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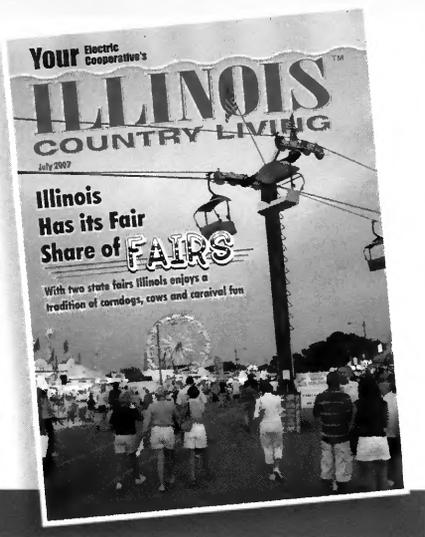
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Improving Illinois' Energy Future

Foundation is helping to improve energy practices in Illinois

As a founding Trustee and current Chair of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, I am pleased to report on how the foundation has put ideas into action. Founded in 1999 as an independent foundation with a \$225 million endowment from Commonwealth Edison, the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation has built strong partnerships with Illinois communities and those with allied interests, such as your own, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). Together we've made remarkable strides to improve our environmental quality through smart investments in clean energy development.

When I talk about clean energy, I know it means many things to many people: less pollution, a healthier environment, lower energy costs and less dependence on imported fuels. And clean energy comes in many forms, from energy efficient light bulbs and better building design to electricity generated from wind and solar.

Through prudent stewardship of the foundation's resources over its first seven years, our efforts have reached every corner of Illinois and helped create brighter, healthier and safer places to learn, work and live. All of us at the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation are committed to sustaining the momentum of our first seven years, and continuing to be a catalyst for new clean energy initiatives that strengthen the economy and quality of life in Illinois communities.

Over the past seven years, the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation has ramped up its support of clean energy investment in Illinois through a widening array of program initiatives.

These have spurred visible and measurable progress by helping charitable organizations and governments across Illinois capture the benefits coming from the use of energy efficiency and the development of renewable energy.

Through this April, Illinois Clean Energy has awarded more than 2,500 grants, totaling \$128 million that are supporting activity in all 102 counties in the state. We are proud of these numbers and the

results they produce in your community. I am going to put the spotlight on a sampler of those results.

Aiming to make energy efficiency the norm in public facilities operated by Illinois non-profits and governments, the foundation launched an effort that has led to more than 3,300 buildings—from K-12 schools to parks and libraries to colleges—having new energy efficient lighting and saved 94 megawatts (MW) of electricity. In addition, more than 150 municipalities across Illinois—from those with one to over 50 traffic signals—have upgraded to LED traffic signals at 3,500 intersections and saved over 17 MW of electricity with help from foundation grants. Combined, these energy efficiency investments are saving enough electricity to meet the needs of as many as 4,500 Illinois households. Equally important, these projects yield millions of dollars in annual savings for financially strapped schools, libraries, park districts, colleges and local governments.

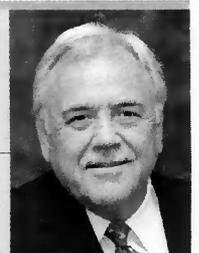
At the same time, Illinois Clean Energy has awarded grants to gain recognition and acceptance of leading-edge energy efficient building products and technologies not widely in use in Illinois. For example, in conjunction with the AIEC, the foundation has demonstrated the value of the use of geothermal systems in non-profit and government buildings. Geothermal installations have been made in over 36 counties across the state. Another has gained attention for an innovative reflective soy-based roof coating whose use saves energy and helps Illinois's agricultural economy.

Adding to its efficiency portfolio, Illinois Clean Energy provides "green" design grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to enable them to design and commission new state-of-the-art energy efficient buildings. Helping projects demonstrate "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" [LEED], the foundation can now point you to green buildings in every

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J. Philip Novak, Chairman of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, is the retired Chairman of the Illinois Pollution Control Board and a former State Representative.



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Help for Starting an Illinois Business

The state of Illinois has a Web site to assist you in starting or running your business. Go to <http://business.illinois.gov>.

The Illinois Business Portal can help you at any stage in your business life cycle. The portal recently added a new search engine to help you find the forms you need with greater ease. You can find over 1,000 forms online and hundreds can be submitted

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part of the state that save energy, have reduced operating costs and cause less pollution. These green buildings include elementary schools and high schools, college buildings, museums, nature centers, community centers, affordable housing developments, a police station, a disaster operations center and a courthouse.

The foundation is also focusing its grant support on helping to make possible the installation of wind turbines to generate power for local facilities. Based on a feasibility analysis to identify optimal locations and economic sizing and financing for turbine installations, the foundation grants have led to 16.5 MW of wind power coming from the first 10 community wind projects supported by the foundation. The first two such projects are now in operation: a 660-kilowatt (kW) turbine at the Bureau Valley High School and a 1.65-MW turbine installed by AIEC member Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative. On track to be installed are turbines by another AIEC member, a municipal electric utility, two state universities and two additional K-12 schools.

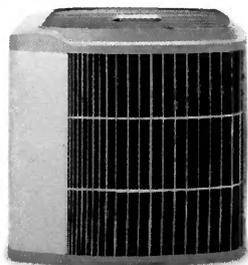
At the same time, Illinois Clean Energy is finding opportunities to establish the potential of solar for meeting future energy needs. Foundation grants support the installation of photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal systems in LEED qualifying green buildings. In 2006, Illinois Clean Energy launched a new initiative to educate today's school-aged generation about the potential of solar power. The foundation is supporting installation of 1 kW PV systems at K-12 schools with a commitment to integrate renewable energy into their base curricula. In the first wave, 22 schools installed PV systems. More will be supported this year. The foundation is also sponsoring the Illinois School Solar Web site as well as teacher training workshops.

Based on our track record to date, I hope you can agree with me that the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation is helping to set a clear course for Illinois' energy future. That future depends on clean energy. It's here. It's real. It's working. So let's make more! ■

Air Conditioners Are More Efficient Than Ever

Air conditioners and heat pumps, if not sized properly, can use more electricity than necessary to cool a home. Fortunately, new units are available with two-stage compressors and multi-speed condenser fans that dramatically improve energy efficiency and comfort.

During the hottest weather, you may need the full capacity of your air conditioner or heat pump to keep your home



comfortable. During this full-time operation, standard air conditioners run at their maximum efficiency. But during moderate weather, old-fashioned air conditioners will cycle on and off to keep from over-cooling your home. This stop-and-go operation is inherently inefficient, since a lot of energy is wasted during the startup and shutdown part of each cycle.

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compressor and a multi-speed outdoor condenser fan operate at lower capacity during moderate weather. This results in longer cycles and improved efficiency. It also allows your system to remove more humidity from the air. When the weather is truly hot, they step up to full-speed operation to assure your comfort.

You can learn more about air conditioners and heat pumps at the Energy Star® Web site: www.energystar.gov.

Source: Chris Dorsi, www.srmi.biz. ■

Facing the Hard Realities of Energy and Environment

NRECA CEO Glenn English took strong exception to a May 14 story in The Washington Post, which he said “misstates the position” of co-ops on reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

“The issue isn’t whether or not electric cooperatives will act to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, but rather how to achieve reductions with as little pain to both consumers and our economy as possible,” English said.

“We believe technology offers the way of both reducing carbon levels while minimizing substantial rate increases,” he added. “We must use all the tools available to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, not just the economic bludgeon of high rates as a draconian force to reduce consumption.”

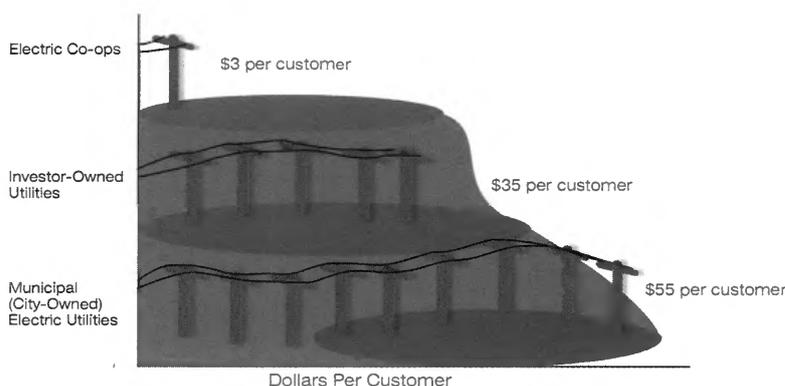
The article took issue with government loans for co-ops to build coal plants. English said carbon emissions programs must be based on technology that’s realistic and achievable, noting a recent Electric Power Research Institute study concluded there is no single best solution to reducing emissions.

The institute emphasized increased energy efficiency; more renewable energy development; expansion of nuclear power; better coal plant efficiency; hybrid plug-in vehicles; carbon capture technologies; and distributed energy resources.

At East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Winchester, KY, spokesman Kevin Osbourn warned that eliminating federal assistance will raise costs, and any rate increases will hit those least able to afford them.

“A large percentage of those served by our member co-ops have incomes that fall below the federal poverty line. We have some member co-ops serving counties that are 20 to 30 percent below the federal poverty line,” Osbourn

Federal Assistance To Electric Utilities



All electric utilities receive federal subsidies in one form or another, as confirmed by the Congressional Research Service. Calculations based on federal government financial reports show that rural electric cooperatives receive the least amount of subsidy per customer: \$3 compared to \$35 for IOUs and \$55 for city-owned utilities

Source: Congressional Research Service; NRECA; latest data available from Departments of Energy and Agriculture (2003).

said. “Many, many people are on fixed or low incomes.”

“Our efforts are aimed at keeping power costs as low as possible for members while protecting the environment. We’re building clean coal plants. We’re adding renewable energy plants and promoting conservation. And we think that’s the most reasonable, prudent course we can take,” Osbourn said.

Power magazine Editor-In-Chief Robert Peltier also sided with clean coal technology. With a growing demand for electricity, Peltier told CNBC, “There are no green technologies that can keep up with this tremendous growth rate.”

Pointing to the vast supply of coal, Peltier added, “We have 300 years worth of reserves in the ground that can provide energy security for this country. And to ignore it is, I think, folly.”

Source: Michael W. Kahn, Electric Co-op Today. ■

Abundant Energy Resources Homegrown in Illinois

 Illinois is the nation's #1 soybean producer and, with the elimination of the state sales tax on biodiesel, Illinois is becoming the largest biodiesel market in the country.

 Illinois is the nation's #2 corn producer and, with advances in biotechnology, we expect to dramatically increase the amount of corn we produce over the next 10 years.

 Illinois has 38 billion tons of coal—the nation's third largest coal reserve—that can be transformed into clean diesel fuel, home heating gas and electricity. ■

Coal-to-Liquids Facility Could be Located in Illinois

The Office of Fossil Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory has issued a report that examines the feasibility of a commercial 50,000-barrel per day coal-to-liquids (CTL) facility in the Illinois coal basin. CTL could capitalize on domestic energy resources while providing a hedge against rising oil and natural gas prices.

The price of coal-derived liquid fuels has traditionally been unable to compete with the price of fuels derived from crude oil. That's changing with rising oil prices. Combine the economic with national security concerns

and coal, America's most abundant energy resource, may provide a winning option.

Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-19) introduced legislation in May that would extend the existing alternative fuel tax credits to liquid fuel derived from coal.

"While we are facing record high oil prices, all fuel prices have risen as well. This has caused increased transportation cost on all goods and other products derived from petroleum," Shimkus explained. "Our nation also has the largest reserves of coal in the world - nearly 250 billion tons of recoverable coal." ■

Slightly Warmer Than Average Temperatures Expected in July

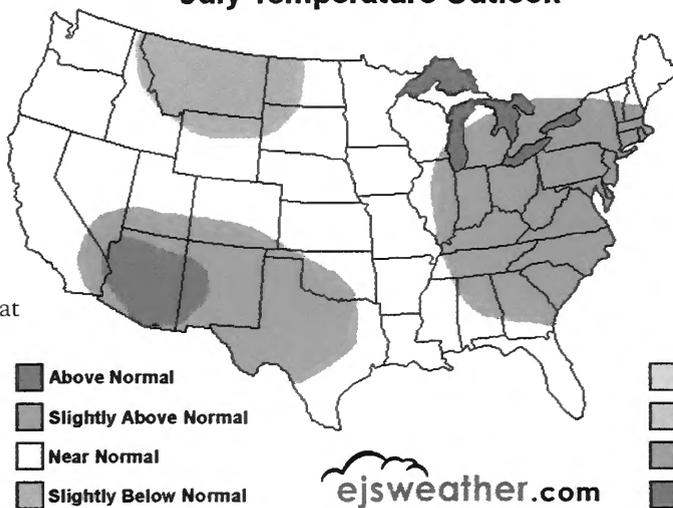
The month of July is expected to see mean temperatures that overall will average between 1 to 3 degrees above normal across Illinois.

A couple of factors are expected to aid in these slightly warmer than normal temperatures. The first is the presence of a weak to moderate La Nina that continues to persist across the Equatorial Pacific Ocean. History has shown that in times of La Nina, Illinois experiences warmer than normal summers a majority of the time.

Other climate indices such as the NAO (North Atlantic Oscillation) also indicate somewhat warmer temperatures for July. This index is forecasted to be neutral to positive, which means a weather pattern that features upper level ridging of high pressure across the eastern third of the country is likely throughout much of the month.

However, some long-range climate models do show signs of more progres-

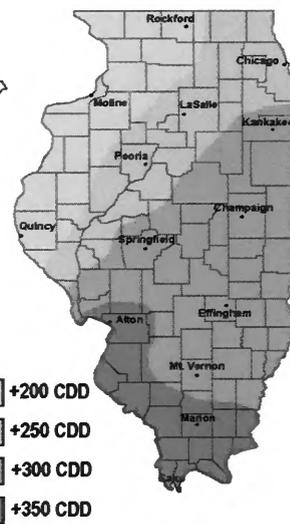
July Temperature Outlook



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-  Slightly Above Normal
-  Near Normal
-  Slightly Below Normal

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Projected Summer Cooling Degree Day Anomaly



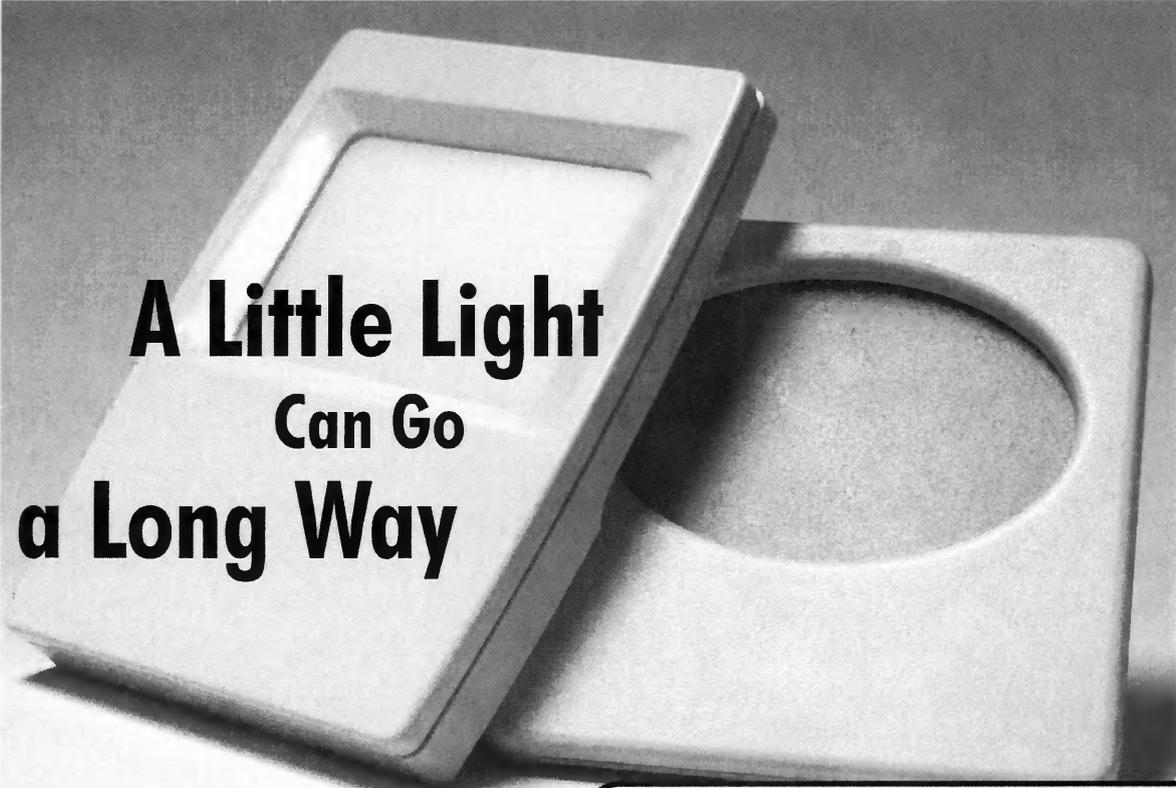
-  +200 CDD
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sive and fluctuating upper level weather patterns during July. This type of situation would allow cooler air masses to periodically move across the region and as a result would inhibit any extended heat waves from occurring.

By taking these models into consideration, a more near average to slightly warmer July is being

forecasted as opposed to a hotter July that often occurs during a La Nina.

The Illinois map this month shows the forecasted cooling degree-day anomaly for the June-August time period. It can be seen that total cooling degree-days are expected to be above normal across Illinois, which will result in higher cooling costs. ■



A Little Light Can Go a Long Way

It's natural to look for ways to make every corner of your home a little more bright and cozy. Yet with the price of electricity as high as it is, you probably don't want to keep your lights on any longer than you have to. So how do you add a warming glow of light to hallways, bedrooms and bathrooms? Simple: night-lights.

Night-lights are a great way to add convenience lighting to your home for just pennies a day. Available in a multitude of different styles, they're inexpensive to purchase and operate and can be used anywhere in your home. They radiate a comforting glow in bedrooms, bathrooms, hallways or any other area of your home where convenience lighting is needed after dark.

Night-lights are ideal for homes with toddlers, small children or seniors. Statistics show that one out of every three people over the age of 65 falls each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2/3 of them will unfortunately fall again within six months. Children, too, can wake up disoriented or afraid in a dark room.

A night-light can be a reassuring beacon in the dark for young and old alike. That's why the Leviton Institute recommends adding night-lights to your home lighting mix. There are a number of appealing options to consider when choosing night-lights for your home.

Here are some of the most popular:

- * LED night-lights use long-lasting (up to five years) energy-efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) instead of light bulbs. They are available in a rainbow of colors and an almost unlimited number of styles. LED night-lights are cool to the touch and energy efficient. They are suitable for any room in the home and are especially ideal for children's rooms.
- * Incandescent night-lights cast a soft, soothing glow with a small (typically 4-5watt), easy-to-replace bulb. They are economical and great for providing that extra measure of security.
- * Light Sensing night-lights feature an automatic sensor that turns the night-light ON at dusk, OFF at dawn, eliminating the need to manually switch them ON and OFF every day.
- * Sonar-activated night-lights respond to sound, switching ON and OFF again automatically after a short interval in response to sounds such as footsteps, breaking glass, tapping, knocking or worrisome noises.
- * Motion-sensor night-lights detect when you are walking by them and switch on to brighten your way. They create a safe path for family or guests, and then automatically switch off again, saving electricity.
- * Rotating night-lights can be shined up, down or anywhere you need to direct light within 360 degrees. These are ideal for lighting a safe way down hallways or staircases and make custom-tailored light levels easy.

Source: Leviton Institute



Illinois Has its Fair Share of FAIRS

With two state fairs Illinois enjoys a tradition of corndogs, cows and carnival fun

By Denise Guttery

More than 150 years ago state fairs were created across the nation to offer a central location for farmers to share ideas and offer suggestions on how to increase farm productivity. As the nation evolved, so did state fairs. Following the Civil War, increased knowledge of genetics led to the breeding and showing of purebred animals and in the first half of the 20th century, agricultural machinery manufacturers took advantage of the large audiences to demonstrate new products and ideas.

State fairs not only offer agricultural education, but also provide thousands of memories of carnival rides, corndogs, parades, and in Illinois, the unique opportunity to visit two state fairs—one in Springfield and one in DuQuoin.

On August 9, the 155th Illinois State Fair will begin with the traditional twilight parade and continue for 10 days. Illinoisans have been attending the state fair in Springfield since the 1850s and State Fair Manager Amy Bliefnick hopes the trend continues in 2007.

“Our attendance has stayed pretty much in the same ballpark each year,” says Bliefnick. “Last year we had a slight increase and had around 750,000 people attend the 2006 Illinois State Fair.”

Bliefnick is in her second year as the Illinois State Fair Manager and is the first woman to hold the title. It is important to her to maintain the traditions that have made the Illinois State Fair so successful, but she also wants to make new traditions for generations to come.

“I wanted to continue the events that have been here for generations, such as the butter cow and the horse show,” says Bliefnick. “But we also wanted to add something new and we did that with the daily parade.”

Every day at 4 p.m. a parade begins in the Jungle and makes it way up Main Street, ending just past the Grandstand. Bliefnick added that she hopes those people who come to the fair early, will stay through the parade, and those who come later in the day will come out earlier to watch the parade.

“It is kind of Disney like,” said Bliefnick. “Nothing makes a person happier than hearing music down the street.”

Bliefnick says that the state fair in Springfield is more than just carnival rides and lemon shakeups, it is a chance to learn. Which makes this year’s fair theme “Celebrate and Educate” so appropriate.

“We really pride ourselves in being the lowest admission price in the entire nation,” says Bliefnick. “So you can come to the fair for almost nothing in the admission fee.”

Admission fees are \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and children 12 and under are free. That includes numerous free events for all ages, including Happy Hollow, where you can see five different animal acts; Kids Corner, to get your face painted or watch a puppet show; and 16 different entertainment stages.

With all the different events, activities and buildings,

there is no one main draw at the state fair. It all depends on what you want to see or do. And with so many people attending the fair, it is no wonder that it has a major economic impact on the state.

Bliefnick says that in 2000, the University of Illinois completed an economic impact study and the state fair's economic impact on the state was \$39 million.

Bliefnick says vendors and exhibitors are an important part of the state fair and that they have a return rate of about 95 percent. Some of the vendors and exhibitors at the fair have been there for generations, and are some of the reasons why people attend the state fair.

"People come to the fairgrounds for different reasons whether it is a cattle show, a carnival ride, a race or grandstand event or just craving a Vose's corndog," says Bliefnick.

One of those returning vendors is Bob Vose, owner of Vose's Corndog stand. Vose began working at the Illinois State Fair in 1948, delivering ice, and has made many friends. One friend, Bill Foster, would lead Vose down the road of operating a concession stand.

In 1966, Foster became ill and was unable to attend the fair and arranged for Vose to use his location. "I really didn't know what I was getting into when I agreed to help out," says Vose. "I had to call in reinforcements." And



DuQuoin – The Other State Fair

One man's vision creates a second state fair for Illinois

The Illinois State fair is not the only state fair held annually in Illinois. The DuQuoin State Fair is held each August in DuQuoin. It began as the vision of William R. Hayes and has continued on to this day.

A trip to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 with his mother and sisters left a lasting impression on Hayes and probably sparked his interest in creating the fair in DuQuoin.

Before starting his dream of creating a fair Hayes started out peddling soft drinks from a pushcart and eventually becoming the patriarch of the DuQuoin Coca Cola Bottling Company, the Midwest Dairy Products Company, and a chain of 19 movie theaters.

Hayes was fond of saying, "If you're going to do something, do it all the way." And he did that by convincing investors to contribute to his vision of creating the "state" fair.

On 30-acres south of DuQuoin, Hayes' vision became a reality. In 1923 the first fair drew more than 60,000 to witness harness racing, auto racing, a dog show, an auto show and a speech by Len Small, then Governor of Illinois. All of those events plus many more were done without electric lights.

The following year, another first occurred at the DuQuoin State Fair. Under newly installed electric lights, the fair staged the first night horse show ever held.

In 1939 Hayes bought the Old Black Gold Strip Mine that joined his original 30 acres and turned the fair into what it is today: more than 1,200 acres with 12 lakes and ponds, 30 miles of winding roadways, showplace mansion and stables, 18,000-seat grandstand, and the mile oval track that yearly showcases the World Trotting Derby.

Some Illinoisans might not know that the first and most prestigious event in the United States Trotting Triple Crown races called Illinois home from 1957-1980. The Hambletonian, an annual United States harness racing event for three-year-old trotting standardbreds, was held at the DuQuoin State Fair until it was moved to its present location in The Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Even though the Hambletonian is no longer held at the DuQuoin State Fair, harness racing is still a tradition. People travel across the country to DuQuoin to see the World Trotting Derby, the international harness racing championship.

For the first 63 years, the DuQuoin State Fair was privately owned, but today is owned and operated by the State of Illinois. The fair educates the public about agriculture, as well as entertaining the public. There are a variety of highlights to the 2007 DuQuoin State Fair for everyone in the family such as daily livestock shows, exhibits, a petting zoo and Conservation World.

The fair runs from Aug. 25 to Sept. 3. The fairground opens daily at 10 a.m. and carnival rides begin at noon on the weekends and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Parking and admission is \$5. Other entertainment acts and events are being finalized. For more information visit the DuQuoin State Fair Web site at www.agr.state.il.us/dq/ or call the ticket office at 618-542-1535.



Take your children to the FFA Barnyard to see farm animals up close.



Numerous fair goers wait for a Vose corndog.

Vose's reinforcements consisted of his wife, Virginia, and six kids.

In 1967, Foster returned to his stand; however, Vose and his brothers decided to rent space and open their own concession stand. It took two years of sampling corndogs before the famous Vose's corndog was created. When asked what makes his corndogs so tasty, Vose replied with a chuckle and a smile, "Grandma's recipe. I don't even tell my wife, as she might get rid of me."

Vose went on to say that his brother-in-law was in the milling business and a friend of his helped them on their well-known corndogs, but in regards to the recipe, he left it at that.

Vose recalled his first year of selling corndogs and meeting everyone. "We had people stop by and they would say 'see ya next year and we will send our grandkids here' and then the next year people would come up and say 'my granddad said I better stop by Voses'," says Vose. Vose said to keep people coming back year after year, you have to treat people right and put out a good product at a fair price. And for 39 years, that is what he has been doing.

Vendors are not the only ones that keep attending the state fair year after year. Gene Bergschneider has been attending the Illinois State Fair in Springfield since he was a

young boy. And the family tradition has been passed on to his children and grandchildren.

"It has always been an enjoyable time and something I get to share with my children and grandchildren," says Bergschneider, who will attend his 59th Illinois State Fair in 2007. Bergschneider began showing cattle when he was 13 years old, showing Angus, Hereford and Short-horned steers, but now he focuses on Hereford heifers and steers.

The planning process for showing at the fair begins more than a year in advance for Bergschneider. "It is a year round job and we have already started to pick out the 2008 show calves," says Bergschneider. Bergschneider added that the show calves are usually weaned during the fall and he starts to break them to lead right away. Currently, his focus is on preparing steers for the 2007 state fair.

"Right now, they just receive a little extra care," says Bergschneider. "This year we will show three or four. I know that we do not have any grand champions, but we will be respectable."

Over the years, Bergschneider has never won grand champion, but he has been close. He has had some division champions, reserve champions and Land of Lincoln champions. Winning is a nice feather to add to

his cap, but Bergschneider just enjoys doing it.

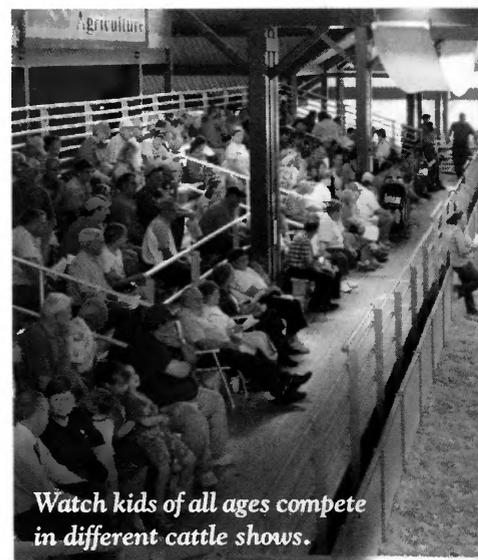
Bergschneider says he should quit showing, but just doesn't want to. He is having too much fun.

"I like a lot of the other parts of the fair, not just showing cattle," says Bergschneider. Whether it is attending horse races or eating a pork chop on a stick, Bergschneider enjoys what the fair has to offer. And he especially appreciates what it does for the agricultural industry.

"You would be surprised at how many people I have talked to that do not know where their breakfast cereal comes from," says Bergschneider. "You ask them and they think it just comes from somewhere." Bergschneider says the general public is able to get a better understanding about agriculture and where their food comes from because the fair is putting the information out there for everyone.

With 150 buildings covering more than 300 acres, the Illinois State fair is a great place to spend a summer day, or even 10 summer days, to "Celebrate and Educate."

Springfield and DuQuoin are not the only places in Illinois where you can enjoy the typical fair events and



Watch kids of all ages compete in different cattle shows.

activities. The county fairs in Illinois have a lot of entertainment value as well. Although the first 13 county fairs in June have passed, there are 92 fairs still ready to supply all the fun you can stand from July until September 14.

For more information on the Illinois State Fair visit www.illinoisstatefair.info and for a schedule of the county fairs in Illinois go to the Illinois Association of Agriculture Fairs Web site at www.illinoiscountyfairs.org or the Illinois Department of Agriculture Web site at www.agr.state.il.us/fair. ■

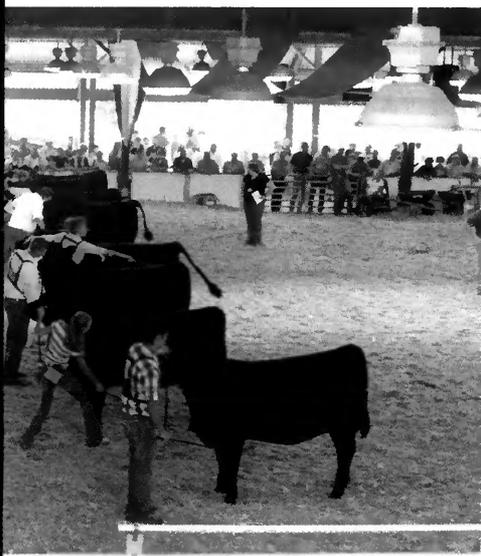
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Aug. 17	Martina McBride with Carolyn Dawn Johnson
Aug. 18	USAC Silver Crown Series Auto Races
Aug. 18	Joe Walsh
Aug. 19	ARCA Super Series Auto Races
Aug. 19	Sugarland with Joe Nichols

Arena Events

Aug. 10-11	PRO-AM Arena Cross & Freestyle Motocross
Aug. 13-15	ITPA presents Truck & Tractor Pulls
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For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.illinoisstatefair.info.



There are events throughout the year at the fairgrounds, and the past two years the fairgrounds have hosted the National High School Finals Rodeo, known as the "World's Largest Rodeo."

From July 22-28, more than 1,500 contestants from 39 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia will attend the 2007 National High School Rodeo Finals. Contestants will compete for national titles, awards and scholarships.

The new \$9.3 million Multi-Purpose Arena hosted the 2000-2001 National High School Finals.

This is the fourth time since 2000 that Springfield has hosted the annual rodeo and the benefits have continued to pay off.

In 2000 the University of Illinois completed an economic impact study on the rodeo and found that 10,000 hotel room nights were used, creating an economic impact of \$6.3 million.

The rodeo added \$500,000 in state sales taxes. In addition to traditional visitor expenditures, rodeo participants and their traveling parties also required feed, bedding and veterinarian and blacksmith services to accommodate 3,500 horses and livestock.

For more information, visit www.nhsra.org.

Charlyn Fargo, Bureau Chief of County Fairs and Horse Racing for the Illinois Department of Agriculture office is also helping the National High School Rodeo Association try to find horses to lease for the upcoming National High School Finals.

Fargo says, "If you know anyone with a rodeo-experienced horse that would be available for lease, please call our office at 217-782-4231. We're



putting together a catalog of horses available for contestants who cannot bring their own horses with them."

In order for horses to be listed in the 2007 Horse Leasing Catalog, call for an application or go on-line and print one at www.illinoisstatefair.info. If you have questions call or e-mail charlyn.fargo@illinois.gov.

Fire Safety Home Improvements

How to create fire-safe landscaping and other improvements

Development into forests, grasslands and farms has put lives, property and natural resources at risk from wildfires. Building or remodeling to make a fire-resistant house, along with fire-safe landscaping, can assist in protecting against these types of fires.

According to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, untreated wooden shake roofs are the number one cause of home losses to wildland fires. Replacing these roofs with metal, clay or fire resistant asphalt shingles will decrease the potential threat. All combustible materials such as over hanging branches, needles and other debris should be removed from the roof periodically.

Siding materials such as brick, concrete block, poured concrete, stucco or metal should be considered in high-risk locations. Siding material should be at least ½-inch thick and extend from the ground to the roofline.

Windows are another consideration. Trees or brush should not be within 30 feet of windows. Double paned windows with metal blinds are a good choice. Avoid flammable curtains. Vent openings should be screened with ¼-inch mesh.

Constructing balconies and decks with fire resistant materials will decrease the risk of structure loss. Accumulated debris from below slotted deck surfaces should be removed regularly. Deck supports should be made of non-combustible materials or encased.

Electric power lines and tree branches should have a 10-foot clearance between them. Do not try to clear tree material that is within a tree length of the power line yourself — contact the local utility. Propane tanks should be at least 30 feet from a structure, and combustible material should be cleared at

least 10 feet away from the tank.

Cover chimney outlets with wire screen that has a mesh size less than ½-inch. Outlet clearances for chimneys should be maintained a minimum of 24-inches from the roof peak and at least 35-inches from the outlet to the roof directly below.

Mobile homes should have non-combustible skirting, and tie downs used if the installation is mobile or semi-permanent.

One landscaping fire hazard is not having a firebreak between timber and the home. There should be at least a 30-foot buffer zone in place. The buffer zone can be created by replacing trees with grass, thinning the tree stand to construct a break between tree crowns, and pruning the remaining trees in the buffer zone to at least six to 10 feet above ground. These landscape materials should be well watered during the growing season.

Avoid stair stepping vegetation that would allow a low burning fire to move up increasingly taller plants to trees around the house. Prune low tree branches and locate medium height trees away from taller trees.

Additional landscape practices include keeping lawns trimmed and leaves raked.

Slope may also be concern. A fire on a slope can produce longer flames and travel much faster compared to fire on flat ground. The steeper the slopes are on the property the further out one should extend landscape modifications to the vegetation.

Other maintenance considerations involve keeping firewood stacked away from the house (this also lessens rodent and snake problems), keeping rain gutters free of leaves and needles, and screening any area that would allow debris to be blown under the house or into the attic.

Home addresses should be easily seen by fire departments, which may mean posting signs at the end of long driveways.

The number one cause of forest fires in Illinois is from trash burning. Always use common sense when burning. Open burning is regulated by state and local laws. Check with a local fire department to know what, if any, open burning is allowed in your area.

For more information on this topic, visit the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Web site at www.IFSA.org, or the Firewise Communities Web site at www.firewise.org/. ■

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Conquering Summer's Blood Suckers

How to take control of mosquitoes, ticks and chiggers

It's the middle of summer, and once again the battle for control of your blood is on. You want it for yourself, rightly so. Other creatures want it for themselves.

Mosquitoes are the enemy. They sense your presence by your body odor and heavy concentration of carbon dioxide and home in on you. Specifically, it's only the females who are the bloodsuckers. (Guys, you can insert any joke you want in here. However, I won't make any.)

The blood is needed in order to complete the development of eggs inside the female. Without the blood meal, the female mosquito is unable to lay her eggs.

Ticks and chiggers, while not insects because they have eight legs instead of six and only two body parts instead of three, also search out blood for the same reason. And it's mainly the females as well for these arachnids.

Staying indoors for the rest of the summer is one way to avoid these creatures. Maybe it's not the most practical, but it is the safest.

You could avoid wooded and swampy areas, though sometimes it's fun to hike or camp in the woods. And it seems that even if you were in the middle of a barren field in Illinois, a female mosquito would probably find you. But at least you'd be safe from the ticks and chiggers.

Many of us thought that the early spring, followed by the devastating cold snap in early April, might have done

some of the insects and ticks in, though we knew deep in our hearts that we'd only be eliminating the early ones. Nature has a way of balancing things out and would provide for later summer generations. Still, missing out on the early ones was beneficial.

Dry spring weather also helps, but there were many parts of the state that didn't go through dry weather. Rain was ideal to flood puddles and allow mosquito larva to develop, pupate and the mosquitoes to emerge.

Of course, in your yard, you can do lots of things to eliminate breeding sites and they're not very time consuming. However, they must be done regularly.

Anything that collects water, that isn't intended to hold water (such as a pond, swimming pool or cistern), should be emptied regularly.

Gutters should drain dry after a rain, and not hold water or even damp leaves. Puddles should be filled in.

Old tires and cans should be recycled or in landfills. If you feel you must keep them for whatever reason, poke lots of holes in them so water doesn't stand. Anything that collects water, even hubcaps,

can cause a problem. All it takes is a couple of days for standing water to turn into a mosquito nursery.

Make sure ditches drain. Sometimes water will stand in culverts and can lead to mosquito breeding grounds. Keeping ditches mowed helps.

If you have a small wading pool, empty it at least every other day. The same for water dishes for animals, or birdbaths.

However, you can make sure water never stands and still end up with mosquitoes. They will fly long distances, seeking the blood meal.

Ticks and chiggers are often carried by animals into an area, whether a four-legged one, or a two-legged flying type. Usually, wooded areas are more likely to be home to ticks than open rural areas, but remember animals do travel, and the rule isn't absolute.

There are many insect repellents on the market, from those that contain DEET to lemon eucalyptus to mint-derivatives that you can spray to create a barrier. Some clothing is even impregnated with chemicals such as permethrin, which provides protection when out in the evenings or walking through the woods. With any product, make sure you read and follow directions on the label. ■



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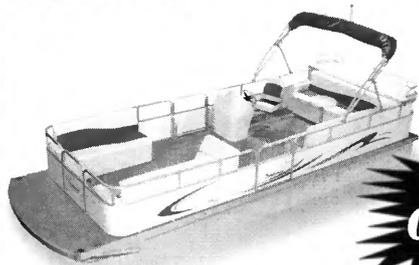
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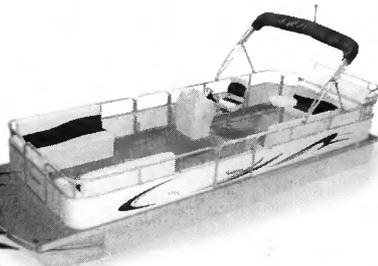
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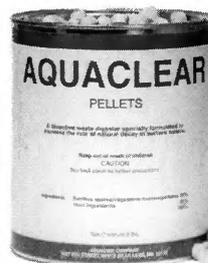


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It is always difficult for me to decide what I want to help you with next because I so badly want to help all of you now. Often I choose the improvement suggestions based on questions I receive at my office. Many of you have called recently because your heating and cooling system has simply kicked the bucket.

Your question is usually the same. What should the replacement be?

That's difficult to answer in this one column since the proper answer is dependent on your particular house, but let's try.

The efficiency of most new heating systems is as follows: gas furnace, 80 percent; electric heat pump, 250 percent; geothermal heat pump, 400 percent. That really caught your attention, didn't it? I thought it would. You see why I haven't recommended a gas furnace in the last 15 years?

Cooling systems, on the other hand, are rated by SEER, which stands for seasonable energy efficient

rating or ratio.

Now, since all cooling systems are electric, let's look at our choices. Before 2006, all units were required to have a SEER rating of at least 10. Now, the minimum SEER rating is 13, which is a pretty good improvement.

If your house is 2,000 square feet or less and is fairly energy efficient, I usually recommend a SEER 13 heat pump as a replacement.



Keep in mind that heat pumps both heat and cool homes. Now, if your house has an electric water heater, you can now remove the gas meter and have no gas bill at all. Wow! You wouldn't mind eliminating a bill entirely now would you?

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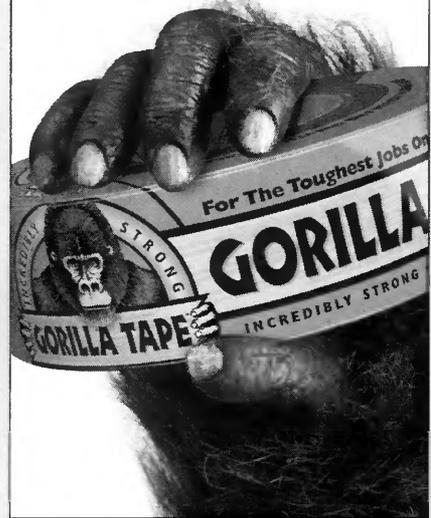


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Energy Tax Credits Still Available

Energy conservation improvements earn \$500 tax credit

By James Dulley

Q Dear Jim: I heard about the new energy tax credits for improvements. How long are they effective and what home items are covered? Also, will these credits save enough to make it worthwhile to make improvements? - Paul N.

A Dear Paul: People may not realize these are tax credits and not tax deductions. A tax credit actually reduces your tax bill by the total amount of the credit. A tax deduction reduces just the taxable base, so the actual savings depends upon your specific tax bracket. The tax credit amount is listed on line 52 of federal tax form 1040, and you must also complete tax form 5695 to calculate the tax credit.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 covers most typical energy conservation improvements to your home. These include insulation, replacement windows and improvements, doors, metal roofing, heating and cooling systems, water heaters, and

New efficient replacement windows get up to a \$200 tax credit.

Notice the slight reflectivity indicating they have a low-emissivity coating.

"Installing a new heat pump (air-to-air or geothermal) provides up to a \$300 credit."



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solar systems. In most cases, the improvements must meet the 2000 IECC (International Energy Conservation Code) specifications. Most contractors can advise you.

Many of the energy tax credits are for approximately 10 percent of the installed cost, but some are substantially less. The maximum total tax credit allowed for the two-year period is \$500, regardless of how many efficiency improvements you make.

Using alternative fuels and heating provides the largest tax credit of 30 percent, up to a maximum of \$2,000. These include solar water heating and photovoltaics (solar cells), as well as fuel cells for producing your own electricity at home. For many homes, even with a \$2,000 tax credit, the economic payback for these alternative fuel improvements is a relatively long period. Solar water heating is the one exception where it is economically feasible for most homes.

Tax credits for the alternative fuels improvements mentioned above were extended into the 2008 tax year. Most other residential efficiency improvements must be installed before the end of 2007 unless the Congress acts to extend them.

Door improvements provide a higher maximum tax credit than replacement windows. In general, replacing windows will save more energy, but is a more expensive improvement project. Installing efficient exterior doors and/or storm doors receives a credit of 10 percent of the costs, up to a \$500 maximum credit. Installing efficient windows, skylights and storm windows receives a \$200 maximum credit.



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Simulated cedar shake aluminum roofing on the main house roof. Standing seam roofing is used for the porch roof. Both are available in many colors.

If you need a new roof, consider installing one of the many types of new residential metal roofing materials. This is economically and environmentally a good decision because metal roofs last a lifetime, and you will receive a \$500 tax credit. Metal roofs get a tax credit because they block heat from the sun during the summer, so air-conditioning energy usage is lower. The tax credit for adding insulation is 10 percent of its cost.

Installing a new heat pump (air-to-air or geothermal) provides up to a \$300 credit compared to a new gas or oil furnace (efficiency of 95 percent) for only a \$150 credit. Make sure the efficiencies (HSPF and SEER) of the heat pump you install are high enough to qualify for the tax credit.

Adding an efficient blower motor to the new furnace or heat pump qualifies for a tax credit of \$50. The blower motor must not use more than 2 percent of the heating system's total energy use. This usually means only a variable-speed blower motor qualifies. These motors are efficient and improve comfort, but they cost several hundred dollars more than a standard blower motor.

Installing an efficient gas, oil or propane water heater provides a \$300 credit. Standard tank-type electric water heaters are not included because they all are reasonably efficient. If you have an electric water heater, you can get a \$300 tax credit by installing a heat pump water heater.

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Aaron's Favorite Taco Dip
Jennifer Ball

- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1 can no bean chili
- 1 (16-oz.) pkg. shredded taco cheese
- 1 pkg. tortilla chips

Spread cream cheese in a round quiche dish or pie pan. Spread chili on top of cream cheese. Sprinkle with shredded taco cheese. Cover with Saran wrap. Heat in microwave for 5 minutes. Serve hot with tortilla chips.

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Oriental Asparagus Salad (above)
Valerie Youngen

- 1-1/2 lb. asparagus, sliced
- 1 sm. box fresh mushrooms, sliced or chunked
- 4 T. vinegar
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 2 T. sesame oil
- 2 tsp. sugar
- Salt to taste
- 2 T. sesame seeds, toasted

Steam asparagus. Mix together vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil, sugar and salt. Marinate asparagus in sauce overnight. At the last minute, toss with sesame seeds.

Cabbage Casserole
Marge Clark

- 1 head cabbage
- Lowry's season salt
- Velveeta cheese
- 1 stick margarine
- Ritz or Townhouse crackers

Cut up cabbage and boil it for 5-10 minutes; drain. Place in a casserole dish. Sprinkle with Lowry's season salt. Lay Velveeta cheese slices on top. Lay crumbled crackers on top of the cheese. Dribble melted margarine or butter over the top of the crackers. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Lemon Pound Cake
Shirley Woodward

- 2 C. sifted cake flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 C. butter
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/2 C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 C. milk
- 1-1/2 tsp. lemon extract

Lightly grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Cream butter, cream cheese and sugar on high until light and fluffy, about two minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add flour mixture, alternating with milk. Stir in lemon extract and mix until combined. Pour into loaf pan and bake at 350° for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 15 minute. Turn out of pan and cool completely.

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Hamburger Noodle Casserole

Mary Wilson

- 1-1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 C. celery, chopped
- 1 (12-oz.) pkg. noodles
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 C. milk

Brown ground beef, green pepper, onion and celery. Drain. Cook noodles in salted boiling water until tender. Mix all ingredients together and pour into a buttered baking dish. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Lazy Day Cobbler

Theo Goodart

- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. flour
- 1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 C. milk
- 1 stick butter
- 3-4 C. fresh fruit
- 1/2 C. sugar

Melt stick of butter in an 8x8-inch deep dish. Mix 1 C. sugar, flour, baking powder and milk. Pour this batter over butter and do not stir. Put fresh fruit on top. Top with 1/2 C. sugar. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

Pepperoni Bread (Below)

Teri Linton

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1 beaten egg
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. parsley flakes
- 1/4 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/2 C. Parmesan cheese
- 4-oz. shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 1 pkg. sliced pepperoni

Roll thawed bread dough flat (10x12-inch). Beat egg, oregano, pepper, parsley, garlic salt and Parmesan cheese together. Spread paste on dough and then layer the pepperoni on top of the past and top with Mozzarella cheese. Press ingredients down on the dough. Roll up from the end. Put on a greased cookie sheet. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes, or until golden brown seam down. Cool slightly before slicing.

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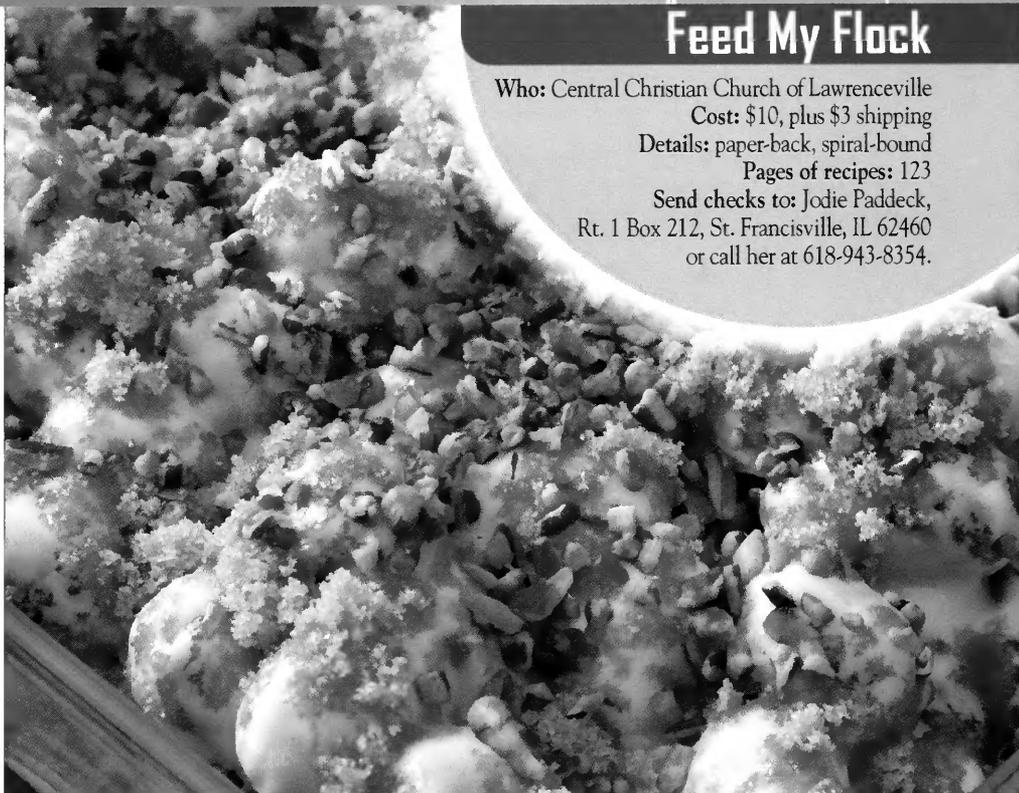
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Grape Salad (Above)

Renee Willis

- 2 pkgs. seedless grapes
- 1/2 C. brown sugar
- 1/2 C. pecans
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese

- 1 C. sour cream
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 T. vanilla

Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Fold in grapes. Pour into a casserole dish and top with brown sugar and pecans. Refrigerate 24 hours before serving.



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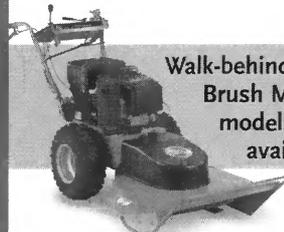
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7, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, "Guess Who's Dying For Dinner?" at Collver Family Winery in Barry. Tickets are \$35 and include dinner and show. Wine tasting begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. 217-335-3279.

7-14, Ashland Sesquicentennial at James Park in Ashland. Events being held include a parade, a garden tractor pull, a queen contest, sisters of the swish and brothers of the brush contests, an antique tractor pull, Ag Olympics, craft booths, food vendors, bands including City Limits opening for the Bellamy Brothers, fireworks, a time capsule burial, a 5K race and much more. 217-476-3792.

8, Second Sunday Celtic Music at White Owl Winery in Birds. 2 - 5 p.m. Join us the second Sunday of each month for the turbulent and tantalizing strains of Irish music performed by the Celts or Vincennes. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and toe-tapping music. Bring your friends. Free. 918-928-2898.

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7, Arts Festival in the Business District in Colchester. Artists can display, demonstrate or sell their work. Set up by 8:45 a.m. Live music and food. 309-776-3112 or 309-776-3484.



8, The Fifth Annual Car, Truck, Tractor, Motorcycle and Special Interest Show at Plainfield Church in Rose Hill. Church at 8:30 a.m. Registration to follow until 1 p.m. Pre-registered participants: \$12. Registration at the event: \$15. 618-793-2248 or 618-793-2332.

10, 17, 24 and 31, Late Nights at Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington. The zoo will be open until 7 p.m. Bring the family, or just treat yourself to a late evening at the zoo! www.millerparkzoo.org or 309-434-2250.

14, Farm Fun Day at the marina in Galena. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit stations that teach children about agriculture, such as milking a cow, making ice cream, petting animals and more. Free. 815-858-2235.

13-15, Metropolis Farm Toy Show and Tractor and Old Machinery Show at Massac County Youth Fair Grounds in Metropolis. Toy show: Friday, 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tractor show: Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. Featuring Farmall-IH, a Kiddie pedal pull, a garden tractor pull, tractor parades, with a Super M Farmall Pedal Tractor to be given away. Free. 618-524-2909 or cdwill@maxbb.com.

14, The 4th Annual Women in the Outdoors Event at Mill Creek Park in Marshall. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Participate in four classes throughout the day choosing from archery, outdoor cooking, canoeing, self defense, backyard wildlife and more. Open to females age 14 and older. 217-889-3901 or millcreekrd@comwares.net.

14-15, Southern Illinois Feline Fanciers 11th Annual CFA Cat Show at the Williamson County Pavilion in Marion. www.southernillinoisfelinefanciers.org.

14-15, The 5th Annual Gardens United Garden Walk in Freeport. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gardens in Freeport and the surrounding areas are open for you to walk through and enjoy. Gardeners are present to answer questions and to talk about plants and their garden. \$10. 815-232-7200 or www.stephenson-county-il.org.

15, St. John Lutheran Church's Sesquicentennial Celebration in Elizabeth. 9 a.m. Church service to be followed by lunch and entertainment until 3 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$7.50 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults. pastor@stjohnmassbach.org or 815-598-3367.



20, Festival 9-3/4 on historic South Main Street in Princeton. 5 p.m. - 12 a.m. Wizards, muggles and all fans of Harry Potter will enjoy this celebration as Princeton recreates some of your favorite shops and haunts found in J. K. Rowling's books. Relive the magic of Harry's world, featuring activities, games, live owls, classes at Hogwarts, Ministry of Magic, food, an outdoor movie and much more. Free. www.festival934.com.



20-22, The 28th Beef and Ag Festival in Princeton. Enjoy a tractor trail ride, the Ashton Gap Bluegrass Band, Gospel music, events for the kids, delicious food and more. 815-875-2616.



28, Parkersburg Chowder at the town park in Parkersburg. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event includes an antique tractor show and parade, threshing demonstrations, a car show, a quilt raffle and more. All demonstrations are free. Famous southern Illinois Parkersburg Chowder and other foods and beverages will be available. Old fashioned fun for the whole family. 618-395-2977.

20-21, Comedy Improv at White Owl Winery in Birds. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Enjoy live improv comedy based on your suggestions. The show includes hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and a full buffet dinner. \$40. Reservations required. 618-928-2898.

21-22, The Fourth Annual Car Show in Lawrenceville at the Mid-American Air Center in Lawrenceville. amy@bowlertransmissions.com.

21-22, The First Annual Orange Power of the Past Allis Chalmers Show at Dale Haymakers Allis Chalmers Museum, 7 miles east of Paris. A working show with combining, baling and plowing. Free admittance. Vendors are welcome and food will be available. 217-275-3428 or www.allischalmersmuseum.com.

26-8/01, Adams County Fair in Mendon. This seven-day fair is rated among the best in the Midwest. The fair features two music concerts, a bull-riding rodeo, a truck and tractor pull and more. Admission: Adults \$5, Children 10 yrs. and younger free. 217-936-2230.

27-8/4, Cinderella at Lincoln College's Johnson Center in Lincoln. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. daily, with Sunday's performance at 2 p.m. There is no Monday performance. 217-735-2614.

27-29, The 38th Annual Old Time Threshing And Antique Show at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds in Freeport. 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Antique steam and horse-powered engines and equipment. This year fire trucks and related equipment will be featured. Demonstrations, a 140-dealer flea market, a blacksmith, a sawmill, antique tractors, horse pulls. Ride the steam train at the depot. Show - Adults \$5, Children \$3. Train - Adults \$5, Children \$3. Museum - \$2 donation. 815-235-2198 or www.thefreeortshow.com.

31-8/5, Logan County Fair in Lincoln. Daily activities include 4-H shows, a queen pageant, live entertainment and a carnival full of food, games and displays. 217-732-3311.

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THE BEST AIR PURIFIER EVER Works 4 Ways to Attack Pollution from Air, Surfaces and Fabrics

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**Will eliminate the most noticeable indoor air pollutants in just 15 minutes
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EdenPURE™ - Never breathe bad air again

By John Whitehead, Media Services

BioTech Research has announced EdenPURE™, the ultimate air purifier.

We believe the EdenPURE™ is the best and most advanced air purifier on the market.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE™ on television across the nation and as heard on Paul Harvey News nationally.

It runs super quiet and requires no filter replacement.

Unlike typical air purifiers which have only 1 or 2 mechanisms of reducing pollution, the EdenPURE™ has 4 mechanisms which attack pollution.

There are many different types of pollution and many of them, especially the worst, cannot be effectively reduced with the limited mechanisms of old-style air purifiers. The EdenPURE™ 4-mechanism process destroys more types of pollution.

Some of the worst pollution comes from contaminated surfaces and fabrics. This remarkable air purifier not only attacks pollution from the air, but can also safely reduce pollution embedded in walls, ceilings, floors, carpets, furniture, clothing, and on countertops, as well as, other surfaces. It works to sanitize everything in the home.

The EdenPURE™ can bring relief from the symptoms associated with sinus, and other respiratory discomfort. When pollutants are removed from the air you should sleep better, and feel better in a cleaner environment. The result is reduced fatigue and improved mental abilities.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE™ is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Old style HEPA type air purifiers only remove dust and some allergens. They do not remove the most harmful pollutants such as bacteria, viruses, mold and yeast.

And if you have one of those air purifiers that has no fan, beware. More will be explained on this as you read on.

The EdenPURE™ has a super advanced system of air movement that is so quiet that you would have to put your ear up next to it to know that it's even running. And the EdenPURE™ is virtually maintenance free.

For more on the new EdenPURE™, here is my remarkable interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research.

Q. BioTech Research has been in the air purification business for a long time and your previous air purifier



The EdenPURE™ Area Model

model was the all-time best seller and was super effective. Why is the new EdenPURE™ air purifier so much better?

A. Yes, our previous model was an all-time best seller and in our opinion was the best air purifier on the market, which was also the opinion of our customers.

But the new EdenPURE™ is much more advanced. Our previous model used 2 very effective mechanisms to eliminate pollution, which were combinations of activated oxygen and ultraviolet light.

The EdenPURE™ utilizes 4 advanced electronic air purification mechanisms. I call it the EdenPURE™ process.

The advanced technology in the EdenPURE™ is that used in spacecrafts such as the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Q. What about those air purifiers that have no fan?

A. It has been well documented that an air purifier without a fan cannot possibly remove pollution to any substantial level. Those types mainly remove pollution that is very close to the unit. That's fine if you're purifying the air in a broom closet, but not for a wide area. Also, those units have you wiping off a plate to clean off the trapped pollution. But unless those units have ultraviolet light, that plate contains live bacteria and viruses that can be harmful.

Q. How does the EdenPURE™ eliminate pollution without requiring the air to go

Testimonies of a few of the many EdenPURE™ satisfied customers

The EdenPURE™ that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh smell the EdenPURE™ let off. *Jenny Kloc*

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the EdenPURE™ I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing EdenPURE™. I plugged in the EdenPURE™ and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The EdenPURE™ really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breathe. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The EdenPURE™ truly does what it claims to do. *Diane C. Vance*

through the unit, and how does it eliminate pollution on surfaces and fabrics?

A. The EdenPURE™ has 4 electronic mechanisms to attack pollution that mimic the way it is done by nature's thunderstorm. Thunderstorms produce highly activated oxygen which destroys pollution and puts negative ions in the air that also destroy pollution. The air is now ionized fresh and free of the most irritating pollutants, which promotes a healthier environment.

Three of the 4 electronic mechanisms in the EdenPURE™ go out and seek out pollution throughout the room, on surfaces, and in fabrics like guided missiles. The pollution cannot hide.

Q. What is the range of pollutants that the EdenPURE™ takes out of the air?

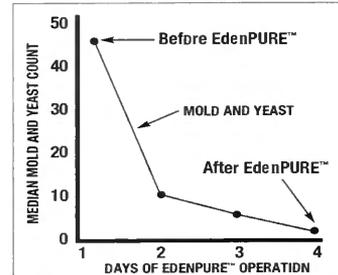
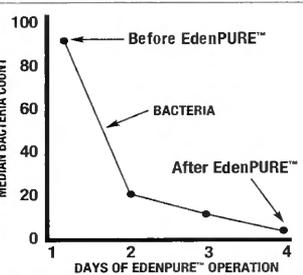
A. It removes nearly all airborne and surface organic and inorganic pollutants.

Organic pollutants removed by the EdenPURE™ include: fungus, mold, bacteria, tobacco odor, pet odors and most other household odors. It can also kill viruses.

The EdenPURE™ removes inorganic pollutants including dust and many other chemical compounds present in the home too numerous to mention here.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Everyday you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

Q. Does the EdenPURE™ require filter replacement like the old-style HEPA air purifiers?



EdenPURE™ eliminates most pollution in 15 minutes. Bacteria, mold and yeast are among the most difficult pollutants to eliminate. Old style air purifiers rarely remove them to an acceptable level. The EdenPURE™ eliminated virtually all the bacteria, mold and yeast in only 24 hours. This independent laboratory test was conducted by Dr. Dee M. Graham, one of the leading air pollution experts in the world.

A. No. There is a small 4 inch by 8 inch pre-filter that you simply clean periodically by running water over it. This pre-filter is made of highly durable mesh that will last a lifetime.

Q. So then the EdenPURE™ sanitizes everything in the house?

A. It works to sanitize the air, walls, floors, ceiling, furniture, carpeting, countertop surfaces, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, and even sanitizes your clothes.

Q. How well does the EdenPURE™ work on eliminating odors?

A. The EdenPURE™ will work to eliminate all odors. It eliminates odors from cigarette smoke, urine, mildew, cooking odors, and any other odors in your home. The EdenPURE™ odor elimination is so powerful that it will eliminate the odor of a skunk in minutes.

After eliminating the odor from the air, the EdenPURE™ then goes to the source of the odor. It neutralizes embedded urine in carpet, and cigarette smoke that is embedded in carpet, furniture, wallpaper, and clothing. It also destroys mold and yeast.

The EdenPURE™ Whole House Model purifies air in an area up to 3,000 sq. ft.

The EdenPURE™ Area Model purifies air in an area up to 1,000 sq. ft.

End of interview.
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