

IEC Brings Mt. Everest Expedition to Area Schools

Double amputee provides inspiration to many

Students and teachers in Indian Electric Cooperative's service territory will be able to follow Ed Hommer on the Internet and in the classroom this fall as he attempts to be the first double amputee to climb the world's tallest mountain. IEC is joining other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives across the country in sponsoring the expedition and providing curriculum on the Mt. Everest Expedition to students and teachers. The nine-member team, led by Hommer, is expected to reach the summit in mid-October. Hommer is a long-time rural electric cooperative member from Duluth, Minnesota.



In 1981, Hommer lost both of his feet and lower legs due to severe frostbite when the plane he was piloting crashed on the slopes of Mt. McKinley. Rescuers weren't able to reach Hommer's plane for five days. By the time help arrived, his feet were so badly frozen that they had to be amputated. Several years after his accident, Hommer was determined to return to his previous level of physical activity. He went through 15 months of intensive rehabilitation. With a lot of determination and hard work, Hommer has returned to his previous passions, piloting jets for American Airlines, skiing, bicycling, and mountain climbing. Through the support of his friends, technology and sponsors such as Touchstone Energy, Hommer has been able to bring his message of hope to thousands of people.

Hommer is the only climber in the October Mt. Everest Expedition with a disability, but he isn't concerned about his ability to keep up. In 1999, Hommer became the first double amputee to summit North America's highest peak, the 20,320-foot Mt. McKinley. Once he conquered Mt. McKinley, he knew Mt. Everest was achievable.

A website, www.EverestQuest.com, has been developed by Touchstone Energy and is offered by Indian Electric Cooperative specifically for teachers and students to follow the

climb and experience the technical challenges involved through an online journal and photos.

Teachers can call (918) 295-9564 to request classroom posters directly from IEC.

Teachers can integrate the experience into the classroom by using dozens of online lessons. The curriculum is being developed by the project director for the MayaQuest project – one of the first and most popular Internet educational projects.

FOR MORE ON ED HOMER, VISIT OUR SITE AT WWW.IECOK.COM OR THE OFFICIAL SITE AT WWW.EVERESTQUEST.COM

Thank You for Letting us Serve You!

Eighty-five percent of all Indian Electric Members recently rated IEC's overall customer service as being excellent.

Ninety-three percent of our members reported that they would definitely recommend Indian Electric Cooperative to their family and friends.

Eighty-seven percent reported that they would try to use Indian Electric Cooperative again if they relocated and were given a choice of electricity providers.

Source: 2001 Residential Consumer Study, NRECA Market Research

IEC's Average Monthly Payment Plan Makes Budgeting Easier

Has the hot summer season left you wishing your IEC bill were the same year around? IEC's Average Monthly Payment Plan takes the surprise out of your electric bill due to seasonal billing fluctuations. It allows you to pay a set amount each month based on your previous year's usage.

Here's how it works: we take your last 12 months' bills, add them together and divide by 12 to get an average, that's the figure you will then see on your next bill. Each month, your average is refigured based on the most recent 12 months' usage. This helps even out those peaks and valleys in your electric use throughout the year.



Employee Spotlight



IEC's Servicemen are responsible for security light repair, collections, reconnects, disconnects and routine maintenance. They also assist in restoring service following outages. Servicemen include (left to right) David, Robert, Jack, Dennis and Supervisor of Operations, Paul.

There is no fee to sign up for the Average Monthly Payment Plan and it's easy, simply go to our website at www.iecok.com, move your mouse to the "Account Services" tab and click on "Billing & Payment Options."

To qualify for Average Monthly Payment, you need to be a member of IEC for 12 months and have no late payments in the current year. If you have any questions, please call us at 918-358-2514 or 1-800-482-2750.

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7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
918-358-2514

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(if you live outside the expanded
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918-295-9520

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Win a Family Trip to Branson or San Antonio at the IEC Annual Meeting!

Indian Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting is just around the corner Saturday, October 20, from 8:15 a.m. until noon at Cleveland High School.

IEC has planned some exciting incentives for members who attend this year's annual meeting. Plan to register beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the Cleveland High School band room on the northwest corner of the building. Registration will continue until the business meeting adjourns. The first 1,000 members to register will receive a Mikasa bud vase or a khaki IEC cap.

Entertainment will be provided by Will Rogers impersonator Gene McFall, who has made more than 5000 appearances as Will Rogers,

performing to well over a million people in 45 states.

Members who have reserved booth space for the IEC Good Neighbor Arts and Crafts Fair need to be at the school by 7 a.m. to begin setting up booths. The fair will begin at 8:15 and will feature unique arts and crafts from the area. It's not too late to reserve booth space. Simply complete the registration form in this issue of *The Lamp* and mail it in by September 10.

IEC will also issue a grand prize by random drawing from those who have registered for the meeting. The winner of this year's grand prize will receive an all-expense trip for four to Branson, Missouri, or San Antonio, Texas.

Members will also have the opportunity to vote for trustees for districts 3, 6, and 9 during the business meeting. Your vote is important because you will be determining who will lead your electric cooperative.

Watch for more details about this year's annual meeting in the Annual Report issue of *The Lamp*, which be inserted in the October issue of *Oklahoma Living*. If you have any questions about the annual meeting, please call IEC at 918-358-2514 or 1-800-482-2750.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20
8:15 a.m.**

IEC's Annual Meeting is More Than Just Social: It's Your Business

Every year IEC invites its members to gather for the annual meeting during which officers are elected and business is discussed. You should come.

Why? Because IEC's business is your business.

Each customer who buys electricity from IEC is a part owner of IEC. That's what makes cooperatives unique, we're owned by the people who use our services.

As part owner of IEC, you have a say in what goes on. You get to cast a vote for members of the utility's board of trustees. Board members set our policy. Our manager and staff carry out that policy.

So don't think our annual meeting is just a social occasion—even though it includes lots of fun and entertainment. It's a place to meet the people you've entrusted to run the cooperative you have a stake in.

Booth Reservation for the 2001 IEC Annual Meeting

(ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE NON-PROFIT)

Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Daytime Telephone: () _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Product to be sold or displayed: _____

No Charge for booth space

Mail reservation form by September 10 to:
Cyndie Wood, Indian Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020

Chocolate Delight

1 c. flour
2 tbsp. Sugar
½ c. butter
½ c. chopped nuts
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 c. Cool Whip
1 c. powdered sugar
2 (3 oz.) pkg. chocolate (or your favorite flavor) instant pudding
3 c. milk

Mix flour, sugar, butter and nuts and press into bottom of 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar. Add Cool Whip and pour over cooled crust. Mix instant pudding with milk as directed. Pour over cream cheese layer. Cover this with a thin layer of Cool Whip. Chill.

Oklahoma Living Charity Christmas Ornament Contest

Oklahoma Living has announced its annual Ornament Contest for 2001, which runs from August 1, 2001 through November 1, 2001. All proceeds will go to Paws with a Cause. *Oklahoma Living* is searching for ornaments that are created by co-op members, are original works, and can be hung on a tree. Entries must be limited to no more than two per person.

Ornaments will be judged on creativity and craftsmanship. All ornaments submitted will be auctioned off at the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives Directors Meeting in December. The ornaments will also be up for auction online beginning December 1st through Paws with a Cause and the *Oklahoma Living* website (www.ok-living.com).

Last year more than \$1800 was raised for the Right Path Riding Academy. This year the money will go to benefit Paws with a Cause. Organized in 1979, the primary function of Paws with a Cause is to train and place dogs to help people with disabilities perform the activities of daily living. Funding for Paws with a Cause comes from ser-

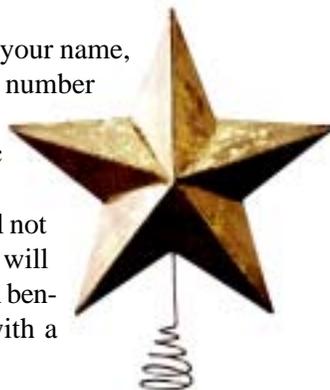
vice clubs, individuals, foundations and businesses.

Four winners will be selected and displayed in the December issue of *Oklahoma Living*. The first place winner will receive \$100, second place will receive \$75, third place will receive \$50, and fourth place will receive \$25. Honorable mentions will receive an *Oklahoma Living* coffee mug.

To enter, mail ornaments before November 1 to *Oklahoma Living*, PO Box 54309, OKC, OK 73154. Ornaments may also be brought to the *Oklahoma Living* office or shipped to *Oklahoma Living*, 2325 E. I-44 Service Road, OKC, OK 73111.

Please include your name, address, phone number and the name of your electric cooperative.

Ornaments will not be returned; all will go to an auction benefiting Paws with a Cause.



Save Online!

Save money on nearly everything from clothing to groceries to home repair and maintenance at www.frugalitynetwork.com. With links to countless online savings opportunities, this will be a site you visit often!

Where are the sales? At www.salecircular.com, you will find lists of items by category, stores that have the item on sale, current sale prices and locations of the stores nearest to you.

For more money-saving websites, visit the IEC website at www.iecok.com.

First Official Notice of 2001 Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2001 Annual Meeting of Members of Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 20, 2001 at the Cleveland High School Gymnasium located in Cleveland, Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

The purpose of the meeting is to act on the following matters:

1. Reports of Officers and Trustees;
2. Election of trustees of the Cooperative from Districts 3, 6 and 9;
3. All other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Registration for the 2001 Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, October 20, and the meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m..

Each membership, whether it is a single membership or a joint membership, shall be entitled to one vote in any matter that may come before the meeting.

Memberships other than residential must present a letter on organizational stationery, signed by a recognized official of the organization, indicating the bearer as the official voting representative of the organization. The bearers must present letters at the time of registration.

Wanda Foster
Secretary, Board of Trustees