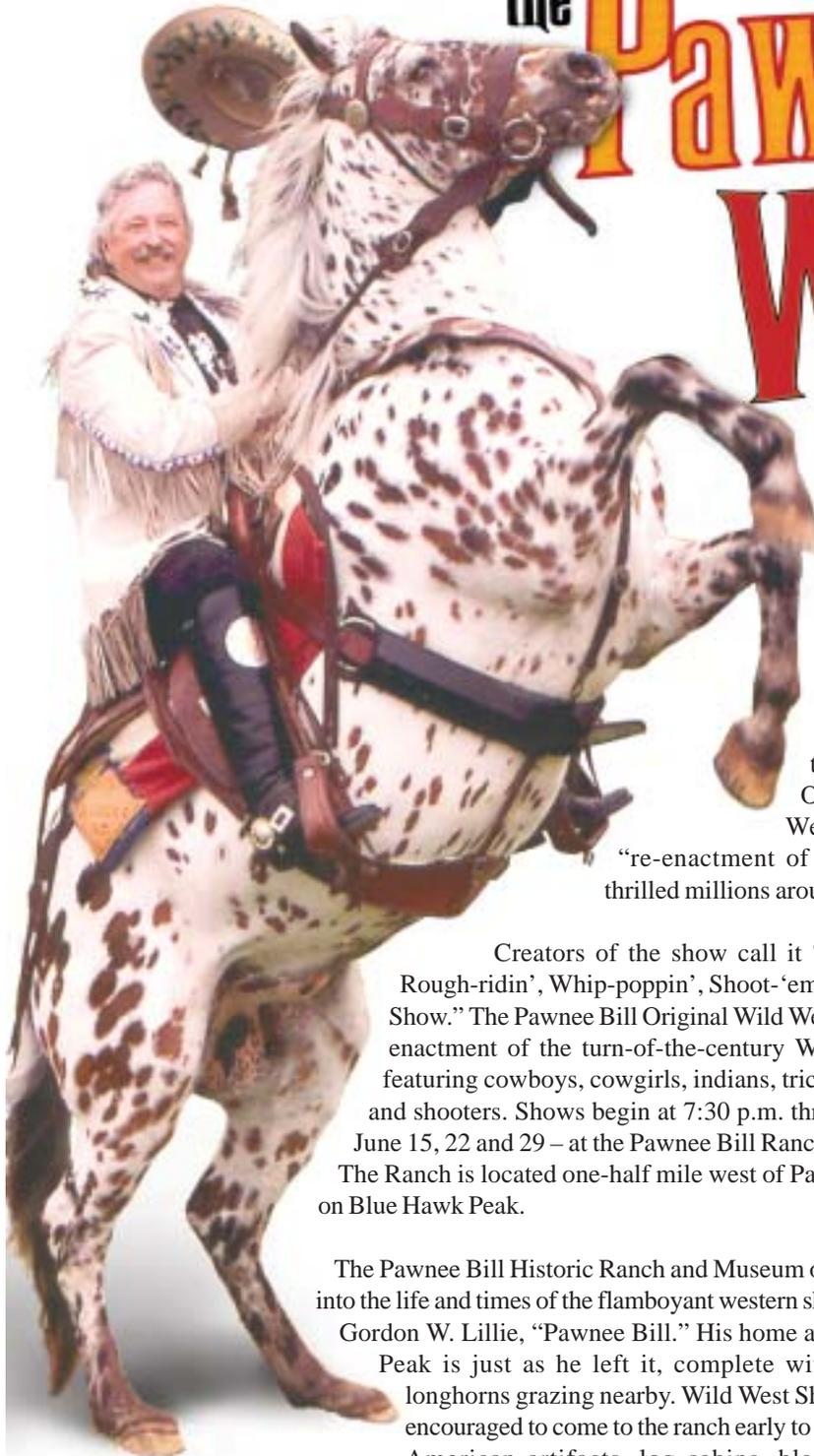
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the Pawnee Bill Wild West Show

SATURDAY
 JUNE 15, 22, & 29
 PAWNEE BILL RANCH
 & MUSEUM



Put on your boots and round up your family and friends. June is the month to enjoy the Pawnee Bill Original Wild West Show – a

“re-enactment of the show that thrilled millions around the world.”

Creators of the show call it “a Rip-roarin’, Rough-ridin’, Whip-poppin’, Shoot-‘em-up, Wild West Show.” The Pawnee Bill Original Wild West Show is a re-enactment of the turn-of-the-century Wild West show featuring cowboys, cowgirls, indians, trick riders, ropers and shooters. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. three Saturdays – June 15, 22 and 29 – at the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum. The Ranch is located one-half mile west of Pawnee on US 64 on Blue Hawk Peak.

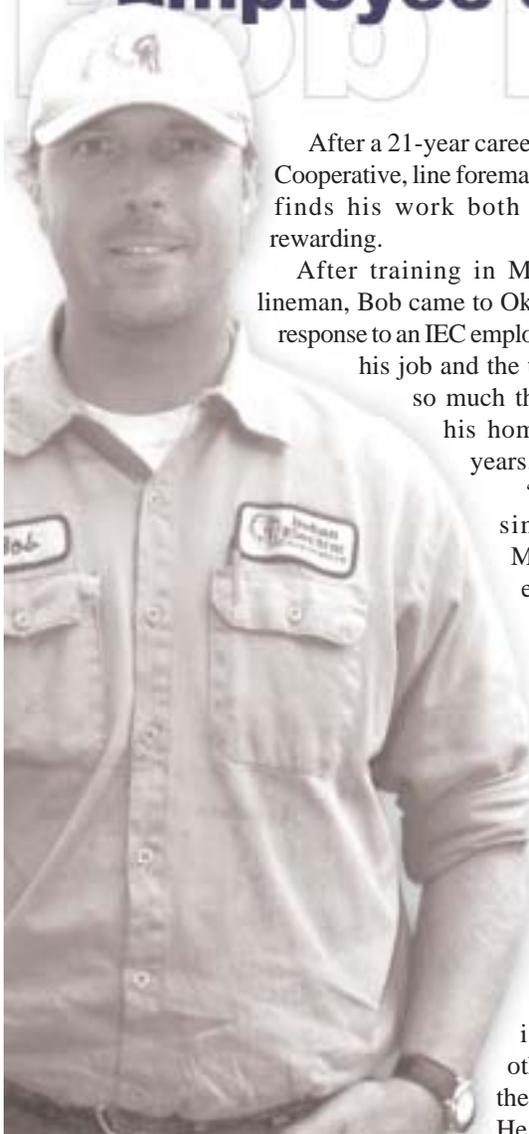
The Pawnee Bill Historic Ranch and Museum offers a glimpse into the life and times of the flamboyant western showman, Major Gordon W. Lillie, “Pawnee Bill.” His home atop Blue Hawk Peak is just as he left it, complete with buffalo and longhorns grazing nearby. Wild West Show visitors are encouraged to come to the ranch early to view the Native American artifacts, log cabins, blacksmith shop,

stagecoach and other memories of the old west. The original Pawnee Bill billboard is now preserved in the big stone barn that also houses wagons and other rolling stock from the horse and buggy days. Pawnee Bill’s 13-room Arts and Crafts style mansion will also be open for tours. It features original furnishings of the home, rare mahogany hardwood interiors, and the finest imported beveled glass. The home also holds much of the memorabilia that Pawnee Bill collected during his Wild West Show days both in the United States and abroad.

Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 7 to 12, and no admission charge for children 6 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased through the Ranch or the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce for a \$1 discount. Reserved and box seats are available by contacting the Pawnee Chamber. The show also boasts authentic chuck wagon cooking available at the Ranch two hours prior to each show. The barbecue meal costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

For more information, contact the Pawnee Bill Mansion and Ranch at 918-762-2513 or the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce at 918-762-2108.

Employee Spotlight - Bob Peterson



After a 21-year career at Indian Electric Cooperative, line foreman Bob Peterson still finds his work both challenging and rewarding.

After training in Minnesota to be a lineman, Bob came to Oklahoma in 1981 in response to an IEC employment ad. He liked his job and the town of Cleveland so much that he has made it his home for the last 21 years.

“I grew up in a similar town in Minnesota where everyone knows everyone else,” Bob said. “Cleveland is a very friendly town and I’ve enjoyed raising my family here.”

Bob is currently part of a three-person crew who helps IEC members who are experiencing interruptions or other problems with their electric service. He says being able to

help fix their problems is “a great feeling.”

Bob understands and has lived out the cooperative principle of lending a helping hand to others in need. He’s gone with crews from Indian Electric to help out at Kay Electric in Blackwell and People’s Electric in Ada when ice storms ravaged their areas.

“It’s interesting to see other parts of the state and other systems,” Bob said. “It’s good to be able to help people out.”

Indian Electric has benefited from the cooperative spirit displayed by Bob and other IEC employees. In return for their help, IEC has received a helping hand from crews at other cooperatives when IEC experienced recent severe ice storms.

Bob’s supervisor, Paul Grantham, said, “Bob is a very dedicated guy that goes above and beyond to make sure his job is done well. We’re proud of the fine work he does.”

“Working at Indian Electric has given me a good life,” Bob said. “The people are great to work with and I’ve made a lot of good friends here. As a matter of fact, my closest friends are the people I work with.”

Four Ways to Save Money This Summer

1. Set the thermostat at 78 degrees, turn it down only when hosting a crowd
2. Put “add more attic insulation” on your spouses “to do” list
3. Apply for an Energy Improvement loan from IEC for high efficiency heating, air conditioning and approved weatherization improvements. Call IEC at (918) 358-2514 and ask about our ERC Loan Program.
4. Simplify your budget by signing up for Average Monthly Billing.

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Bring on the Night Games

MEMBERS PROVIDE LIGHTS FOR OLIVE THROUGH OPERATION ROUND-UP



The days are getting longer and the night games are getting brighter at Olive thanks to new ball field lights. Students at Olive High School are among several groups who have benefited this quarter from the generosity of IEC members participating in Operation Round Up. All funds for Operation Round Up are contributed voluntarily by IEC members, and are deposited into a trust fund separate from the IEC electric accounts. An independent board of directors, the IEC Foundation, comprised of people from across the IEC area, administers the trust. The Foundation meets monthly to review and act on grant requests.

Through April of 2002, Indian Electric members who voluntarily rounded up their electric bill to the nearest dollar have provided \$14,079.67 for the IEC Foundation. During that same time the Foundation board distributed \$17,650.00 to charitable organizations and \$9,649.47 went to families in need.

Over the past few months, the IEC Foundation board of directors has been hard at work researching the individuals and organizations that have requested money from the Foundation. Listed below are the organizations that received money.

Olive High School	Helped purchase field lighting
Cleveland Tennis Association	Helped resurface courts
Pawnee Bill Association	Helped purchase Pawnee Bill mannequin
Pawnee Co. Health Center	Helped purchase medication
Fairfax Hospital	Helped purchase blanket warmer
Keystone Crossroad	Purchased computer system

With the establishment of the IEC Foundation, participating IEC members help neighbors and communities in times of need. Because you are simply rounding your bill up to the nearest dollar, you can make a difference each month without ever spending more than ninety-nine cents! For information about how you can participate in Operation Round-Up, please contact IEC at 918-358-2514 or 800-482-2750.

Indian Electric Announces District Meeting Dates

One of the great things about being a member of an electric cooperative is that every member has an equal voice and an equal opportunity to vote on co-op business. Members may attend the annual meeting and their district meeting each year to exercise this right. District meetings this year are all scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.:

- District 1 Monday, July 22 Full Gospel Church – Mannford
- District 7 Monday, July 29 Fisher Baptist Church – Cleveland
- District 4 Tuesday, July 30 Sr. Citizens Center – Terilton

Make plans now to attend IEC's annual meeting Saturday, October 19th at Cleveland High School at 10 a.m. For additional information, call IEC at 918-358-2514.

Community Calendar

June 11

Springfest

Courthouse Square, Pawnee
918-762-2943

June 15

Water Garden Tour

Ponca City
580-765-8249 or 580-762-7806

June 15, 22, 29

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show

Pawnee Bill Ranch
918-762-2108

June 28-21

International Round-up Club's Cavalcade – World's Largest Amateur Rodeo

Osage County Fairground
918-287-1208

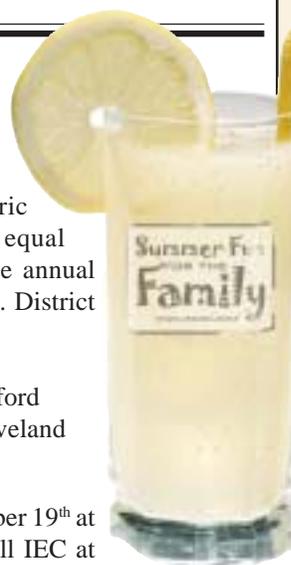
Summer Fun Websites

Wondering what you're going to do this summer to keep the kids entertained while they're out of school? Check out some of these web pages for some great tips for fun summer activities both you and the kids will enjoy.

Visit www.familyfun.com, the website of Disney's popular *Family Fun* magazine. The site features a variety of activities and crafts, party ideas and tips, recipes kids will like and family travel tips.

For parents with busy families (and whose family isn't?) visit www.amazingmoms.com for some bright ideas for the summer.

Kid Source online at www.kidsource.com features a section for planning for the summer with ideas for summertime activities, summer safety, book reviews and an opportunity to subscribe to their newsletter.



Protect Your Computer!

The summer skies grow rapidly darker and that productive day of lawn mowing, car washing, and lakeside lunches that you had planned, quickly dissipates into a fun-filled seat at the window watching as rain washes gullies into the new patch of grass that's finally coming up. Welcome to summer in Oklahoma -- home to some of America's fastest developing electrical storms and thousands of fried computers. But you have your computer plugged into surge suppression device, so you go on about your gully watching, knowing that your investment in the latest technology is safe...right? WRONG!

The single greatest danger to your computer during a storm is actually your phone line. A strike anywhere up the line can travel into your computer through the modem, turning that frustrating conglomeration of forgotten passwords and frozen software into a pile of goo. Protecting your computer can be as cheap as a \$10 phone line surge suppressor or as simple as unplugging the unit from the phone jack.

The business of protecting your sensitive electronic equipment is basically like any other -- you get what you pay for. And regardless of the weather outside, tiny surges in your house and on your phone lines can cause damage over time to the more sensitive parts of your machine. The basic power strip unit that includes phone line protection is a great start and most likely will be sufficient for the average user. Whole-house surge protection is also available through IEC and offers additional protection to electrical appliances throughout the house. No device will offer you 100% protection from a direct strike and the best form of protection is to simply unplug your computer from both the power supply and phone line during storms.

So take a second to protect your investment. You'll feel much better about it when those storm clouds start rolling in again. And besides...you've got the lawn to worry about!

Chicken and Dressing Casserole

- 3 Eggs
- 1 Can Cream of Celery or Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ½ Medium Chopped Onion
- 2 Cups grated cheese
- 1/4 Tsp. pepper
- 1 6oz. box Stove Top Stuffing (Cornbread)
- 1 Pkg. of Chicken (any kind is okay, thighs, or even canned)
- 2 ½ Cups Chicken Broth

Boil chicken until tender and remove from bone. In large bowl beat eggs slightly then add all other ingredients in above order. Bake at 350° in a sprayed 9x13 pan for 45 minutes or until lightly brown

Recipe submitted by IEC Member Virginia Lemaster

Summer Party Dip

- 2 packages cream cheese
- 6-8 green onions (chopped finely) Whites and some green tops
- 2 packages Corned Beef (chopped finely)
- 1 tsp horseradish (optional)

Soften cream cheese, add chopped green onions and chopped corned beef. Add horseradish if desired. Mix well. Better the next day.

This is an excellent dip that can be made ahead, keeps for up to two weeks in the refrigerator and is a time-tested crowd pleaser. Great on Ritz crackers and wonderful as a spread on tiny sandwiches for showers or parties.

Have a family recipe that you would like to share with other IEC members? Just send it with your name and phone number to:

Indian Electric Cooperative - Attention: Lamp Editor
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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY WITH A STORM SHELTER FROM IEC!

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