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## April 10 is National Lineman Appreciation Day!

Rain or shine,
our linemen work
around the clock
to do one thing keep the lights on.
Help us honor the
men who power
our lives. Take a
moment and





















## **Grants Awarded**

Grants totaling \$4,000 were awarded to area teachers through the Touchstone Energy 2016/2017 Classroom Empowerment Grant Program. Clinton County Electric Cooperative awarded checks to the following participants:

Accepting a \$1,000 check from Carrie Trame of Clinton County Electric Cooperative is (left to right) Pat Henrichs, Music/Band Teacher; Kris Shubert, P.E. Teacher; and Cheri Markwell, Kindergarten Teacher at Germantown Elementary.





Carrie Trame, CCECI Representative, presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Wesclin High School on behalf of grants written by English Teacher Jessica Pilgreen (left) and Special Education Teacher Heather Klein (right).

 $\it A$  check for \$500 was presented to the teachers at Lebanon High School. Pictured left to right are Mary Lou Seely, Ag. Teacher; CCECI Representative Carrie Trame; and Librarian Mary Beil.





Cooperative employee Carrie Trame presented a check for \$500 to All Saints Academy on behalf of a grant written by Principal Dr. Robin Booth.



Mater Dei High School English Teacher Pam Zurliene accepted a \$500 check from CCECI representative Carrie Trame.



Science Teacher Melissa Becker, along with some of her students, from Bartelso Elementary accepted a check for \$500 from CCECI Representative Carrie Trame.

## **Clinton County Electric Cooperative** wins statewide safety award

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Breese, was one of six cooperatives in the state awarded a safety leadership award at the 2017 Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's Safety Supervisory Technical Conference held at the Decatur Hotel & Conference Center January 31 through February 2. In the past, safety awards were given based on the lowest number of lost time accidents. Based on recommendations from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), these safety awards are now presented more on proactive safety practices that improve the safety culture within the cooperative.

"The award is based on adopting best practices, not just a low number of lost time accidents," says Jim Miles, Manager of Safety and Loss Control for the AIEC. "The idea is to encourage sharing



Accepting the safety award for Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., are, from left: Technical Services Supervisor Ahren Langhauser, Operations Superintendent Brian Taylor and Apprentice Lineman Justin Hubert.

of near miss incidents, engage all employees and improve the safety culture by rewarding what is being done right; not penalizing when a

lost time accident happens. These co-ops were judged to be following those best practices and proactively improving their safety culture."

