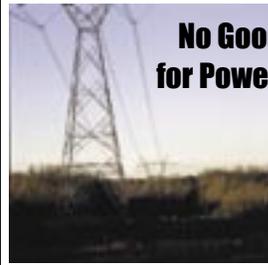




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## It's Time for Youth Tour and Energy Camp

During the cold temperatures of January, the warmth of summer can seem far away. But January is not too early to begin making this summer a memorable one.

Students currently in the 8th and 11th grades attending schools in IEC's service territory can participate in IEC's YouthPower Energy Camp or Youth Tour programs.

These programs are designed to teach young people about electric cooperatives, leadership skills, and government.

### Youth Tour

Two juniors will kick off their final summer in high school by spending a week touring famous sites in the nation's capitol with all expenses paid. That's the Washington Youth Tour.

Interested students are asked to write an essay of between 500 and 1,000 words on "Electric Cooperatives: The Mission, The Members and More." The essays need to be submitted to IEC by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 5.

A panel of judges will select four finalists who will give oral presentations of their essays at a banquet in their honor, Thursday, March 9. At that time, two finalists will be selected to represent IEC on Youth Tour and the two runners-up will attend Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp June 12-18 in Steamboat Spring, CO.

Youth Tour is Friday, June 13 through Thursday, June 19.

### YouthPower Energy Camp

Eighth graders interested in attending the 2008 YouthPower Energy Camp need to write an essay on "The Day the Lights Came on – A History of Electric Cooperatives."

The essay needs to be between 100 and 300 words. Deadline for essays to be submitted to IEC is noon, Tuesday, submit their essays as two-person

This year IEC is sending four winners instead of two as we have done in the past. The four will be honored during the Youth Tour banquet in March.

YouthPower Energy Camp will be from Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, May 29 at Camp Canyon

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test rules, entry form and resource manual available on IEC's Web site at [www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com) (click on the Community Service tab, then Youth Programs, Washington Youth Tour or Energy Camp.) If you have questions about this program, please call Clara Eulert, IEC's youth programs coordinator, at (918) 295-9558, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# It's GOOD to be a Member!

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

By the time you read this, all members of Indian Electric Cooperative will have received an \$80.00 credit on their December electric bill. The rebate was given to each member of the cooperative and the rebate credit will have appeared on the bill attached to your membership. A member of IEC may have more than one account, but the membership is attached to one primary account, so the rebate appeared on that bill.

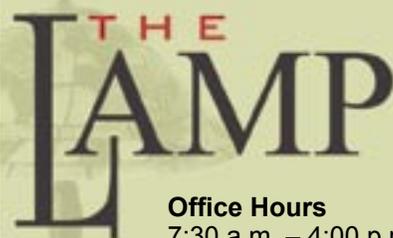
There are several factors that contributed to the IEC Board of Trustees' decision to provide a rebate to the members in 2007. It has been an excellent year financially for the cooperative, with increased kWh sales and the lack of any significant weather related problems. The Board works diligently to reduce our operating expenses and was able to hold the line on these expenses in 2007 despite significant increases in the cost of materials and fuel.

The Board also wishes to emphasize the benefits of the cooperative form of business and the value of an IEC membership. Indian Electric Cooperative does not exist to make a profit. IEC was formed to provide reliable electric service to rural areas that no else wanted to serve. It was formed by collecting membership fees from anyone who

wanted service. IEC's original membership fee was \$5.00, a princely sum 50 years ago, paid by people who had only dreamed of electric service. At a cooperative such as IEC, any margins (or profits) left over after expenses are paid are allocated to the members based on kWh usage in the form of capital credits. These capital credits are paid to the members as IEC's financial condition allows. 2007 was such a good year the Board was able to return some of the margins to members immediately and we will still have enough margins remain-

ing to declare capital credits and continue on our regular capital credit retirement schedule.

Many times I have talked about the benefits of a cooperative. The proof is in the pudding so to speak and this Merry Christmas rebate certainly proves the benefits of IEC membership.



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# No Good News About Power Costs

Every day your cooperative leadership hears sobering news about power costs. As the price for fuels used to generate electricity climbs, so does the demand for electricity. To meet this rapidly growing power need, new power plants must be built. These plants must meet revised environmental standards that add millions of dollars to their hefty price.

At a regional meeting of electric cooperatives, Glenn English, CEO of the National Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) referred to this lethal combination as 'the perfect storm.'

In the trade publication *Electric Co-op Today* Glenn English said it will be increasingly difficult for co-ops to keep the lights on and hold down electric bills. He added that most consumer – and even many politicians – don't realize how high the price will be.

Because electric cooperatives serve

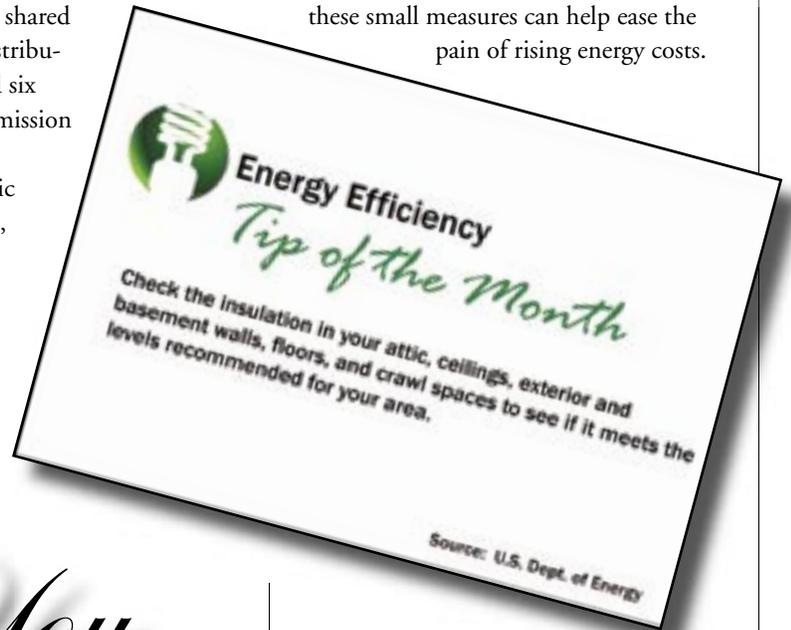
more low income customers than other electric utilities, the power cost issues ahead concern your co-op.

One of Indian Electric's major power suppliers, Associated Electric Cooperative, is planning a new 600-megaWatt coal-fired plant to meet future demand. Estimated cost for this plant alone is \$1.3 billion; an expense that must be shared among AECE's 51 distribution cooperatives and six generation and transmission co-ops.

As Indian Electric faces these challenges, your help is needed. What can you do? Practice good energy use habits, become more energy aware, and take advantage

of IEC's free energy audits and other programs designed to help you save energy.

Indian Electric will continue to keep you informed of these energy concerns. In the meantime, please turn off the lights in empty rooms, caulk around doors and windows, and install compact fluorescent bulbs. When multiplied across the membership, these small measures can help ease the pain of rising energy costs.



## A Sincere

# Thank You

Your generosity during the holiday season allowed the Salvation Army and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to provide Christmas for more than 80 Pawnee County children.

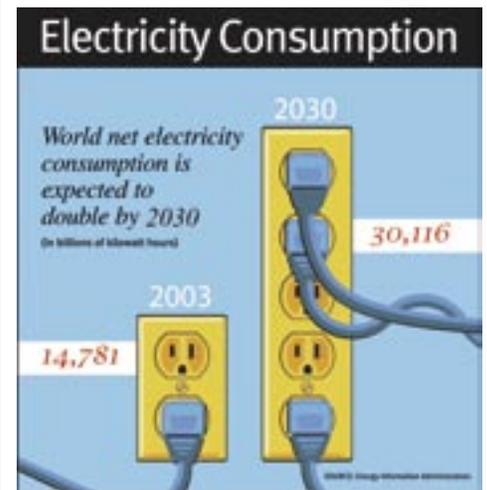
For the third year IEC was an Angel Tree site. You came to our headquarters in Cleveland, selected an angel and then began making Christmas wishes come true.

You bought the requested toys and clothes, then brought those much desired gifts back to the co-op, so Salvation Army personnel could become Santa's elves.

The Angel Tree program allows individuals and organizations to personalize a gift for a child in need by adopting his or her angel and granting the wish of toys or clothes. The children are all 14 years old or younger.

"We are glad to be able to respond to the Salvation Army's request, and to serve as an Angel Tree site," says Clara Eulert, IEC coordinator of the program. "The Salvation Army gave us more angels this season, and the response from our members, employees and management is truly touching."

We hope your Christmas was made warmer and brighter by the kindness and generosity you showed by participating in this program.



# RECIPE



## Crabmeat Sycamore

*A delicious dip for your Super Bowl party!*

- 2 lbs. jumbo lump crabmeat
- 3 lbs. Swiss cheese, shredded
- 2 (13.75 ounce) cans artichoke hearts, drained
- 6 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. green onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/4 cup dry sherry
- 1 tsp. hot pepper sauce to taste
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. minced fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp. paprika

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a large casserole dish.

Layer crabmeat, Swiss cheese, and artichoke hearts in two layers into the bottom of the prepared casserole dish.

Melt the butter in a skillet. Cook the green onion in the butter until softened. Stir in the flour until smooth. Slowly add the milk while stirring and continue cooking and stirring until thick. Add the sherry, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and parsley. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the layers in the casserole dish. Sprinkle breadcrumbs and paprika over the top.

Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly, about 30 minutes.

## Make Sure Your Car is Winter Ready

### Electrical System

- (a) Battery - alternator, generator and voltage regulator.
- (b) Ignition System – ignition wires, distributor cap, spark plugs
- (c) Lights.

### Brake System

- (a) Proper adjustment to ensure equal braking.

### Exhaust System

- (a) Check for leaks (CO poisoning)

### Heating and Cooling System

- (a) Check hoses for cracks and leaks
- (b) Water Pump and thermostat
- (c) Sufficient antifreeze—at least -30°F
- (d) Check heater and defroster.

### Tires

- (a) Proper inflation
- (b) Snow Tires – Radial tires marked M&S (Mud and Snow) work fine for OK
- (c) Spare tire and tools.

### Windshield Wipers and Washer

- (a) Replace wipers if worn or streaking
- (b) Fill washer with antifreeze solvent.

### Emergency Driving Kit

- (a) Sand, Salt or Kitty Litter
- (b) Small shovel
- (c) Ice Scraper
- (d) Jumper Cables
- (e) Flashlight
- (f) Wool Blanket
- (g) Tools
- (h) “Get Help” sign
- (i) Cell Phone-know who you will call.

## Connections

### Co-op

IEC has a special connection to our statewide publication *Oklahoma Living*.

Recent OSU graduate and an intern on the *Oklahoma Living* staff, Emilia Buchanan (right) is the daughter of IEC members Bob and Bonnie Buchanan of Pawnee.

A 2003 graduate of Pawnee High School, Emilia graduated from OSU in December with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural communications. She wrote a feature article on equestrian therapy programs for the December issue of *Oklahoma Living*, along with taking the cover photo. She also wrote the “Best of *Oklahoma Living*” feature in the January issue which includes several small stories and photos.

