

Illinois Electric Cooperative's
2017 Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 10th

at the
Scott County Fairgrounds

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

Attendees Receive a \$10 Bill Credit!

Prizes and Refreshments
We hope to see you there!



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CEO - Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities

Liz Killion, President of Killion Communications, speaking to Greene-Calhoun CEO students.

In May, the CEO program wrapped up another successful year. This was the third year for the Morgan-Scott CEO program and the first year for the Greene-Calhoun and Pike CEO programs.

In all, the programs included 31 students from 12 schools across our service territory, many of the students being member's children or grandchildren.

The class is funded by business investors from within the community. Participating students meet for 90 minutes where they work on building, facilitating, and directing a business of their own. Meetings are held off-site at local businesses where mentoring connections are established with local business owners and experts, and students hear from around 50 guest speakers per year.

The class hosts a trade show at the end of the school year for the student-run businesses to showcase their products and hard work.

The goal of the program is to encourage

students to spark local economic development and stay within the communities they were raised in, to make them aware of business connections and potential through the opportunities provided by the program.

By providing the tools, leadership, and entrepreneurial training, the program shows students how to establish and grow a business, improve soft-skills, and how local connections can help aid in the process.

The co-op's involvement comes from a realization that the future vitality of the service territory is dependent on growth. As youth are an essential part of the future of our service area, this program creates a long-term investment in our local communities and the young people who call it home. Not only will it help create entrepreneurially minded students, but it is also hoped to reverse the trend of young people leaving our territory in search of other opportunities.

To learn more or get involved with the CEO programs, visit morganscottceo.com, greenealhounceo.com, or pikeceo.com.



Area Businesses Become the Classroom



Owen Brown, owner of Bale Bandit, leading Pike CEO students on a tour of his facility near Pittsfield (top).
Todd Burrus speaking with Morgan-Scott CEO students at Burrus Seed Farms' production facility near Arenzville (bottom).



Improperly Connected Routers Cause Problems

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