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# IEC'S NEWEST PAYMENT PROGRAM

## WHAT IS PRE-PAY METERING?

Pre-Pay is a new pay-as-you-go program that offers the opportunity to pay when you want, in the amounts you want.

Instead of receiving a traditional paper bill each month, usage is calculated daily. Pre-Pay members

Cooperative, but some restrictions apply. Any existing security deposit will be applied to your current account.

## HOW CAN I CHECK MY BALANCE?

You can log into [www.myusage.com](http://www.myusage.com), to get your up to the minute account balance. You will need the login and password setup when you signed up for service. Remember that Pre-Pay is a self-managed program. You are in total control of how and when you check your balance.

## HOW DO I MAKE PRE-PAY WORK FOR ME?

Pre-Pay works best for people who want to take control of their electric account and energy usage. By monitoring your consumption on a regular basis, you will begin to notice patterns in your day-to-day usage.

Any variation from this pattern, such as a houseguest, or a vacation where little energy is being used, will become evident as you monitor your account. Monitoring and controlling daily usage can help keep electrical costs down.

For more information, contact IEC at (918) 358-2514. ♦

never pay a late charge, disconnect or reconnect fee. New members pay the standard refundable \$75 membership fee.

## IS PRE-PAY THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR ME?

Would it be easier for you to make weekly or biweekly payments rather than one large payment each month? If so, Pre-Pay metering may be for you.

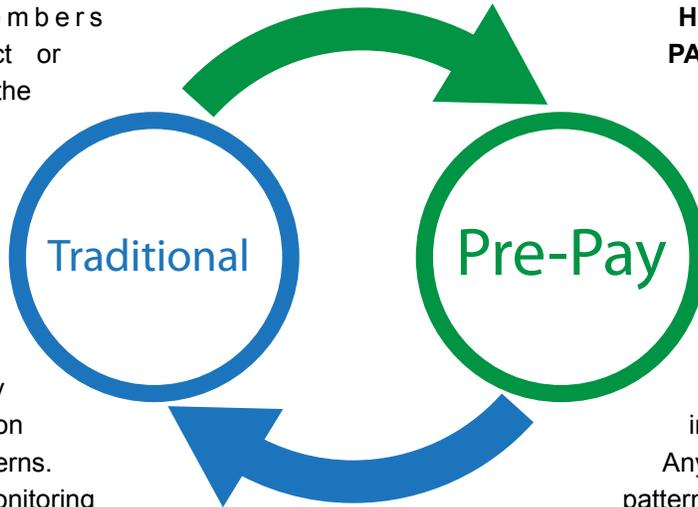
Statistics indicate Pre-Pay electricity programs help lower electric consumption due to member's awareness of usage patterns. Therefore, any member interested in monitoring and lowering his or her electricity use would potentially benefit from the Pre-Pay program.

## WHAT IF MY PRE-PAY ACCOUNT RUNS LOW?

First of all, you will receive a low balance notice via the method you choose; email or automated calling service. This will give you time to purchase power before the meter actually stops. If you do not purchase more power, the meter will stop, and the power will turn off. However, purchasing more power is quick and easy, even on weekends and holidays, by visiting our website ([www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com)) 24/7 and clicking Pay Your Bill. You can also pay during business hours at the Cleveland or Fairfax offices. Once a payment is made, your power will reconnect almost immediately.

## I HAVE A TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT, CAN I SWITCH TO PRE-PAY?

Yes! You can switch to a Pre-Pay account even if you already have service with Indian Electric



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# Special Olympics Oklahoma

## IEC VOLUNTEERS MAKE OLYMPICS SPECIAL

BY C.L. HARMON

what these volunteers have discovered is that Special Olympics is the type of charity that gives back more than it asks from those who become involved. In fact most who participate continually go back year after year, according to Kim Lay who has volunteered for the past seven years.

“It’s something you never forget. They work just as hard as any other athlete. And all they really want is someone at the end of the line cheering them on. In fact the feeling brought on by these special athletes is one so magical to witness that both her and Ramsay’s sons have volunteered for the past several years as well. Ramsay has worked at the Olympics for the past eight years. Many family members of IEC employees also give their time year after year, Lay said.

Oklahoma’s first Special Olympics was held in 1969 at the University of Tulsa and with that came the need for volunteers. Over the years, Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives have grown their involvement to become the largest group of volunteers in the state, according to Member Services Manager David Wilson.

“Co-op volunteers can always be seen as we are the ones in the bright neon yellow shirts,” Eulert said. Although she did not have a count as to how many of the 2500 volunteers were from Oklahoma co-ops, she did say that there are always a lot of shirts that can be seen.

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“The smile on their faces is the reward. They work so hard and yet with their smile, they give back to me,” IEC employee and Special Olympics volunteer, Amanda Ramsay said. A like-minded sentiment well said and shared by all 41 volunteers from IEC who gave their time to those who, like professional athletes, gave all they had.

IEC employees have been volunteering their time since at least 2001, according to Member Services Representative Clara Eulert. She has been a regular volunteer since 2004 missing only this past year due to circumstances where she was out of town. She explained that every year IEC sends as many people as they can to work with these special athletes.

“We are very committed to being involved in the community and Special Olympics is just one more way we can achieve this goal, IEC General Manager Jack Clincscale said. It is all voluntary though. And





This year's Olympics were held at OSU on May 13 through 15. Those cold rainy mornings at the university gave volunteers the opportunity to see just how determined these athletes are to compete. As Ramsay said, "other athletes need to watch these Olympians and be inspired as to how they act." She explained that

not only do they battle with their handicaps just to compete but will also battle the elements to win. And that is a true athlete, she added.

The volunteers from IEC mostly work in the

track and field events, according to Eulert. Some keep time while others help prepare the athletes at the starting line. But it is by far everyone's favorite, to be on the receiving end when those tired bodies with smiling faces run into their arms, according to both Lay and Ramsay.

"The kids always want to know if they have won a medal," Ramsay said. And if the athletes (age 5-60) do get a medal, they have to earn it. Once the event begins, volunteers cannot help the athletes in any way other than to yell support and encouragement from their positions," Lay said.

Competitions for the Olympics include: softball throw, shotput, weight lifting, long jump, wheel chair races, playing softball and many more. This year the Special Olympics Organization brought over 4,330 athletes to competitions, handed out over 3500 ribbons and 9000 medals to teams and individuals.

"I wouldn't change my experience with these athletes. I just want to take them all home. It's a great opportunity that our company lets us do this and I am very thankful," Ramsay said. ♦

## COWBOY HATS & HARD HATS

BY JACK CLINKSCALE

# IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

It appears that the rain is ending and summer has begun in earnest. It promises to be hot and while I could do without the humidity, I do love the long days. Thanks to Cleveland City Manager Elzie Smith and another fellow Rotarian, Bob Henderson, I learned to cook catfish at the recent Cleveland Catfish Festival. Now I know it is almost illegal to be born and raised in Oklahoma and not know how to cook catfish but I did not. My culinary skills don't go far past the microwave. They say you are never too old to learn and I am a prime example. The Festival was fun with a lot of activities for all ages and I'm sure it will become a regular event. The crowd was excellent and a whole lot of catfish, beans, hush puppies and other delicacies were served. One other thing I learned, cooking catfish for 1,500 people is a lot of work!

I also went to the Pawnee Bill Wild West Show in Pawnee and watched my lovely wife perform. She carried flags, performed on the drill team and in the relay race and played a "bad guy" trying to rob the stage and ravage the wagon train. She was even shot a couple of times but miraculously survived to fight again. I always thought I was a pretty fair hand with a horse, but anyone who saw the show realizes who the real cowpoke around our spread is. I highly recommend this show to someone looking for an entertaining evening without a long drive. This show is highly authentic and takes the efforts of many people who practice long hours to give city slickers, dudes and even real cowboys a taste of the wild, wild west.

I sometimes hear people say that there is nothing to do around this area, but I find just the opposite to be true. I have found many fun things to do within short driving distance. Now with the completion of the fabulous new BOK Center in Tulsa, we have world famous entertainers visiting regularly. By next year, the new baseball stadium should be finished in the downtown Tulsa area also. So no matter what your taste in entertainment, you can find something to suit you in this area. That may be the best economic stimulus we can find. ♦



# Recipe: Breakfast Pizza

## Crust

- (1) 8oz. Package Crescent rolls
- (1) 12oz. package frozen hashbrows with onions and green peppers - thawed
- (1) 1lb sausage

While browning sausage (crumbled), spread crescent rolls in a pizza pan. Cover with thawed potatoes and browned sausage. (Can refrigerate this overnight for next morning)

- 5 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk

# Recipe: Breakfast Pizza (cont)

- 1 cup grated cheese
- Beat eggs in milk. Pour over sausage & crust.
- Sprinkle with cheese
- Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.



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A Dialogue With America

Demand for electricity in America is growing. It is estimated that we will need 30% more electricity by 2030 and experts have warned that unless we do something soon, regions of the country could face electricity shortages as soon as 2011.

If Americans want to keep electricity safe, reliable and affordable, Congress and America's electric cooperatives must work together. Elected officials need to know that electric cooperatives, and their consumer-owners, stand ready to work with them to develop a plan.

Begin a dialogue with your legislators: ask the tough questions. Once you start, keep it going by visiting [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop).

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