



NEWS, NOTES & VIEWS 05/15



Shown (L-R) are: Row 1 Elizabeth Hall, Hannah White, Lauren Bauer, Isabella Curless, Taylor Carter, Samantha Clostermery, Molly Rush, Kortni Kemper, Rylie Crocker and Cole Burke. Row 2 Jessica Hall, Anley Jo Gerdes, Shiann Fearneyhough, Presley Fee, Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, Austin Ator, Jacob Wilson, Ethan Hart and Noah Sellars.

Students from across Illinois met with their legislative representatives during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, March 25th in Springfield. More than 250 students from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues.

While touring the Captiol complex students were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White and given the chance to meet David Nance an Abraham Lincoln presenter. Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Day participants met with Sen. Sam McCann, Sen. John Sullivan, and Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer.

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During lunch, Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to talk to their state senators and representatives about issues that interest them.

Wyatt Reid, the 2014-15 Illinois Youth Leadership Council Representative from Rock Energy Cooperative, spoke about his experiences on the Youth to Washington tour and challenged attendees to maintain an interest in their cooperatives and the political process. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

This program allows four high school students living in a home served by Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative to win a week-long, expenses paid trip to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C as part of the Youth to Washington program. This year's winners were Isabella Curless, daughter of Brian and Sandy Curless of Pittsfield, Shiann Fearneyhough, daughter of Melissa Fearneyhough of Bluffs, Kortni Kemper, daughter of Brad and Kristen Kemper of Winchester, and Presley Fee, daughter of Shane and Lisha Fee of Kinderhook.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 26 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.

Improving Transmission



Transmission poles being replaced on the Hillview blacktop near Winchester.

Prairie Power, the co-op's power supplier, has begun work on a new 138kV transmission line. The transmission line begins in Pike County and runs to Prairie Power's plant in Aalsey.

The new transmission line will give the co-op more redundancy and improve reliability, particularly for those west of the Illinois River. The additional feed is strung on steel poles, so it will be able to better sustain high winds.

With the construction of the new transmission line, about seven miles of co-op distribution line will be rebuilt due to sharing poles with Prairie Power. The project is estimated to be completed in September of this year.



Sign up for paperless billing and pay your bill online to enter to win a Chevy Volt!

The co-op will give away a Chevy Volt and install a charging station at a member's home in December 2015. Entering the drawing is easy. Visit the co-op's website, www.e-co-op.com.

Click on Login or Register under myBill. Next, click Register and enter your member information including your e-mail address. Make sure to choose Yes for paperless billing.

We'll e-mail you your bill. Then you pay your monthly statement online at e-co-op.com. Every time you receive a paperless bill and pay online, you've entered to win the Volt! You could have 12 chances to win.

If you are already signed up for paperless billing and pay online or bank draft, you are already entered.



2015 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 6th at the
Winchester Grade School

Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Prizes and Refreshments - Hope to see you there!

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