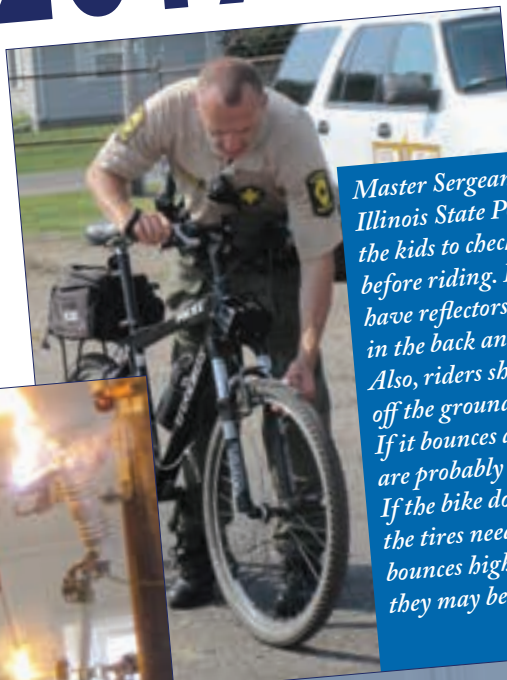




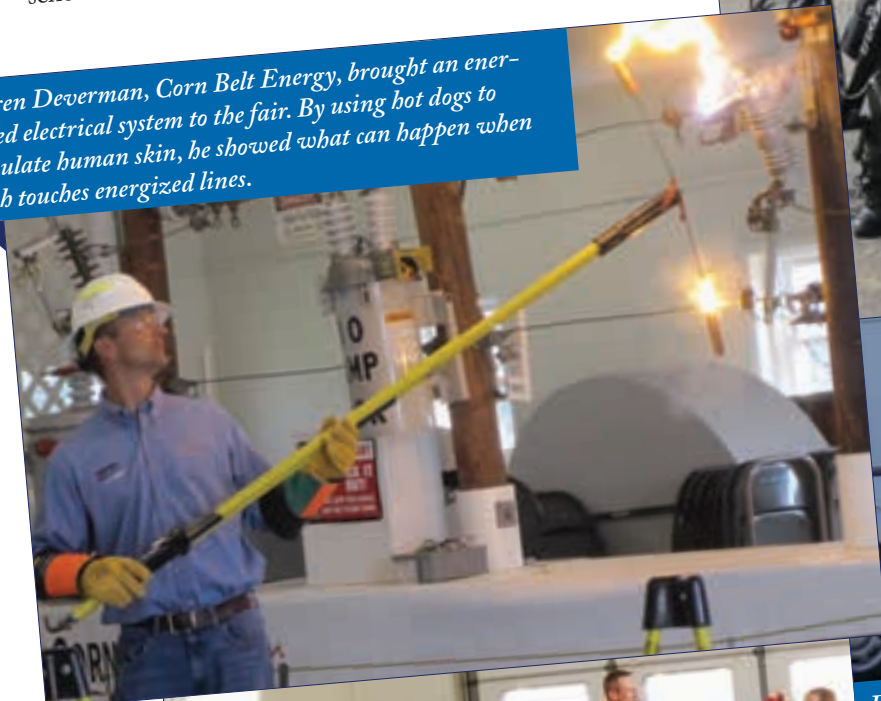
# Safety Fair 2017

Safety Fair began 24 years ago as a way to familiarize grade school students on being safe in the world around them. Almost 5,000 kids later, the WIEC Safety Fair (9516-61) is still reminding kids to “Live Smart, Keep Safe and Have Fun.” This year’s fair was held Sept. 14 with seven elementary schools and 230 students attending.



Master Sergeant Dan Leezer, Illinois State Police, reminded the kids to check their bikes before riding. Bikes should have reflectors in the front, in the back and on each pedal. Also, riders should lift the bike off the ground, then drop it. If it bounces a little; the tires are probably inflated properly. If the bike doesn't bounce, the tires need air. If the bike bounces high off the ground, they may be overinflated.

Daren Deverman, Corn Belt Energy, brought an energized electrical system to the fair. By using hot dogs to simulate human skin, he showed what can happen when flesh touches energized lines.



Eric Wheatley, Conservation officer, showed the students the different types of life jackets to use in different situations. He also reminded them to always wear a life jacket, even if they are strong swimmers.

Chris Egelston (3912-18) finished the day off with smiles, laughter and magic, while stressing the message to stay drug free.





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**MAP LOCATION CONTEST**

Every month we are printing four members' map location numbers in the newsletter. If you find your map location number call the WIEC office by the 25th of the following month, tell us where it is and we will give you a \$10.00 bill credit. Keep on reading the WIEC News.

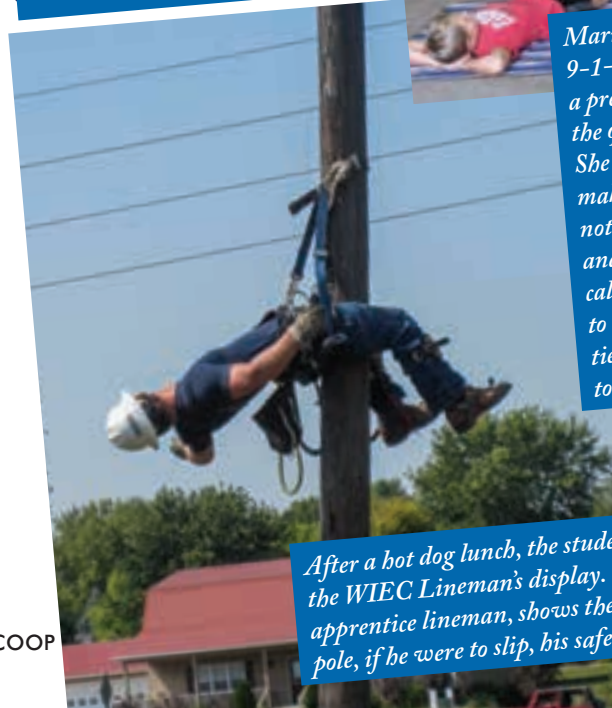
*Bryan Smith, Smith Brothers Honda, brought safety equipment that should be worn when riding.*



*Dawn Weinberg, Hancock Co. Extension agricultural literacy coordinator, got the kids involved with a Farm Safety Jeopardy game. Topics were Got Grain, 4-Wheelin', Creature Feature, Putt-Putt Power and Pot Luck.*



*Maria Hopp, Hancock County 9-1-1 administrator, answered a pretend 9-1-1 call and shared the questions that will be asked. She urged the students that if they make a 9-1-1 call accidentally to not hang up, but to stay on the line and explain what happened. If the caller hangs up without speaking to anyone, (10526-47-1) authorities will have to go to the residence to verify everyone is okay.*



*After a hot dog lunch, the students were invited to go visit the WIEC Lineman's display. Garrett Kestner, WIEC apprentice lineman, shows the kids that when climbing a pole, if he were to slip, his safety belt would catch him.*

# IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

*Ten scholarships to be awarded*

**T**ommie Long, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. (WIEC) Manager, has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2018 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a 10th scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of 10 scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2018 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A sixth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee

or director. Three additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The tenth annual scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship, is a \$2,000 scholarship that will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible to apply for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric



cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Long.

“WIEC and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact the WIEC office. Information has been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at [www.wiec.net](http://www.wiec.net).

## Office Closed

**WIEC office will be closed Friday, November 10 in honor of Veteran’s Day.**

**WIEC office will be closed November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. Our office will reopen on Friday, November 24. WIEC directors and employees wish our members a blessed Thanksgiving.**

**As always, in case of power emergencies, call 1-800-576-3125**





*Memorial Hospital e-ray technicians with the new 3-D mammography machine.*

## Memorial Hospital purchases new 3-D mammography machine

### *Aids in early detection*

**M**emorial Hospital, Carthage, has invested in a Hologic 3-D mammography machine. 3-D mammography provides enhanced image quality and detail for screenings and diagnostics. This new mammography system is designed to ensure radiologists can find even the most invasive cancers at the earliest stage possible.

3-D mammography is 41 percent more likely to detect invasive breast cancer and offers up to 40 percent reduction in false positive recalls, minimizing patient anxiety and unnecessary costs. In 2017, an estimated 255,190 new cases of invasive breast cancer are projected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. Breast cancer in men is rare, about one in 1,000, but it does happen. In 2017, approximately 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer are projected

to be diagnosed in men, and 440 will die due to breast cancer. In Illinois, 25 people are diagnosed with breast cancer each day.

Memorial Hospital performed 1,696 screenings in the last year and a half. Seven out of this group were diagnosed with breast cancer. **(3724-10)** With the 3-D Mammography offering, yearly screenings and monthly self-breast examination, breast cancer can be detected early on and offer a higher survival rate once diagnosed.

Each year, Memorial Hospital Foundation selects a project, which impacts the health and wellness of local rural communities. This year, the foundation voted to assist in the cost of the new mammography machine at Memorial Hospital.

**The Memorial Hospital Foundation's fundraising campaign, entitled It's a Clearer Picture, for the new 3-D mammography machine has events planned throughout the year. One upcoming event, called It's a Wonderful RURAL Life, will be on Friday, Nov. 17 at Sullivan Auctioneers east of Hamilton, IL. The event will start at (3835-57) 6 p.m., and tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. All proceeds will go to the 3-D mammography machine.**

**For more information about the Memorial Hospital Foundation or information about the 3-D mammography machine, please contact Greta Wetzel at 217-357-8502 or email at [gwetzel@mhtlc.org](mailto:gwetzel@mhtlc.org).**

## Welcome New Members

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