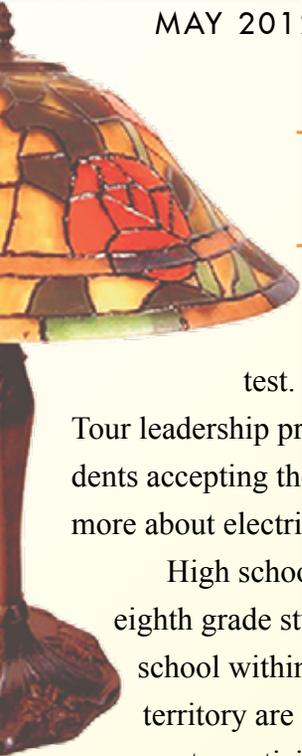


# CAMPING, FUN, AND YES EVEN A BIT OF EDUCATION

By Clara Eulert



**I**EC congratulates the 2012 winners of the 49th annual essay and speech contest. The annual Youth Tour leadership program rewards students accepting the challenge to learn more about electric cooperatives.

High school juniors and eighth grade students who attend school within IEC's service territory are encouraged each year to participate in the contest.

The Youth Tour awards banquet was held March 29, 2012 at the Cleveland Event center and was the final step of the essay and speech contest. Four eighth grade winners and four high school junior finalists attended along with the student's parents and teachers.

The high school junior finalists presented their essays orally to decide which two juniors will win an all expense paid summer trips to Washington D.C. and which two win an all expense paid trip to

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Pawnee High School juniors, Emily Caldwell, daughter of Julie and Rod Caldwell and Reid LeGrand, son of Kay and Kevin LeGrand were selected as the winners of the Youth Tour trips to Washington D.C. in June. While in D.C., the students will participate in events like the Sunset Parade by the United State Marine Corps Band. The winners will tour the historic sites of our nation's

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Back Row: Wanda Foster, Berry Keeler, Morgan Bradley, Courtney Smith, Lorris Peckenpaugh, Barkley Rogers, Dr. Greg Fielding, Tristen Odle.  
Front Row: Kale Funkhouser, Ashley Mulder, Emily Caldwell, Reid LeGrand.

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capitol. Youth Tour also provides the unique opportunity for these students to meet with and interview our state's Congressmen.

Youth Tour winners also have the opportunity to compete in the Youth Leadership Council (YLC). YLC is a national competition ultimately selecting the top future leader prospect from the over 1500 Youth Tour winners nationwide. Winners of YLC will enjoy 3 additional all expense paid trips in 2012 and 2013. The first trip is a return trip to Washington D.C. for additional touring, leadership and public speaking training during the summer. The second and third trips include touring and speaking engagements to represent the Youth Tour Program at the National and Statewide annual meetings for electric cooperatives in 2013. New Orleans, Louisiana is the location of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting in February 2013, and Oklahoma City, OK will be the location for the

Statewide annual meeting in April of 2013.

Pawnee High School juniors, Kale Funkhouser, son of Melissa and Kevin Funkhouser and Ashley Mulder, daughter of Jennifer Mulder are the winners of Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp (CYLC) trips. The CYLC winners will be traveling in July. The leadership camp is a course in People 101. The students are treated to white water rafting and ascending mountain tops by gondola. They are then brought together in the cooperative spirit to construct and run a simulated electric generation and transmission plant.

CYLC winners will have additional opportunities while at camp to participate in the Ambassador program. Winners receive a free trip back to the Colorado Rocky Mountain Camp as an ambassador their senior year.

Two teams of two eighth grade students from Oilton Elementary School won the YouthPower Energy Camp Team Essay

contest. The eighth grade students will travel to Canyon Camp, near Hinton, Oklahoma. Congratulations to Energy Camp winners, Courtney



*Emily Caldwell, Pawnee High School*

Smith, Morgan Bradley, Barkley Rogers and Tristen Odle. Smith is the daughter of Gail and Verlin Smith of Jennings. Bradley is the daughter of Melondy and Jason Bradley of Jennings. Rogers is the son of Penny and Jerry Rogers of Oilton. Odle is the son of Lonna Odle of Oilton.

Each team of two students wrote an essay on the assigned topic "Electric Cooperatives". The teams will attend Energy Camp May 29-June 1st. The camping experience is like none other. Electric bucket truck rides and high voltage demonstrations spark young campers interest in the world of rural electrification. The Candy and Soda Pop Co-op provides a hands on management and operations experience with a sweet reward at



*Reid LeGrand, Pawnee High School*

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the end. Engery Camp has it all, swimming parties, dance parties and a trip to Celebration Station are just a few of the fun experiences ahead.

Youth Tour will begin again in the fall. Interested contestants for the 2013 leadership

programs can find contest information on our website [www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com) after the beginning of the 2013 school year or by contacting Clara Eulert at (918) 295-9558. Classroom visits are available by appointment.♦

# COOL OFF ELECTRIC BILLS THIS SUMMER

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**S**corching temperatures and high electric bills don't need to arrive hand-in-hand this summer. At Indian Electric Cooperative (IEC) we are committed to providing you with not only safe and reliable electric service, but also with information you need to save energy, and keep electric bills affordable, when the heat is on.

A powerful tool in IEC's energy-saving arsenal is TogetherWeSave.com. The website offers nine applications focusing on different actions that,

once completed, show an actual savings calculation. For example, in the "Lower Your Water Heater Temperature" application, you can virtually adjust the temperature setting on the water heater dial to see a projection of how much money you could save by doing just that.

Take the Virtual Home Tour on TogetherWeSave.com to find even more ways to cut costs. You will "walk" through a home's family room,

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# RECIPE



## Mini Orange Cheesecakes

Yield: 18 mini cheesecakes

- 1 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
- 3 T butter, melted
- 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 1 orange, zested and juiced
- 1 egg

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place 18 paper liners into a mini muffin pan.

In a small bowl, combine the vanilla wafer crumbs and melted butter. Press the crumb mixture gently into the bottom of the paper muffin liners. In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, and orange zest and juice until smooth. Add the egg and beat on low until just combined. Spoon the cream cheese mixture over the crusts.

Bake at 350 for 12-14 minutes, or until centers are set. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from the pan to a wire rack to cool completely. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. To serve, remove the paper liners; top the cheesecakes with orange peel.

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kitchen, laundry room, bedroom, basement, and attic. Each area reveals at least two actions you can take to improve your home's energy efficiency. As you move through the room and complete the suggested changes you will see a running tally of potential energy dollar savings.

The website also provides access to the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives TV Web Portal where you can view short energy efficiency videos. You can even connect with other energy-conscious members by sharing your story about what you are doing to be more efficient. It's remarkable that co-op members just like you from across the country have already visited TogetherWeSave.com and collectively saved an estimated \$40 million by making small energy-related changes at home.

We want to help you reach your energy-saving goals. So go ahead: flip a switch, lower the blinds, raise the temperature on your thermostat, and visit TogetherWeSave.com to find out how little changes can cool off your electric bill.♦

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