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Donnie and Melisa Lucas of Murrayville with their daughters, Isabella and Dakota.

★ *Congratulations* to Donnie and Melisa Lucas
★ for winning the electric car giveaway! ★



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2015 Youth Day participants with David Nance, an Abraham Lincoln presenter and historian.

Illinois Electric Cooperative is sponsoring its "Youth to Washington" and "Youth to Springfield" programs this spring. Illinois Electric Cooperative and its sister cooperatives across the state have sponsored these programs for 57 years in an attempt to introduce students to government and the political process. Today, many "alumni" of these programs work in state or federal government or have gone on to serve as elected officials. Two retired members of the Illinois General Assembly are "alumni" of our programs.

Each year, nearly 300 outstanding students get an up close and first hand look at democracy in action when they meet their elected representatives during Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day.

Illinois Electric Cooperative will sponsor four sophomore or junior students from each high school in its service area on an all-expense paid bus trip to Springfield on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

During the day students and their counterparts from other western Illinois high schools will meet their elected senators and representatives at the Capitol and learn first-hand about the workings of state government. In addition, the students will tour the Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Museum during the day.

The co-op will also sponsor four of these students on a week long, all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. on June 10-17, 2016. During the week in the nation's capital, the Illinois student contingent will hopefully meet with Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk. The U.S. Representatives will meet with students for a luncheon while on Capitol Hill.

Applications and parental consent forms must be received at the co-op office no later than March 11, 2016. If you have any questions or would like to attend Youth Day, please contact your school's guidance counselor.

Make Sure Your Phone Number Is Up-to-Date

Over the years, many members have done away with their landline telephones. Due to this, the co-op is sometimes unable to reach members without a current phone number in our system.

We ask that if you have changed your primary phone number or have a cell phone number that would be better to contact you through, please notify us.

A bill insert will be included with your February bill that you can use to give us the best number to reach you with. Those of you that receive an online bill will be able to update your phone number through email.

If for some reason you wish to not be contacted by the co-op for any reason other than an emergency, you can note that on the bill insert and we can remove your number from our system.



CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES

Fall 2016 CEO Program

In fall of 2016, the CEO, Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, program will expand to Pike, Greene, and Calhoun counties. The program is currently active in Morgan and Scott counties.

Applications are now being accepted. Students must be entering their senior year this fall to apply. To learn more about the program or for an application, please visit one of the websites below or speak with your guidance counselor.

morganscottceo.com
greenecalhounceo.com
pikeceo.com

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