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IEC ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Nice temperatures, great prizes and family entertainment welcomed the 897 registered members to the 72nd Annual meeting of Indian Electric Cooperative Inc. held Thursday, August 11th.

Most members agree this was one of the smoothest annual meetings. The Pawnee County Sheriff managing the parking, the golf carts used to assist members, the quick registration and awarding the grand prize all went smoothly.

Thank you to all the members that brought their bill to expedite registration. We registered 317 members in the first twenty minutes. All total, 577 members brought their bill. Members that registered with their bill were entered into a drawing for a \$100 bill credit; the winner was Gary D. Tucker, Cleveland, OK.

After registering, members browsed the food court and The Busi-

ness and Arts spotlight in front of the Event Center. The band Ed Turley and the Midnight Special entertained during the registration. During the business meeting, members were entertained by comedian Matt Jernigan.

Forty prizes were given away during the meeting. The grand prize winner of the 2011 Dixon SpeedZTR 42 SE riding lawn mower was Dolores Martin, Pawnee, OK.

Members were given and asked to complete the annual meeting survey. Returned surveys were also entered into a drawing for a

\$100 bill credit; the winner was Terry and Debbie Turner, Pawnee, OK.

IEC would like to thank the members who attended the 2011 Annual meeting and invite those that didn't to join us next year. ♦



Britany Overstreet helping register a member for the meeting.



Matt Jernigan entertained our members.

An amazing 577 out of the 897 total registered members brought their bill this year!

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GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

School has started once again. The trend has been that more and more schools are having to do without. But, education is important for children and IEC believes strongly in supporting school districts within its territory.

Many people may believe that since IEC is a non-profit organization, we aren't required to pay taxes. IEC doesn't pay income taxes on energy sales, but we do pay what is called a Gross Receipts Tax. Ninety-five percent of the dollars paid to the gross receipts tax goes directly to our local schools.

This tax is basically a sales tax on natural resources and energy consumed in Oklahoma. All Oklahoma utilities are taxed in one form or another. The unique advantage of being served by an electric cooperative is that the taxes we pay (gross receipts tax) directly benefit the local school district in which the tax is assessed.

IEC pays two percent of its total gross receipts to 28 different schools. Each school receives an amount determined by the miles of line in its school district. The chart to the right shows a breakdown of gross receipts paid out in 2010 per school district.

IEC paid \$850,395.56 on 3,499.68 miles of line to 28 schools in its seven-county territory. ♦



<u>School</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Taxes Paid</u>
ALLEN BOWDEN	0.66	\$160.38
BILLINGS	0.13	\$31.30
BOWRING	15.04	\$3,654.61
BRISTOW	28.81	\$7,000.61
CLEVELAND	563.16	\$136,843.60
CUSHING	59.62	\$14,487.63
DEPEW	0.04	\$9.72
DRUMRIGHT	58.13	\$14,126.25
FRONTIER	160.91	\$39,100.36
GLENCOE	4.48	\$1,087.88
HOMINY	178.21	\$43,304.41
JENNINGS	59.30	\$14,409.41
KELLYVILLE	3.55	\$862.62
KEYSTONE	174.59	\$42,423.76
MANNFORD	280.64	\$68,194.14
MORRISON	56.72	\$13,783.01
OILTON	57.47	\$13,964.66
OLIVE	206.28	\$50,124.87
PAWHUSKA	93.07	\$22,615.31
PAWNEE	474.09	\$115,200.90
PONCA CITY	48.15	\$11,700.23
PRETTY WATER	45.69	\$11,102.33
PRUE	46.01	\$11,179.37
SAND SPRINGS	91.92	\$22,336.83
SHIDLER	106.04	\$25,767.12
WOODLAND	406.10	\$98,679.79
WYNONA	109.91	\$26,708.32
YALE	170.94	\$41,536.18
	3,499.68	\$850,395.56

Indian Electric's Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day so our employees can spend the holiday with their families.

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to report an outage.

WILDFIRES RAGE ACROSS IEC'S TERRITORY

By C.L. Harmon

It's probably safe to say that had Smokey the Bear made a home in the Pawnee County woods, he would certainly have a few explicatives to describe his dismay at the rural fires that have recently ravaged many areas in the southern end of the county.

And he wouldn't be the only one. There were probably several IEC members with explicatives of their own who lost power when the fires were not even near their homes. Due to the various intense fires that burned approximately 15,000 acres from Aug. 6-8, many electric poles were burned causing \$275,000.00 in damage to IEC's system and wide spread power outages. Several sub-stations had to be shut down as well. There were nine

sub-stations in all without power at any given time during the fires, according to IEC officials.

"Some may call it a perfect storm, with fire and storms all hitting at once.", Rick Davis, Manager of Operations said. "I have never seen anything like this in my 40 plus years with IEC," he added. At one point IEC had 7200 members without power from the extreme conditions of the fire and the thunderstorms which followed.

The fires started just west of Hwy. 48 in the Terilton area and moved west, for the most part staying north of Hwy. 51 and south of Hwy. 412. However, due to the circumstances of strong



winds, dry conditions and an abundance of cedar trees, the small blazes began jumping the highway eventually becoming a fire storm sweeping everything in its path to embers and ashes.

The substation outages were caused by high winds downing KAMO Power's transmission structures and the inability to back feed from another direction due to the fires. KAMO is IEC's power provider. KAMO and IEC employees, worked diligently to repair downed lines and help firefighters and homeowners.

IEC employees Shawn Ledford and Jon Compton were helping fight the fires with an IEC spray rig. Down the road they noticed a family leaving their home due to the encroaching flames. The family took as many possessions

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as they could carry with them fearing the fire would burn down their home. However, when they returned with the thought that they would find their home to be a smoking pile of rubble, they found Shawn and Jon there fighting the fire. These two IEC employees had saved their home; now that's service.



Another issue that may have caused a few explicatives was the phone situation when members called to report outages. IEC received complaints that no one could be reached during the fires. IEC wants its members to know that outages were being reported, but due to the high volume of calls people were getting a busy signal and confusing it with an out of service phone. "With so many members without power our phone lines were full. We ask for everyone's understanding when we have outages on this scale as we don't have the phone lines or personnel to handle 7000 phone calls at one time," Manager of Member Services David Wilson said. ♦

OUR MAIN OFFICE LINE HAS CHANGED

In order to better serve our members we have changed our phone provider options. This includes changing our main office number to better handle the calls as they come into our office.



(918) 295 - 9500

Recipe: Baked Honey Mustard Chicken

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves	salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup honey	1/2 cup prepared mustard
1 teaspoon dried basil	1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Sprinkle chicken breasts with salt and pepper to taste, and place in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the honey, mustard, basil, paprika, and parsley. Mix well. Pour 1/2 of this mixture over the chicken, and brush to cover. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Turn chicken pieces over and brush with the remaining 1/2 of the honey mustard mixture. Bake for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.

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