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Annual Meeting Plans Underway

Meeting Returns to Cleveland High School Saturday, Oct. 18

Although it's still more than a month away, we're finalizing plans and details for the annual meeting.

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18 at Cleveland High School, the meeting is shaping up to be both informative and fun.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will continue until noon. The first 1,000 members who register will receive a brushed khaki ball cap with a dark brown bill. The IEC logo is embroidered on the front and the Touchstone Energy® logo is embroidered on the back. As an additional registration gift, we will be giving away 6-inch cast iron skillet, also with the IEC logo.

By registering your attendance at the meeting, you will automatically be eligible for cash and prize drawings totaling more than \$3,500. You will be eligible for our \$750 grand prize and other cash prizes of \$500 and \$250.

Members who received electric service in 1977, a portion of 1978, and 2002 will receive capital credit checks when registering their attendance. Earlier this year, your board of trustees voted to return over \$289,000 in capital credits. The amount each member receives is based on the amount of electricity he or she purchased during those years.

Entertainment this year will be Chase Foster, 13, and Caleb Sherrod, 14, who will keep your toes tapping with their fiddle playing and vocals.

The business session is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium. Members will have the opportunity to reseal four trustees to the board this year. Those trustees include Mike Spradling, District 2; Wanda Foster, District 5; and Greg Fielding and Gary Moore, District 8.

Since none of the incumbent trustees drew an opponent, the membership will be asked to return those trustees to the board by acclamation.

Throughout the meeting, prize drawings will be held.

"We will be giving away more than 50 prizes, including some \$50 electric bill credits," says Cyndie Wood, who is coordinating the annual meeting.

The grand prize and two major cash prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the business session, and members must be present to win.

In addition to co-op business, members can take advantage of the Health Fair being conducted by Cleveland Area Hospital, or visit the booths in the Business Spotlight.

"The Health Fair will offer several types of screenings, tests and services," Wood says. "Flu shots are being included in the services the hospital is planning to provide, but we understand they are not certain they will receive the shots in time for the annual meeting."

Being a member of an electric cooperative gives you privileges and responsibilities customers of other electric utilities don't have. One of those is the privilege of receiving capital credits; the other is the responsibility of electing representation to the board of trustees.

Plan now to enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of co-op membership and attend your annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Popular Business Spotlight Returns to Annual Meeting

It was such a hit at last year's annual meeting, we're doing it again this year!

The Business Spotlight features the products and services from about 20 Cleveland area businesses. Members can visit each of the booths set up in the school's multi-purpose room, visit with the participants, sample their products, and register for prize drawings.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the Business Spotlight with IEC to give annual meeting attendees an opportunity to see what Cleveland businesses have to offer.

The Business Spotlight opens at 8:15 a.m. in conjunction with other annual meeting activities and continues until noon.

Visitors can register for prizes to be given away from each participating business. The Chamber will coordinate the drawings toward the end of the annual meeting.

According to Cyndie Wood, who is coordinating the Business Spotlight for IEC, there are no booth spaces available. For additional information call Wood at (918) 295-9564 or (918) 358-2514.

First Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2003 Annual Meeting of Members of Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 2003, at the Cleveland High School Gymnasium located in Cleveland, Pawnee County, Oklahoma.

Purpose of the meeting is to act on the following matters:

1. Reports of Officers and Trustees;
2. Election of Trustees of Cooperative from Districts 2, 5 and 8;
3. All other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Registration for the 2003 Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 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 organization stationery, signed by a recognized official of the organization, indicating the bearer as the official voting representative of the organization. The bearers must present the letters at the time of registration.



Wanda Foster
Secretary, Board of Trustees



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Co-op Employee Finds, Returns Stolen Property

Charlie Taylor wondered how the camera equipment he found had come to be lying in the roadway near Drumright, but he was certain the owner would want it back. How right he was.

Taylor, a technician for IEC, took the camera to the co-op's Cleveland office and began to look for the name of the owner. When Robert Graves was contacted and told his camera had been found, he was able to clear up the mystery of why it was lying in the roadway, and express his gratitude for it being found and returned.

In a letter he wrote the co-op, he writes: "On July 3, 2003 our residence southeast of Drumright was burglarized sometime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

We suffered the usual losses of a rural theft. In this loss was a camera bag with approximately \$2,000 worth of Nikon camera equipment.

Sometime after this event occurred one of your employees, a Charlie Taylor, spotted this bag of camera equipment in the middle of the road about 2 miles west of our home. He turned it into IEC and we were notified of its location. I went to IEC on 7-7-03 and retrieved the

bag.

I wish that you would personally thank Mr. Taylor for his honesty on my behalf. I am sure that Mr. Taylor is a good representative of your employees, as well as being an honest man.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,
Robert Graves, CWD
U. S. Army, Retired"

Charlie doesn't feel what he did was "any big deal."

"I'm just glad I happened to be in the right place at the right time, and could help Mr. Graves get back some of what he lost," he says.

Oklahoma Utilities Not Affected by Massive Eastern Power Outage

Although a large portion of the northeastern part of the country was without electric service beginning August 14, authorities say no utilities in Oklahoma were threatened.

According to information released by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), major losses of electric load occurred in the northeastern U.S. and Canada beginning shortly after 4 p.m. EST. Although the exact cause of the massive outage was not known at press time, authorities were able to determine it was not the result of a physical or cyber terrorist attack.

A representative for KAMO Power, IEC's power supplier, said initially KAMO and its power supplier, Associated Electric Cooperative, saw some 'shifts in the flow' of electricity, but there were no power supply issues for the KAMO-Associated family of cooperatives. He added no power supply issues were anticipated.

A NERC spokesman said about 61,800 megaWatts (MW) were lost during the outage.

"The disturbance appears to have largely been caused by the loss of several major transmission lines, which

caused additional lines to go out of service. Although the event was felt throughout the entire Eastern Intercon-

nection, utilities in the south and western part of the Interconnection were not affected.

How to Identify Our Employees

Posing as a utility company representative is a common practice for someone hoping to run a scam or perpetrate a crime on unsuspecting people.

We want our employees to be easily recognizable to you when they are on your property. Rick Davis, IEC's manager of operations, says co-op service personnel can be identified by:

* A blue uniform bearing their name and our IEC logo; and

* A white vehicle bearing the round IEC logo on the doors.

Davis encourages you to call the co-op at (918) 358-2514 to verify the identity of someone claiming to be an IEC employee.



RECIPE



Fresh Tomato Salsa

- 5 medium tomatoes, diced
- 1/3 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped purple onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 to 2 small jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
- 2 Tbsps. minced fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1 Tbsp. minced fresh oregano or 1 tsp. dried whole oregano
- 2 Tbsps. lime juice
- 1 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients, stirring gently; cover and chill. Serve over toasted French bread or with chips, fish or chicken.

YIELD: 3 & 1/3 cups.

Free Risk Management Workshops Scheduled for September

Free risk management workshops for farmers, ranchers and agriculture professionals will be held in September at locations around Oklahoma.

The workshops will be conducted by specialists from USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), the Kerr Center and Langston University.

The workshops will show participants how to assess their resources and set goals. How to analyze the potential of new crops, marketing schemes, or farm projects will be one focus. These planning and assessment techniques can also be applied to current operations. Participants



will develop a planning framework for their own farm or ranch enterprise as part of the

workshop and should come with a few goals already in mind.

Some specific topics to be covered will be: financing and budgets; crop selection; insurance; and labor. Legal issues surrounding contract farming and liability will also be covered.

The workshops are free and will run from 1-5 p.m. Kerr Center staff will stay to explain the center's producer grant program in a separate workshop, also free, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dates and locations are: Monday, Sept. 15, in Enid at the Astry Technology Center, Rm. 22; Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Tulsa Community College, Engineering/Tech. Bldg., Rm 127, 3727 E. Apache; Monday, Sept. 22 in Lawton at the Great Plains AVTS Bldg., 100 Auditorium; Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Oklahoma City at Langston University's OKC campus; and Thursday, Sept. 25, south of Poteau, at the Kerr Center. For complete information, go to www.kerrcenter.com or call (918) 647-9123.

Effective Time Management

(For those in over their heads)

Organize your week.

Learn how to get more done in less time!

If you're finding there is more to do than what you seem to have time for, the workshop, presented in a highly interactive format, will teach you a system for organizing your time and getting more done in less time than you ever thought possible. The program will be presented three times at the Cleveland Public Library. Choose a time that is convenient for you.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. - Noon
Thursday, Sept. 25, 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Cleveland Public Library

To reserve your seat
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Tuition - \$15

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