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# SERVING IS ONLY 'COMMON' SENSE

By C.L. Harmon

**Y**ou could say he's a common man's man. That's

He's been a rancher and farmer all his life just like his grandfather, who paid \$5 in the early days of the co-op to have electricity brought out to the farm.

"I grew up with them in a sense," Peckenpaugh said about IEC. He felt like serving on the board was a good way to look after his grandfather's investment and the vested interest of all co-op members.

He explained that one way the board achieves its goal of protecting members is to always be looking five to ten years down the road for innovative ways to keep the power on.

"We are getting close to running out of electricity," Peckenpaugh said. He is referring to the way in which most of IEC's power is generated - the burning of coal. This is a natural resource that will eventually be depleted. But even more than that are the government regulations which are requiring power plants to reduce their carbon footprint by phasing coal out.

"The government says to lower emissions but doesn't tell us how," Peckenpaugh said. He explained that some are pushing to use natural gas instead of coal, but the price for natural gas would rise to the point that no one could afford it and so that is not a viable solution.

"To keep people in the same comfort zone they have now, we must use it all, wind, coal and natural gas. We are trying to do this by doing things like the light bulbs," he said. (IEC's \$1 donations to Operations Round-Up® in exchange for energy saving bulbs.)

He further explained that wind power is good as long as the wind is blowing and it seems to never blow when the temperatures

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what I said anyway and he wholeheartedly agreed. So we'll go with that since I believe he likes being labeled with such terminology. He's a down home country boy who lives on the same farm he was raised on and calls chasing his cows a hobby. He is also the next IEC board trustee to be interviewed for a series of stories allowing for those they serve to get to know them.

For 19 years Loris Peckenpaugh has been a straight shooter on the board of trustees, telling it like it is with statements like, "We only have one thing to sell and that is service." He then goes directly into talking about IEC employees and their dedication to co-op members and how well they represent IEC.

During the interview, he had a tendency to throw others in the limelight while he would shy away from it. He also liked to "let ole dogs lie" when it came to problems the board trustees have faced in past years.

He admits that he throws out the BS now and then, which, in many ways, describes his comical and laid back personality. But when it comes to business, he always tells the truth and tells it like it is.

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*Loris Peckenpaugh*

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reach 100 degrees. He also said that there needs to be a way to store the power it generates before it can have a major impact on reducing coal usage.

“If we spent as much time on studying coal as we do wind, we would have already solved the (emission) problem,” he said.

In closing he said that he will continue to serve as long as his health and ability allow. It is evident that he loves being a member of the board of trustees and believes the diversity of the current members help them all to look in new directions for ways to meet the never-ending challenges facing the co-op...and that’s no BS.

He just celebrated his

43rd wedding anniversary to his wife Shirley. They have two grown children, his son Lee and Mary Peckenpaugh, his daughter Sharla and Cal Van Winkle. They has three grandchildren, Trey, Tallie and Levi.

Before finishing the interview, he had to let his sense of humor shine through one last time.

“Just call me back if you want some more BS,” he said. After a chuckle or two he added, “I am what I am.” And with that and another chuckle, he said goodbye. ♦



*Loris Peckenpaugh IEC Trustee District 3*

# SUCCESS LIFTS YOUTH TOUR PROGRAM WINNERS SKY HIGH

by Clara Eulert

**T**he annual IEC Youth Tour programs offer opportunities for success to young leaders. The evening of March 24th, marked the 48th annual speech contest. Four high school junior finalists, with visions of success in their eyes and 4 team oriented eighth graders earned their places in Youth Tour history. Rising to the expectations of

their judges and exceeding them, the junior participants seized success, winning all expense paid summer trips to Washington, D.C. and Youth Leadership Camp in Colorado, while the eighth grade teams won similar trips to YouthPower Energy Camp in Oklahoma.

High school junior students in the IEC service territory are invited annually to

participate in the Youth Tour essay, video and speech contest. This year the four finalists were polished and focused as they supported their research and opinions regarding energy efficiency to the three contest judges over the assigned topic, “Electric Cooperatives - Charged to Power the Future”.

IEC heartily congratulates Hominy High School junior, Danielle Trower, daughter of Darlene Lowrance of Hominy and Pawnee High School junior, Macey Skidgel, daughter of Lori and Dwayne Skidgel of Pawnee winners of the Youth Tour trips to Washington D.C., scheduled for June. Youth Tour winners also have the added opportunity to compete in the Youth Leadership Council. YLC is a national competition ultimately selecting the top future leader prospect from the over 1500 Youth Tour winners nationwide. Winners of YLC will enjoy 3 additional all expense paid trips in 2011 and 2012. The first trip is a return trip to Washington D.C. for additional touring, leadership and public speaking training this summer. The second and third trips include, touring and speaking engagements to represent the Youth Tour Program at the national and statewide annual meetings for electric cooperatives in 2012. San Diego, California is the location of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting, Mar 1 – 9, 2012. Oklahoma City, OK will be the location for the statewide meeting April 10, 2012.

Additional congratulations go to the winners of Cooperative



*Danielle Trower*



*Macey Skidgel*



*Brandon Powell*



*Veronica Kuznitsky*

Youth Leadership Camp trips, high school juniors, Brandon Powell, son of Noleen and David Powell of Pawnee and Veronica Kuznitsky accompanied by Ms. Rachael Roberts of Pawnee. The CYLC winners will be traveling in July. CYLC winners will also have additional opportunities while at camp to participate in the Ambassador program. Winners would earn a free trip back to the Colorado Rocky Mountain camp as an ambassador their senior year.

IEC also offers leadership opportunities for younger students through the YouthPower Energy Camp Team Essay contest. Two teams of two eighth grade students from Oilton

Elementary School won the contest this year. Exercising their leadership skills and acquiring new ones, each team researched and wrote an essay on the assigned topic; “Waste Not – Want Not” supporting their research on energy efficiency. All Energy Camp winners will attend

camp, May 31 – June 3.

Congratulations to Energy Camp winners, Shelby Marks, Brittany Ray, Brittany Simmons and Megan Poyndexter. Marks is the daughter of Sharon Marks & Shiro Okazaki of Oilton.

Ray is the daughter of Telesha and Butch Ray of Oilton. Simmons is the daughter of Melissa Wise and Judson Barnes of Oilton. Poyndexter is the niece of Sue and Rodney Martin of Silver City.

Youth Tour will begin again in the fall. Interested contestants for the 2012 Youth Tour programs can find contest information on our website

[www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com) after the beginning of the 2012 school year or by contacting Clara Eulert at (918) 295-9558. Classroom visits are available by appointment.

Sky high success awaits you in 2012. ♦



*Back: Shelby Marks, Brittany Simmons, Brittany Ray, Megan Poyndexter*

*Front: Brandon Powell, Macey Skidgel, Veronica Kuznitsky, Danielle Trower*

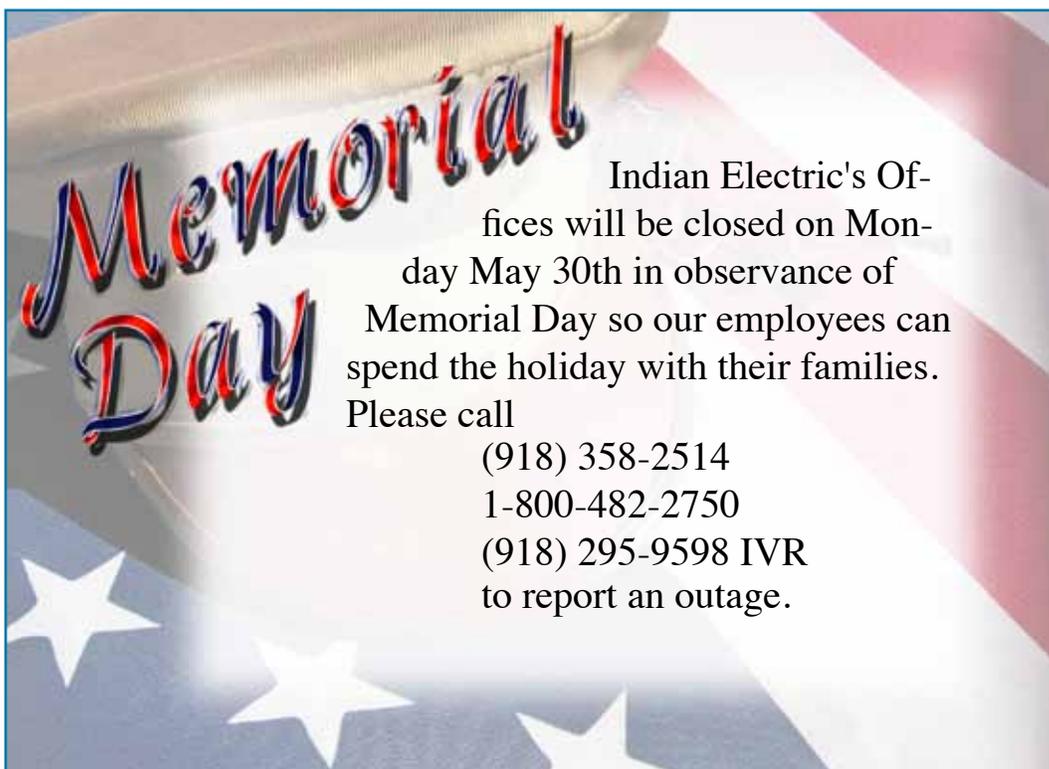
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**District 6 filing period May 2 through May 12, 2011**

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If unsure of your district it can be found on your IEC bill in the account summary box or you can call the IEC office at 918-358-2514



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## Recipe: Ranch Potato Salad

6 eggs	1 1/2 teaspoons salt
10 red potatoes	1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup mayonnaise	1/8 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup ranch dressing	1/8 teaspoon celery seed
1/3 cup dill pickle relish	1 onion, chopped
2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard	1/4 cup pepperoncini (optional)
1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)	

Boil, peel and chop eggs. Boil, peel and cube potatoes. Stir together the mayonnaise, ranch dressing, relish, mustard, salt, pepper, paprika, and celery seed in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs, potatoes, onion, pepperoncini, and olives; stir until evenly mixed. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

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