

July 5th Celebration

While families enjoy picnics, swimming and backyard fireworks on July 4th – Independence Day, it is the day after – July 5th, that has become the year’s most popular “community day” in Cleveland.

Cleveland’s *Freedom Celebration* began four years ago under the leadership of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. Held south of Cleveland at Feyodi Park, the event invites members of the community and surrounding areas to enjoy an evening of fun, music, and of course, fireworks.

“We originally chose July 5th in order to have the expertise of our pyrotechnic experts Les Harper and his dad Alan Johnson,” explained Freedom Celebration chairman Larry Brown. “Les and Alan had commitments shooting fireworks at major Tulsa events on the 4th, so we decided if we wanted these hometown guys to do our show, we’d wait for them. Plus, this allows everyone to enjoy the 4th with family and then work together for the community the next day.”

The Harper-Johnson orchestrated fireworks displays have received rave reviews from people attending the Freedom Celebration. “We are not exaggerating when we say you can compare our show to any fireworks show in a major city or theme park around the country,” Brown said. “All you have to do is come one time and you’ll agree – it’s a fantastic show.”

Before the fireworks fill the skies above Feyodi Park with bright colors, however, an entire evening of entertainment is unveiled.

What has become a highlight of the July 5th event is the Freedom Celebration

Community Choir’s presentations of Christian-based patriotic musicals. Directed by Deana Ferguson, the 60-plus voice choir will perform at least once before the Freedom Celebration. Last year, they were featured on the Six in the Morning television show on Channel 6 to promote the Freedom Celebration. They expect to make a return engagement this year.

“It’s nothing less than thrilling to see the commitment of these people coming together to present a message of God and country,” Mrs. Ferguson said. “Many of the songs are very strong in Christian testimony and we appreciate the opportunity to bring the message to so many people.”

This year’s musical will be, “Nation, It’s Time to Pray.” Other Freedom Celebration activities include a dessert auction, listening music, a dunk tank and games for children. Added to this year’s festivities will be a “corporate challenge” type event inviting local businesses to compete against one another in fun and “messy” contests.

Cleveland Chamber of Commerce’s Freedom Celebration is supported strictly through sponsorships and donations.

For more information about this year’s Freedom Celebration, contact the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce office at 358-2131.

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Electric Deregulation

Oklahoma legislators overwhelmingly approved a bill in May delaying electric deregulation and creating a task force to study the topic.

Passed by the Senate 41-0 and the House 98-2, SB 440 deleted the original July 1, 2002 deadline for Oklahoma deregulation. According to co-author of the bill Sen. Kevin Easley (D-Broken Arrow), the bill delays deregulation up until at least 2003 or until the Oklahoma Legislature enacts enabling legislation after the task force completes its study.

IEC's General Manager Terry Jech participated in four of the five original task forces that spent significant time studying the issues surrounding deregulation and, along with other cooperative officials, worked to ensure that legislation would contain strong consumer protection provisions.

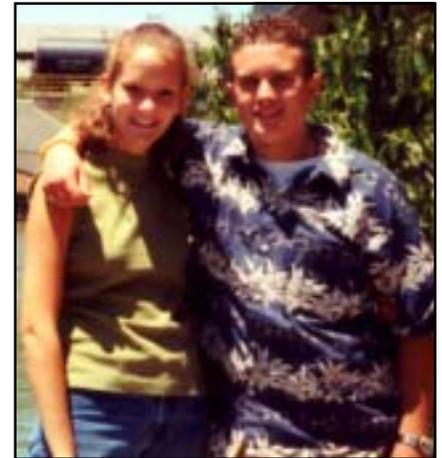
"My role has not been to determine whether or not electric deregulation is the right thing for Oklahoma, but to make certain that rural Oklahoma and our cooperative members are protected in whatever legislation is enacted," Jech said.

"We will continue to monitor the status of deregulation in Oklahoma and to be involved in the process – making sure our cooperative members' voices are heard throughout the process and keeping our members informed on these issues."

The new task force being created by this bill – the Electric Advisory Committee – will include the Chair of the Senate Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs Committee, the Chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulations Committee; and members of the Executive Branch, or their designees: Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Education. This advisory committee will be called to present an interim report to the Governor and the Legislature by Dec. 31, 2001 and a final report by Dec. 31, 2002.

SB 440 also takes steps to encourage the development of environmentally friendly, or "green," sources of power in Oklahoma. Easley stated that it will also encourage wind power.

-Terry Jech, IEC General Manager



Kendall Fowler, Pawhuska, and Jared Madron, Pawnee, walk down the Oklahoma City Bricktown canal during a stop for lunch on their way home from Youth Power Energy Camp at Camp Canyon. Sponsored by IEC, the two eighth graders joined students from around the state for the four-day camp near Red Rock Canyon

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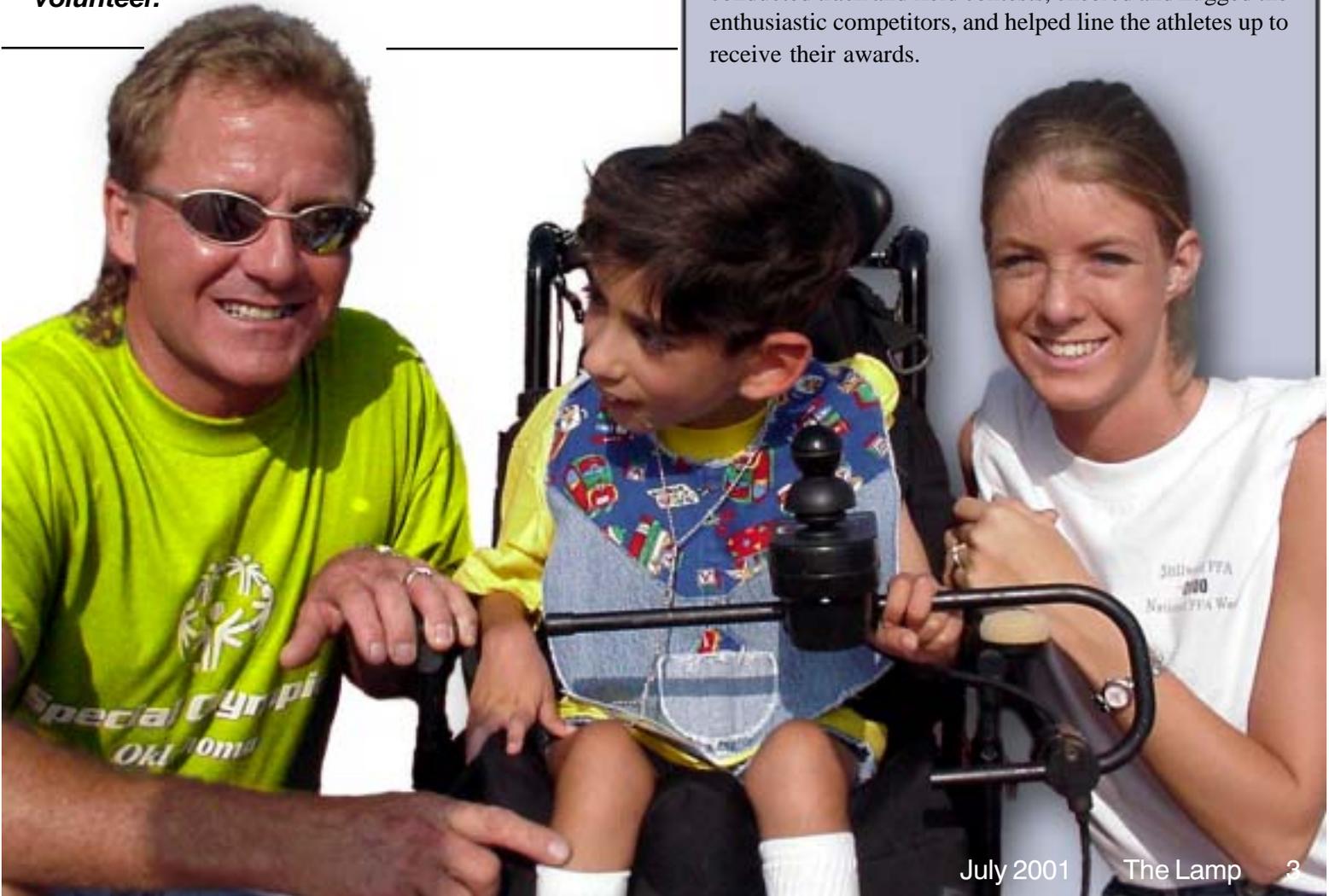
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Doyle Whittenberg, IEC Service Technician poses with a Special Olympic Athlete and Stillwater area volunteer.



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Saturday - October 20, 2001

Cleveland High School

IEC Volunteers at 2001 Special Olympics

There's something that is truly moving to witness 4,000 Special Olympic Athletes take the field for the annual Summer Games in Stillwater. That must be why nearly 2,500 volunteers help with the event every year.

"It's very gratifying to help these athletes experience success during Special Olympics," said IEC employee Cyndie Wood. "I enjoy encouraging them to do their best and watching them as they receive their awards."

Wood was one of 25 volunteers from IEC who helped make this year's Special Olympics successful. More than 100 Oklahoma cooperative employees, retirees and their families comprised the single largest volunteer group this year. Volunteers escorted the athletes to their events, conducted track and field contests, cheered and hugged the enthusiastic competitors, and helped line the athletes up to receive their awards.

Summer Vegetable and Pasta Salad

Serves 8

- 6 new potatoes, unpeeled and diced
- 6 oz. uncooked rainbow rotini
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- ½ red bell pepper, chopped
- ½ green bell pepper, chopped
- ¼ cup green onions, chopped
- 3 small zucchini, chopped
- 3 small yellow squash, chopped

For dressing, combine ½ cup mayonnaise and ½ cup ranch dressing

In large saucepan, bring 10 cups water to a boil. Reduce heat to medium high, add potatoes and cook 3 minutes. Add pasta. Cook potatoes and pasta an additional 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Drain. In large bowl, combine potatoes, rotini, and all remaining salad ingredients.

In small bowl combine dressing ingredients and mix well. Add dressing to salad, toss to coat, cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or until serving time.

Travel Web Sites

If you're planning a vacation, there is a wealth of information available on the internet. Some top travel sites are listed below.

- You can find information on airlines, car rentals, hotels, destinations and more at www.expedia.com
- If you know someone who will be traveling by plane and need to check the status of any flights between major cities within the United States, go to www.trip.com and click on Flight Tracker.
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Judy Nail (left) currently serves IEC as Executive Secretary.

Carolyn Robinson (right) oversees Employee Benefits.



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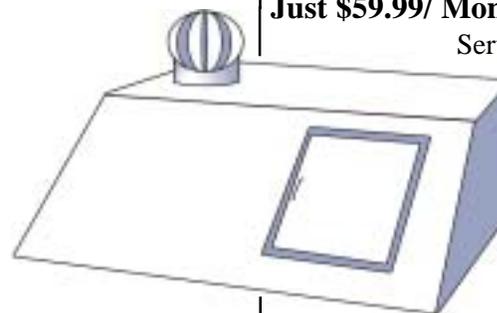
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