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Hamilton County Water one of four in nation to complete Water 2000 goals



Bob Drake, chairman of the Hamilton County Water District, center, and Steve Becker, water district board member, right, receive a check for over \$6.75 million for completion of Water 2000 goals in providing water service to all residents of the county from Wally Furrow, USDA Illinois Rural Development director. Water 2000 ceremonies were held on Nov. 12. Becker is a board member of the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. Drake is a former board member of the co-op and a former alternate director to the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield. USDA Rural Development helped finance the project.

The bringing of water to every household within Hamilton County is a milestone being compared to the electrification of rural areas.

Marvin Teckenbrock, Rural Development manager, made the comparison to electricity coming to the rural areas. "Some of you in this room, your parents or grandparents can remember when electricity came to the farm and have stories to tell about it. You are going to hear similar stories about the day water was brought to the farm."

Teckenbrock was one of the speakers as Hamilton County Water District held its Water 2000 Celebration ceremonies on Friday, Nov. 12, in McLeansboro, to commemorate the event.

Under President Bill Clinton's Water 2000 initiative, goals were set to have safe drinking water for all rural residents in the United States by the end of Year 2000. Hamilton County is the first county in the state, and the fourth in the country, which will

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Bill Burke, left, who has been a staunch supporter and a tireless worker during efforts to bring water to rural areas of Hamilton County, receives a plaque from Marvin Teckenbrock, Rural Development manager.

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Sophomores, juniors, seniors: Enter your essay now . . . Win a free trip to Washington, D.C.

One boy and one girl will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 16-23, 2000.

A boy and girl finalist will be selected from each of the following area high schools: Carmi, Cisne, Clay City, Crossville, Edwards County, Fairfield, Grayville, McLeansboro, Norris City, Noble and Wayne City. A minimum of 10 finalists will be selected.

The finalists will participate in "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day," April 12, 2000.

Eligibility:

Any high school sophomore, junior, or senior living within the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative service area is eligible. They need not live in a home receiving electricity from the cooperative.

Members of the immediate family of the board of directors, employees and winners of previous Washington, D.C. trips are not eligible.



The students who represented WWCEC on the 1999 trip met Congressman David Phelps on Capitol Hill. From left are Timothy York, Congressman Phelps and Cambria Hucker.

Essay Deadline

Essays and entry blanks must be received by noon, Feb. 18, 2000. Enter now!

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, P.O. Drawer E, Fairfield, Illinois 62837

Please send an entry blank and information concerning this summer's "Youth to Washington" essay contest.

Name _____ Date _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Age _____ Sex: _____
Male _____ Female _____

High School _____ Class Year _____

Topic:

"How can the electric cooperative use the Internet to do business?"

Form:

Length — not less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words. Typed on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper, double-spaced and on one side only. Footnote information source. Number each page. Do not type your name on the essay; type it on a separate sheet. Preliminary judging will be made by number.

Information:

May be obtained from Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative's office, Fairfield, Illinois, or schools in the cooperative area.

Entry:

Deliver the essay to the teacher in charge or mail to Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, P.O. Drawer E, Fairfield, Illinois 62837, no later than Feb. 18, 2000.

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A special effort is made, sometime during the trip, to take a group photo, and it's often in front of the White House. That wasn't possible last year, so this shot was taken at Gettysburg. Tim and Cambria are at the middle left of the next-to-last row.



The Gettysburg stop is an important part of the trip. Here, Cambria Hucker listens to a tour guide.

**Enter your essay now...
Win a free trip to
Washington, D.C.**



Tim and Cambria pause for a photo in front of the tour bus, before the group left for Washington.



A visit to the newly completed Holocaust Museum is a recent addition to the tour. Here, Tim and Cambria take a break while awaiting their next tour.

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Hamilton County Water

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meet that goal by the turn of the century.

The event had over 100 in attendance at the ceremonies, including several dignitaries. Many praised the county for its accomplishment.

According to Bob Drake, chairman of the water district board, the water district is getting ready to complete its final phase in reaching its Water 2000 goals. Drake says the final phase is ready to be let for bid, and should be completed next summer or early fall. He is a former WWCEC board member, and former alternate director to the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).

Royce Carter, manager of member services and economic development for Wayne-White Counties Electric, said the co-op has worked closely with the district as they progressed through the process, "just like good neighbors."

"We have a shared interest, since Steve Becker, a Wayne White director, is also a director of Hamilton County Water District," Carter explained. He also went on to note Drake's association with Wayne-White.

Several state and local dignitaries attended the event. Among these were U.S.



Robert Drake, former WWCEC director and chairman of the Hamilton County Water District, addressed the group.



Wallace Furrow, USDA Rural Development state director, spoke at the festivities, and commended all those involved for their hard work and dedication.

Rep. David Phelps, State Rep. John Jones, State Sen. Ned Mitchell, and representatives from other state officials. During the ceremony, a letter from President Clinton commending the water district was read.

Bill Burke, a pioneer in the project and staunch supporter, was awarded a plaque of appreciation for all his work. Surrounded by his family and water district board members, Burke received his honor from Teckenbrock.

Wally Furrow, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development state director, commended all those involved in helping to complete the \$6.75 million project, financed mostly by USDA Rural Development.

Furrow, referring to the project, told the assembly, "You don't appreciate it unless you are one of the new users. It (water) is essential to life, particularly the young and old. There are 4,000 counties in the United States. Many of the families living in these counties have a computer and talk to people all over the world...but they can't go to the faucet and get a good, safe drink of water. What does that say about our priorities?"

A gift for the environment

This holiday season, give a special gift to the environment, recycle your Christmas tree.

When the holidays end, Christmas trees do not have to wind up sharing space with overburdened landfills. To help with the disposal of your Christmas tree, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative will be offering a tree chipping service the first week of January at the following locations:

Wayne City	Wayne City Park
McLeansboro	Hamilton County Fairgrounds
Carmi	White County Fairgrounds
Albion	Edwards County Fairgrounds
City of Fairifiel	Wayne-White Electric Coop
Wayne County	



Before you recycle your tree, make sure you remove all the decorations and nails that may have been used to support the tree.

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Wayne-White Services, Inc. buys local propane business

Dick Simpson announced recently that Wayne-White Services, Inc., headquartered in Fairfield, has purchased the Simpson Gas propane business. The business changed hands on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000. The new telephone number for the business is (618) 842-3940. A letter explaining the change of ownership will be sent to all present customers.

Currently the business serves 700 customers in Wayne county, but plans call for expanding the business to cover all of the counties currently served by the electric cooperative. Those counties include Clay, Edwards,

Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Marion, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White.

The business will be renamed Wayne-White Propane, Inc. and will be run through the electric cooperative's subsidiary, Wayne-White Services, Inc. The subsidiary currently provides billing and management services for New Hope Water. The propane business will be relocated adjacent to the electric cooperative's Fairfield headquarters on Route 15 West, Fairfield.

"Our future plans are to expand all aspects of the propane business," says Royce Carter, vice president of subsidiary op-

erations. "We will proceed with the same excellent service that Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative has provided to the customers in our area."

Gary Moore, a former employee of Fairfield Thermogas Company will return to Fairfield from a Thermogas business in Indiana to help expand the propane service.

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, organized in 1936, is a local, member owned co-op providing electric service to 13,461 members over 3,257 miles of energized line, in all or parts of 11 counties.

Home sweet home office - keep it safe

With the growth of telecommuting, more Americans are setting up shop at home and equipping their home offices with computers, fax machines, modems and other office equipment. However, many homes — especially older ones — are not really equipped for all these heavy-duty electronics. Look carefully around your home office for these hazards:

- Insufficient outlets. Don't resort to a tangle of extension cords to hook up all your equipment. Use a safety-rated power

strip or surge suppressor to connect and protect your computer, fax machine, copier and printer.

- Ungrounded outlets. Many older homes may not have three-prong outlets to ensure that your equipment is safely grounded. Make sure to have an electrician come in and install grounded outlets where they're needed. Do not cut off the third prong to make the plug fit!

- Don't overload the circuits. Check your breaker or fuse box to determine which outlets are

on the same circuit, and be sure that all the equipment you have on a single circuit draws no more than 1,500 watts.

- In a lightning storm, unplug your computer directly from the wall outlet. Also, unplug and unhook your modem.

- If you lose power while working on your computer, turn the computer off. When the power comes back on, a voltage spike could damage your equipment.

Source: National Electrical Safety Foundation

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Know your employees

Alan Kincart of Geff, foreman, has been with WWCEC just over five years, having hired on in October, 1994. He began as a first-year apprentice, and worked his way through the ranks to the position he now holds. He has been foreman for two years.

Before joining WWCEC, Alan worked for Precision Electric and Ray & Jean Enterprises, both electrical firms.

He is a graduate of Fairfield High School. He and his wife, Denise, have two children. Brittany is 13, and Brandon is 10.

The Kincarts are members of the Mt. Erie Christian Church, and Alan served as president of the Johnsonville PTO board for three years. He lists woodworking as his hobby.

One of Alan's points of pride is his participation in

the Illinois Electric Cooperatives Linemen's Rodeo, a safety, speed and skills contest held annually in Springfield. While the event is a new one, Alan has brought home trophies from both the rodeos he's entered, a tribute to his on-the-job skills.



Alan Kincart

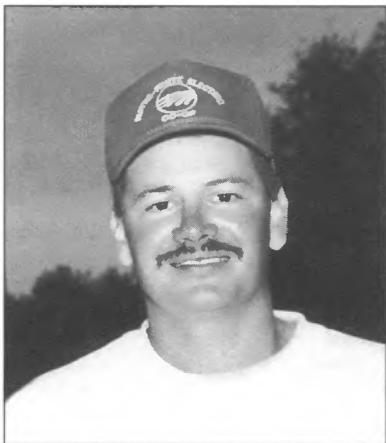
Jason Atteberry, second-year apprentice lineman, is a two-year veteran here at WWCEC, and started work as a groundman, a job he held for six months. Before coming here, he worked four years for Hella Electronics.

A Mt. Erie resident, Jason attended Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, where his got an associate's degree in electronics.

He and his wife, Christy, have a son, Tristan, who's 3. Jason lists hunting, fishing and golfing as his hobbies.

Jason is another of WWCEC's entrants into the Lineman's Rodeo, and has

participated for two years. He was a member of the co-op team who brought home third place honors overall in the 1998 event



Jason Atteberry

In just a couple of months, Ruby Green will have six years in at WWCEC, where she does clerical work. She's been in that job since she hired on in April 1994. Before coming to WWCEC, Ruby worked at the Fairfield National Bank, and later worked for LJK, a wholesaler to lumberyards. She lives in rural Fairfield.

An area native, Ruby attended area schools, and later received an associate's degree in secretarial science from Oakland City College in Oakland City, Indiana.

Ruby and her husband, Max, have two children. Ryan is 15, and Jenny is 10. They belong to the General Baptist Church. She's treasurer of the church, and serves as Sunday school secretary, too.

Ruby notes that she supported Ryan's basketball team, before he left junior high. Her hobbies include singing and yardwork.



Ruby Green

Carmi venture is deer hunter's delight



Matt Campbell, left, and his brother, John, operate Campbell Resources, Inc., which has a fee-hunting operation near Carmi. Several of their trophies are behind them.

The Campbell family has been farming south of Carmi since 1836, and the new venture Matt and John Campbell got into recently reflects a real shift in the way things are done.

They've started Campbell Resources, Inc., and a major part of their operation involves a fee-hunting operation. They began the operation, they say, when they realized that they were wasting a valuable resource. So Campbell Resources was spun off from the Circle C Farms operation.

For years, they'd let friends and neighbors hunt for free, and they found that they were spending a lot of time scheduling hunters and settling land-access disputes and the like. Often, they received calls late into the night.

Avid hunters themselves, they've scouted the land often enough to know that there was a definite potential to offer trophy-class hunting experiences to

their clients.

"We have a large, comfortable hunting lodge," Matt says, "and it has accommodations for eight hunters, with all the comforts of home. It has a full kitchen, dining room, and a living room with a big fireplace. There's also a hot tub and tennis court. Other hunters may choose to stay in our bunkhouse, which sleeps four. It's located above the offices, and has a TV, VCR, separate changing room, and bathroom and cooking facilities.

"When hunters arrive," he continues, "we have a representative meet them, and he gives them up-to-date scouting reports on deer movements, bedding areas, feeding grounds and suggested stand locations."

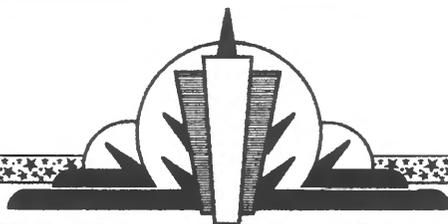
The Campbells work hard to protect their younger bucks through a resource management program, so there'll be trophy-class bucks in the future.

"Archery hunters are allowed one buck per hunt," Matt says,

"with a minimum of 15" outside antler spread, and one doe. Firearm hunters are allowed either one buck, with the same antler spread, or one doe. We're pleased that archery hunters take Pope and Young bucks every year, and we've had several Boone and Crockett bucks harvested, too."

Getting to the place should be no problem for anyone in the Midwest. Circle C is located about three hours east of St. Louis, Mo., five hours south of Chicago, and three hours north of Nashville, TN. There's a small airport nearby, and the nearest commercial airport is in Evansville, Ind., which is 55 miles away. Transportation is available to and from the airports.

Those interested can write Campbell Resources at 1327 County Rd. 800 N., Carmi, IL, 62821, or by phoning (618) 382-7939. You can visit their website at www.buckmasters.com.



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Animal Planet	CNN	CNNfn/Inter	County Music TV	Discovery	E!
ESPN	ESPN2	Family Channel	Headline News	Home & Garden	KTLA
Learning Channel	MTV	Nashville Network	Nick/Nick-Nite	Nostalgia	Sci-Fi Chan
TBS	TV Land	USA Network	VH-1	WGN	WPIX

Basic Package 33 Channels \$11.50/month

A & E	AMC	Animal Planet	Bravo	Cartoon Network	CNN
CNN Inter	CNBC	Country Music TV	Discovery	E!	ESPN
ESPN2	Family Chan	Headline News	History Channel	Home & Garden	KTLA
Learning Chan	Lifetime	MSNBC	MTV	Nick/Nick at Nite	Nostalgia
Romance	TBS	TNN	TV Land	USA Network	VH-1
Weather Chan	WGN	WPIX			

Power Plus Primetime E/W 40 Channels \$19.50/month

AMC	Animal Planet	A & E	Bravo	Cartoon Network	Country Music
CNBC	CNN	CNNfn	Discovery	E!	ESPN
ESPN2	Family Channel	fxM	Headline News	History Chan	Indepen Film
Learning Chan	Lifetime TV	KTLA	MSNBC	MTV	Nick/Nick Nite
Nostalgia TV	Primetime E/W	Romance Clas	Sci-Fi Channel	TBS	TNN
TNT	Turner Classics	TV Land	USA Network	VH-1	Weather Ch
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Top Choice Package 43 Basic Channels + 1 Premium \$30.00/month

AMC	Animal Planet	A & E	Bravo	Cartoon Network	Comedy Central
Country Music	CNBC	CNN	CNNfn	Discovery	E!
ESPN	ESPN2	Family Channel	fxM	Headline News	History Chan
Home & Garden	Indepen Film	KDVR	KTLA	Learning Chan	Lifetime TV
MSNBC	MTV	Nick/Nick Nite	Nostalgia TV	Primetime E/W	Romance Clas
Sci-Fi Channel	TBS	TNN	TNT	Turner Classics	TV Land
USA Network	VH-1	Weather Ch	WGN	WPIX	Choice 1 Premium

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Any five premiums	38.95

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To receive satellite programming, you must have a satellite dish and receiver already installed. An initial \$10 fee required. Rural TV fee will appear on monthly electric bill. ☎ Call Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative Member Service Department 618-842-2196 for more information.

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**Wayne-White Counties
Electric Cooperative**
P.O. Drawer E
Fairfield, Illinois 62837

Dear Member:

Your board of directors, the staff and employees invite you to your 63rd annual meeting to be held Saturday, April 8, at the Fairfield Community High School gymnasium. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m.

We will also feature a Live Line demonstration.

We hope you will find the time to come to your annual meeting this year. This is one way that we can become better acquainted with each other, and by your interest, your cooperative will prosper. It will be a chance to meet old friends and acquaintances and have a good time.

You will be receiving the program book of the meeting soon. Bring this program with you to the meeting. Tear out the card to speed the registration. Later it will be used for drawing of the prizes.

Keep in mind the meeting will be held on a Saturday morning and we'll be serving breakfast.

We hope to see you April 8 at the Fairfield Community High School gym.

Your board of directors

"Owned By Those We Serve"

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2000 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 8

**Fairfield Community High
School Gymnasium**



**Attendance
Prizes**

Experience something new!

Free breakfast

Registration at 8 a.m.

Begin serving breakfast at 8 a.m.

*Bring your program book with
you to register for drawings!*



**Grand Prize
26" RCA
Color TV**

See a Live Line demonstration by Wayne-White employees



**Business
meeting begins
at 10 a.m.**

Door prize
Each member
attending will
receive a
\$5 credit on
their June 1
electric bill.

*It's for you . . . the member,
bring your family and enjoy!*

SPECIAL water heater

52-gallon Freedom electric
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regular price \$206.66

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your total cost – \$106.66

- R-20 insulation
- The amazing LimeEliminator – self cleaning – reduces build-up automatically
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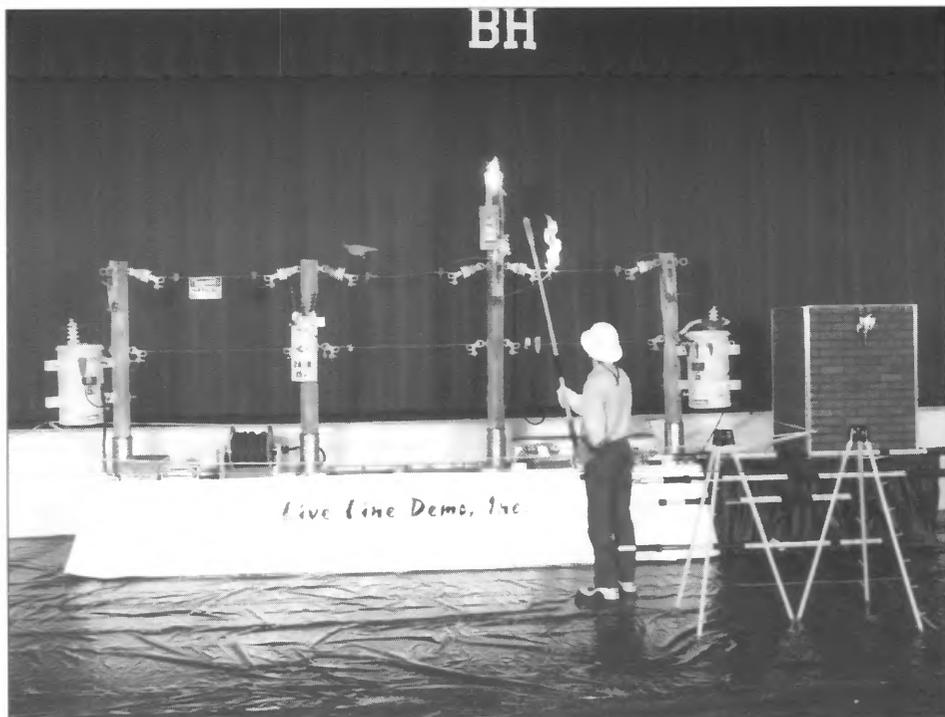
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Gary Moore at W-W Services, Inc.

Gary says —

*"I'm back in Wayne County, and I'd like to
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Call me for your propane needs."
(618) 842-3940*



Gary Moore

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Office closing

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative's office will be closed on Friday, April 21, in observance of Good Friday. The cooperative will resume normal business hours on Monday, April 24.

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Members learn of new business ventures

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative (WWECC) is starting new diversified services and forming partnerships to bring new jobs and economic development to the region. The electric co-op's board of directors is also studying the pros and cons of the deregulation choices they will have to make. Reports on all of these changes were presented to WWECC members at the co-op's annual meeting held Saturday, April 8, at Fairfield High School.

The only part of the meeting, which didn't hint of change, was the re-election of three directors to the board. James Deen of McLeansboro, John Dozier of Mill Shoals and Kent Henry of Clay City were all unanimously re-elected. New officers were elected in a re-organizational meeting. They are Deen, chairman; Don Ile of Albion, vice-chairman; Steve Becker of McLeansboro, treasurer and Mike Beehn of Bluford, secretary.

In his report, former Chairman Edward Baumgart of Carmi said, "We are a conservative cooperative, but not so much that we do not grow. Your board carefully measures all the pros and cons of new ventures before deciding to act, and new products and services are on the horizon." For example, WWCEC intends to provide new fuel cell technology and has traded pole at-

tachment fees for access to fiber optic cable. The fiber optic cable could provide invaluable telecommunication service in the future.

President/CEO Jack Young said many of the new changes would involve partnerships the cooperative has formed with other entities. He cited a new power supply contract with Entergy that should help stabilize rates after the debt for the Soyland Power Cooperative contract is paid off over the next five years. "We feel the Wayne-White/Entergy

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Three directors were re-elected to the board at Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative Saturday, April 8 at Fairfield High School during the co-op's annual meeting. Seated are board members John Dozier, left, of Mill Shoals, and James Deen, of McLeansboro. Standing is board member Kent Henry, left, of Clay City, and President/CEO Jack Young, right. In a reorganizational meeting held afterwards, Deen was named chairman of the board.



Director John Dozier of Mill Shoals, right, earned his director certification from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and President/CEO Jack Young presented him with his certificate.



President/CEO Young addresses the crowd.

A young lady draws for attendance prizes under the watchful eye of WWCEC employee Judy Colyer.



A member registers.

partnership will benefit everyone leading into the new millennium. It is these types of partnerships which will help us in the future," said Young.

In addition to the partnership with Entergy, WWCEC plans to add distributed generation to its power supply mix. Fuel cells at individual homes could provide some of that distributed power. Fuel cells are environmentally clean and energy efficient. Using gas reprocessed into hydrogen to fuel a chemical reaction, a fuel cell provides clean electricity. The only by-products are carbon dioxide, water and waste heat that can be used in a hot water heater. Distributed power also may be provided by mini power plants, called micro-turbines. Micro-turbines could be located in neighborhood substations.

One of its first moves to provide new diversified services last year was to purchase Simpson Gas, a local propane service. "We will

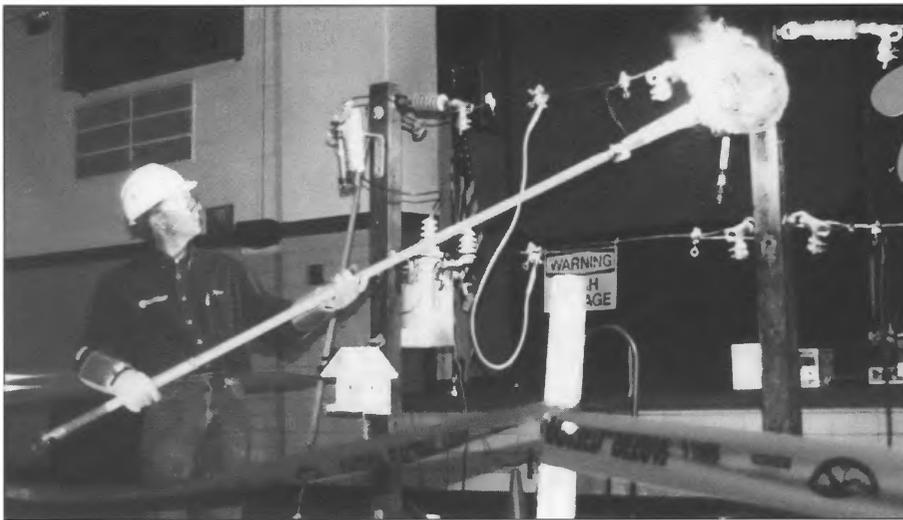
expand the business, now called Wayne-White Propane, Inc., to include not only its 700 present customers, but also new ones in our service territory," said Young.

WWCEC has also been a partner in bringing rural water service to the region through partnerships. For example, the co-op has been working closely with Hamilton Water District. The goal is to provide water to all Hamilton County residents by the end of 2000. "They will reach that goal, being only the fourth county in the United States and the first in Illinois to do so," said Young.

The electric co-op also assists New Hope Water District with water billing and maintenance services. "We are also talking about these same possibilities with other area water districts," said Young.

The co-op is also forming partnerships to bring new jobs to the region. "In a joint effort with the Hamilton County Economic Development Board last year, we landed Pioneer Seed," said Young. "It will be one of our larger customers once it is up and running in August of this year." The facility also brings 20 full-time and 20 seasonal jobs to the area. Young also cited the co-op's economic development work with Fairfield Memorial Hospital and Trelleborg Automotive.

Perhaps the biggest change facing WWCEC is the deregulation issue. Young explained that the board would review the results of other utilities' entrance into the deregulation



The live line display was interesting: Here, a lineman demonstrates the dangers mylar balloons present to power lines and substations.



This youngster found the live line display a bit hard to watch.

lated marketplace. After the review, Young said, the board will make a decision, based on what is best for the members. He said the co-op has three choices. One is to enter and work to attract new customers. A second choice is to allow members to choose a new power supplier on a case by case basis. The third choice is not to enter the deregulated market at this time.

"Each choice has its own merits," said Young. The board's and my sentiment is that we want to be very cautious. This will be a very big decision, possibly the biggest in the history of the co-op."

Young said the co-op is working to increase the level of service to members. While other utilities have prepared for deregulation by closing local offices, Wayne-White Counties Electric is responding by opening a new service center. A new regional office should open soon in Infield Junction, he said.

Treasurer Delman Bradshaw told members the cooperative sold roughly 310 million kilowatt-hours for slightly more than \$23 million. "That averages 7.46 cents per kilowatt hour. After all expenses, the co-op completed the year with a margin of \$576,000," said Bradshaw.

Wayne-White Electric serves nearly 13,500 members over 3,250 miles of energized line in Clay, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Marion, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counties.



Members put survey forms in the box.



The breakfast line was a popular place.



The co-op's trucks were proudly displayed in front of the building.

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WWCEC students take part in "Youth to Springfield"

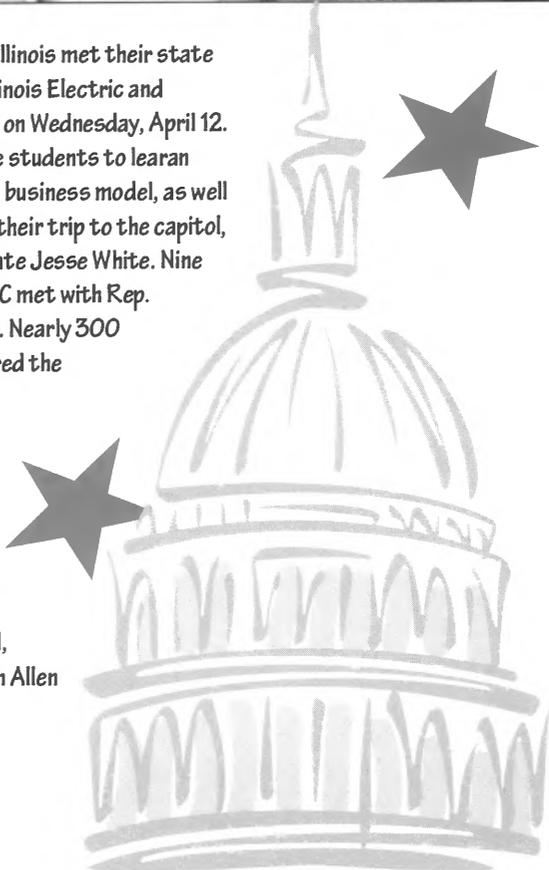


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A visit to the Illinois Supreme Court was on the agenda.



The group made a brief stop at Lincoln's Tomb

While it may sound like a cliché, and should be fairly obvious to anyone, it's a simple fact that some of the young people of this generation are going to be the leaders of the next one. We at WWCEC believe that, and we believe it's important enough to help shape future leaders that we've participated in the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives "Youth to Washington" program for several years.

The activities are broken down into two segments, one involving a trip by contest finalists to the State Capitol, where the young people meet with our area legislators and visit historic sites such as the Executive Mansion and Lincoln's tomb. The idea is that they will get acquainted with the history of our state and country, and see how the legislature works.

This year, the students had an opportunity to visit briefly with Sen. Bill O'Daniel and Reps. John O. Jones and Chuck Hartke. Also this year, the students heard Secretary of State Jesse White, who took off his shoes and stood on his desk to address the large crowd in his office.



While visiting the supreme court, the young people took advantage of a rare opportunity to sit down.

During or after the Youth Day festivities, winners are then selected for a week-long trip to Washington, D.C. While there, they meet with national legislators from our area, and the state's senators, when possible.

In addition, they tour the Smithsonian Institution, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, the nation's Capitol and the National Holocaust Memorial.

WWCEC sent nine young people to Springfield on Wednesday, April 12, and will send two to Washington this June 16-23. High school students from across Illinois met their state legislators in Springfield during "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day" on Wednesday, April 12. The tour was an opportunity for the students to learn more about the co-ops' democratic business model, as well as their state government. During their trip to the capitol, the students met Secretary of State Jesse White. Nine area students representing WWCEC met with Rep. John O. Jones at the State Capitol. Nearly 300 students and chaperones also toured the Illinois Supreme Court, the State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb, and the Executive Mansion. Representing WWCEC were, from left: Judy Colyer (chaperone), Lindsay Garrett, Julie Weaver and John Pearce. Back row from left: Denton Weiss, Justin Jones, Candace Shell, Sen. O'Daniel, Brittany Smith, Josh Allen and Jeremy Osborne.



Many were impressed when Secretary of State Jesse White used an improvised podium to speak.



Any time you have teenagers on a tour, you have to have a meal function.



The entire group paused for a photo with Secretary of State White in the hallway just outside his office.

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water heater built
by State Industries
regular price \$206.66

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Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative 2000 Youth to Washington Essay Contest



Candice Shell
Sophomore
Student at Wayne City High School

Daughter of Mark and Kay Shell • Xenia, IL 62899

How can the electric cooperative use the Internet to do business?

The new millennium has finally arrived, and it seems that everything is beginning to change. One of the major vehicles for change in this new century is the "information highway". The Internet is a very helpful and valuable tool. From finding information on virtually any subject in the world, to a brand new way of communication, via e-mail, its possibilities are endless.

Modern culture demands timesaving solutions to their fast-paced lifestyle. Businesses are turning to the Internet to provide these solutions to consumers. Even such public services as sewage and water plants, phone companies, and electric cooperatives can use the Internet as a source for consumers.

Electric cooperatives are private, independent utility businesses owned by the consumers they serve. At present there are 875 electric co-ops serving 32 million people in 46 states. They serve over 13 million businesses, homes, schools, churches, farms, and other establishments. Their consumer base is very large, and services they could provide their customers on the Internet could be various and very beneficial to them.

At present, there is information provided to the electric cooperative members on the Internet. At websites available now, the customer can find out the services available to them by their local co-op. Opportunities for savings through rebates are posted for members to take advantage of. Members who are building new homes can obtain information of ways to construct their homes to be the most energy efficient. Members concerns can be e-mailed directly to board members or the electric co-operative management staff.

With the advent of on-line banking as an option to many Americans, electric cooperative customers could use the Internet to pay their monthly electric bills. Meter readings could be submitted to the cooperatives in this manner, also. Over the long term, electric cooperatives could provide records of monthly kilowatt usage to their customers. For example, a customer, with the click of the mouse, could see what their average bill was for the month of July and therefore plan a more accurate budget for their home.

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From the cooperatives' standpoint, there are endless possibilities because of the Internet. Due to storm tracking, via the Weather Satellite System, electric cooperatives should be able to predict storm fronts that could cause problems with electric service to their area. Therefore, manpower needs could be better predicted in case of an emergency. If records were kept over a long period of time, peak months for power outages could be predicted. In this manner, even the planning of vacations for cooperative employees and linemen could be better managed.

Communication with other cooperatives around the country would provide a sounding board for concerns and ideas of each individual electric organization. Government legislation that would involve cooperatives and their members could be discussed, not only with other coopera-

tives, but also with the members themselves.

Many cooperatives produce monthly newsletters and magazine publications. These are not only informative, but also entertaining. These publications could be presented over the Internet to electric cooperative members. Readers may have questions or comments pertaining to articles they have seen on the website. By using the Internet, consumers have the potential to present an immediate response to the materials they have read. The electric cooperative may also like to obtain input from their members about the organization's concerns and would be able, in a short time, to acquire this information.

The Internet has been called the *wave of the future*. Many believe it is not only the *wave of the future* — but also the *wave of the present*. With insight and vision, electric cooperatives all over the United States will discover that the World Wide Web has taken them into the 21st century.

Winner



Julie Weaver

Junior

Student at Wayne City High School

Daughter of Danny & Terri Weaver • Wayne City, IL 62895

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Many years ago, people had to walk or ride a horse in order to communicate with someone. Years later, the telephone was invented. This invention took away all of the hassle of even leaving home to find out what happened that day. Now, we have the Internet. Although it has not been brought into all homes, many people receive their daily newspaper on-line. Information, such as bills, advertisements, and complaints has been made easier through the use of the Internet.

The Wayne-White Electric Cooperative could benefit greatly through billing its customers over the Internet. The customers of this electric company could simply read their meters and type it into the computer. It would then be sent to the electric company who would soon afterward send the figured bill back to the customer via e-mail. The customer would be offered two choices. They could either send a check to the electric company or pay by credit card over the Internet. This proce-

cedure would ensure the customer and the company that no bills or checks would be lost in the mail. Some will see this as an easier way to pay bills rather than dealing with the time consuming process of writing checks, stuffing envelopes, going to the post office, and waiting for delivery.

Television commercials are not always recognized for the products that they are trying to sell or promote. Sometimes actions are not as convincing as words. If an electric company were to install all of its advertisements onto the Internet, people might see the actual words. The written word is often more credible than the spoken word. Therefore, the Wayne-White Electric Cooperative could reach more of its customers and show them that they are trying to put forth their best effort to accommodate its customers' needs. Through use of the Internet, the electric company could also post a newsletter to keep its customers up to date. This newsletter would display a

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list of new products, new staff members, and the answers to the most commonly asked questions. It would also inform the customers of the average dollars spent per month by its customers and compare that to its competing companies' prices. This will help the new customers realize that the Wayne-White Electric Cooperative has the lowest prices in this area, and it will also help them budget their household income. Thus, the electric company would seem more familiar to its customers and would profit greatly.

Through letters and phone calls, customers send comments and complaints. The electric company could very easily be caught off guard with an inquisition such as this, but through e-mail the Wayne-White Electric Cooperative could answer the question, address the complaint, and resolve the situation. The e-mail process would offer some

peace of mind to the workers by letting them know that they will not be caught off guard with a rarely asked question. This process also makes the postal service seem extremely slow. A customer would surely be much happier receiving an answer in two days rather than two weeks. As a result, the electric company would seem friendlier by using the Internet rather than the old-fashioned postal system.

Many Internet procedures would be to an electric company's advantage. Sending bills, placing advertisements, and answering questions and comments are merely a few beneficial factors that could easily be achieved through the use of the Internet. As a result, the Wayne-White Electric Cooperative would seem to be looking beyond the old-fashioned ways of the world and straight into the future without taking any of the personal attention away from its customers.

Winner



Melanie Beeson

Senior

Student at Cisne High School

Daughter of Phillip and Candice Beeson • Cisne, IL 62823

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It is estimated that over 101 million people use the Internet today. The fact that the Internet has become one of the forerunners in business today is a commonly known fact. Almost any business can be found using the Internet, including electric cooperatives from all across America. There are many ways that electric cooperatives can use the Internet to do business, some of which are already commonly used.

First of all, electric cooperatives today have an incredible opportunity with the widespread use of the Internet. Wayne-White Electric's site, located at www.wwcec.com already has information on the coverage area and number of members. The site also has Wayne-White's mailing address and fax information. It contains a list of the Board of Directors, and their individual addresses. All of this information is important for cooperative members to be able to find, and allows them to be able to quickly and easily get in contact with cooperative employees.

In addition, many small things could be done to upgrade most cooperatives' sites. Many cooperatives across the nation have interesting and unique features available through their websites. The Basin Electric Power Cooperative in Bismarck, North Dakota is an excellent example of what services a cooperative can offer on their website. Basin Electric's site, located at www.basinelectric.com, has a database of press releases involving their cooperative. They also have links to local weather and a calendar of events for the immediate area. One added option Basin offers is a list of current job openings. This listing allows a person anywhere in need of a job to investigate job openings in the Basin cooperative by using the Internet. This method of soliciting job applicants could lead to a more diversified and qualified pool of applicants from across the nation. The Oglethorpe Power Corporation based in Tucker, GA is also a good example of what co-

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operatives can do through their websites. Oglethorpe's website, located at www.opc.com, has the basic necessities of all websites as well as a few added features. One interesting feature they have is in-depth descriptions of their officers. This allows cooperative members to find out who the members are and how to contact them.

Many cooperatives have links on their sites to items that are of interest solely to their customers. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' website is a fine example. Located at www.aiec.org, the AIEC's site has links to information on their magazine, *Illinois Country Living* and even has archives of past issues. The site also has a map of Illinois with all of their member cooperatives highlighted. This allows anyone who is interested the opportunity to see just what the

AIEC does. The map also allows cooperative members to see what cooperative they're located in and could be beneficial to people moving into a new cooperative area. The AIEC's site also contains information concerning their scholarships and how to apply. This information allows Internetliterate students easy access to information concerning scholarships.

To conclude, the fact that the Internet is a widely used tool today makes it vital that electric cooperatives jump on the bandwagon. A number of ways already exist for electric cooperatives to take advantage of the Internet, and many will arise in the years to come. Internet business is opening an entire new field for electric cooperatives, and both the customers and cooperatives stand to gain.

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Beeson, Carter, ★ Shell, Weaver tour D.C.

Four area youths spent the week of June 16-23 exploring Washington D.C. The students met with Illinois congressional leaders and learned about their government during the annual "Youth to Washington" tour. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives. Melanie Beeson of Cisne, Eric Carter of Fairfield, Candice Shell of Xenia and Julie Weaver of Wayne City represented Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. They met with Congressman David Phelps on Capitol Hill and were among 55 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, students also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia and a number of other historical sites. Pictured are (l-r): Weaver, Shell, Congressman Phelps, Carter and Beeson.



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Automatic bill payment

presenting the easy, no-hassle way to pay your WWCEC bill

We'd like to answer your questions, if you have others, just contact us.

Q From what types of accounts can payment be made?

A You can specify your checking or savings account at any bank, savings and loan, or credit union that offers automatic payment. Most financial institutions do, but you might call yours to confirm.

Q How will I know the amount of my bill and payment date?

A Your WWCEC bill will show your monthly use and the date and amount of your payment. This will help you track your use and give you ample time to update your account register and make sure you have adequate funds. The payment will appear on your checking or savings statement.

Q What if I don't have sufficient funds on the payment date?

A It would be as if you'd written a check with insufficient funds; you may incur fees from your financial institution and WWCEC.

Q When will automatic payments start?

A Please allow up to two billing cycles. Your WWCEC bill will indicate when automatic payments will begin.

Q What if I disagree with my bill?

A Call WWCEC at least five days before the bill's due date.

Q Where do I mail my enrollment form?

A Just mail to: Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, P.O. Drawer E, Fairfield, IL 62837.

Do away with dozens of bill payments

Complete this form and enclose a voided check from the checking or savings you want to debit and mail it along with your WWCEC payment. It will be one of the last stamps you ever use for your WWCEC bill payment!

Customer information (please print)

Name _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____

Service Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Required Financial Institution Information

Name of institution _____

Phone Number (if credit union) (_____) _____

Address of Institution _____

Account number _____ (please include a voided check or deposit slip)

Account information

Write your WWCEC account number as found on your bill.

Make summertime a safe time with electricity

Electricity is a summertime servant that helps make many outdoor activities more enjoyable. But being outdoors around electricity means that you must be constantly aware of hazards caused by carelessness with electricity. The following information may help you develop an awareness of electricity while outdoors. Please remember that electricity, if not treated with respect, can cause serious problems.

Children's safety — School children are on vacation, so they spend more time outdoors. It's a good time to talk with your children about safety around electricity. Remind them to never fly kites or model airplanes near power lines. If there are trees that the children climb in, look for power lines located in or close to the tree's branches.

Branches bent with the weight of a child could possibly contact a power line and result in a serious or fatal electrical shock.

Thunderstorms — Summer is the thunderstorm season. These storms can produce high winds, heavy rains and lightning. Power outages can occur when trees and tree limbs touch or fall on power lines and should be reported to your cooperative as soon as possible. Do not go near downed or low-hanging power lines; leave that to cooperative personnel. Avoid stepping into puddles of water that have fallen electrical lines in them. Lightning is a deadly summertime event. If you're swimming and a lightning storm

approaches, quickly leave the water. Avoid being the tallest object in the landscape and don't stand near lone trees or towers. Protected buildings and vehicles are the safest place to be.

Sailing — A breeze and a wide lake or river makes sailing such an enjoyable activity. But a skipper needs to watch out for overhead power lines when he steps his mast, launches his boat and while sailing in unfamiliar waterways. Many sailboat masts are aluminum, which is a good conductor of electricity.



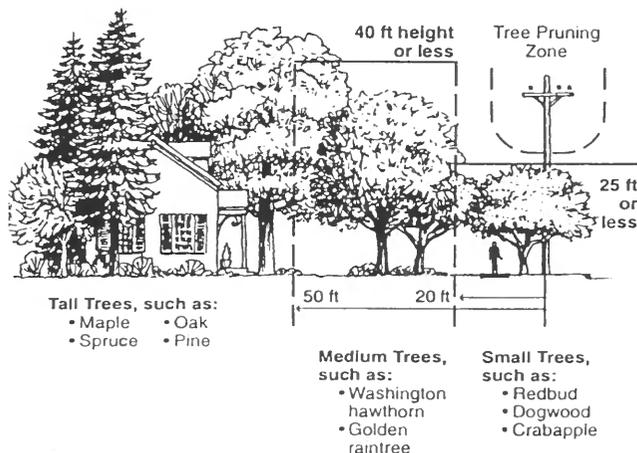
Swimming — Swimming pools can be lots of fun, but remember that water is an excellent conductor of electricity. It's wise to keep electrical appliances, such as CD players and radios, a safe distance from the water. And during pool cleaning chores, watch out for overhead power lines while using your long-handled equipment. If you have

power lines close to the pool, notify your cooperative to determine if there is a safety hazard.

Outdoor chores — If you use electrical equipment for chores around the home or yard, make sure they're properly insulated and grounded. Extension cords shouldn't be frayed or have exposed wires. Be careful if you use a metal ladder. It conducts electricity easily. When erecting TV or CB antennas, make sure they can't contact a power line if they should fall. In rural areas, be careful when handling irrigation pipe or tall equipment near power lines.

Plant the right tree in the right place

Taller trees should be planted away from overhead utility lines



Trees are prized possessions in our communities. But when a tree's branches start to come close to or touch utility power lines, a potentially hazardous situation is created.

Trees and power lines can co-exist, and potential conflicts can be avoided by selecting and planting trees with size and growth characteristics appropriate to their location.

Please call us if you have questions about where or what trees to plant near our power lines. For a free copy of a brochure, "The Right Tree for the Right Place," please write: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

 **The National Arbor Day Foundation**
www.arborday.org



Rural TV Satellite Programming

Once again Wayne-White Counties Electric has enhanced the Rural TV Satellite Programming Packages with more channels for the whole family to enjoy. Take a look at our new program lineup.

Economy Basic Package 24 Channels \$8.50/month

Animal Planet	CNN	CNNfn/Inter	County Music TV	Discovery	E!
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TBS	TV Land	USA Network	VH-1	WGN	WPIX

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New WWCEC facility in Enfield

At a time when most utilities are closing district offices and moving farther and farther away from their customers, Wayne-White Counties Electric is doing just the opposite. We've built and staffed a district office in Enfield, to be closer to our members. Our building is 40' X 72', and Jerry White will be in charge of it.

Area members who want to pay bills or conduct co-op business can do that without having to make the trip to the main office in Fairfield. The new building is on Rte. 14, about a mile west of the intersection of that highway and Hwy. 45. If you're in the area, please feel free to stop by. We'd be glad to show you around the new building!

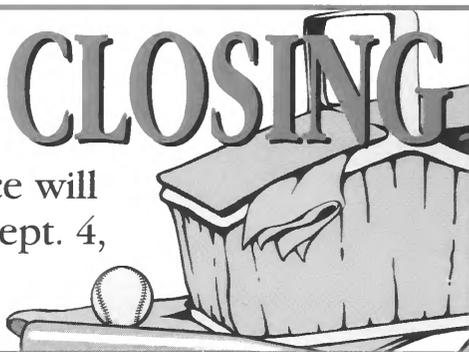
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OFFICE CLOSING

Wayne-White's office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.



Be sure to check out the concerts at Fairfield's gazebo

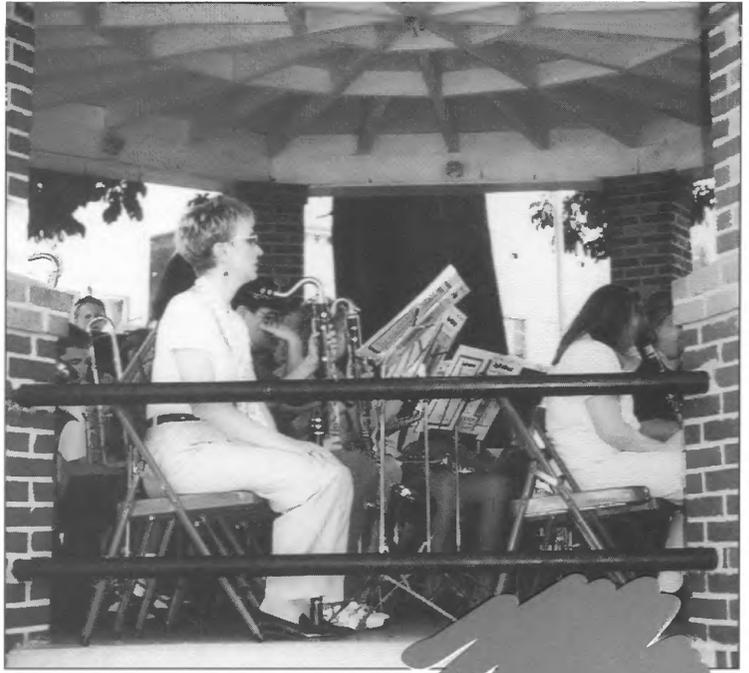
Fairfield's gazebo, in the Courthouse square, is the home of a new concert. First built in 1923 by the Jett Brothers Construction Co., our gazebo has seen many concerts in the last 77 years. We hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity now to relive that old tradition. There are weekly concerts, with townspeople from bankers to accountants to kids to retirees, who practice on their own time and who play every Thursday night. We hope you'll come out and listen, and cheer them on!



Here are some scenes from a recent concert.

Band members

Ryan Thomason
Pam Holman
Becky Carter
Caren Sheraden
Holly Gian
Jessica Minnick
Sonja Heater
Kristin Boldt
Donna Reeve
Bobbie Jo Buchanan
Neely Compton
Brandon Fulkerson
Travis Simpson
Richard Davis
Douglas Aman
Dean Mounts
Michelle Taylor
Justin O'Neal
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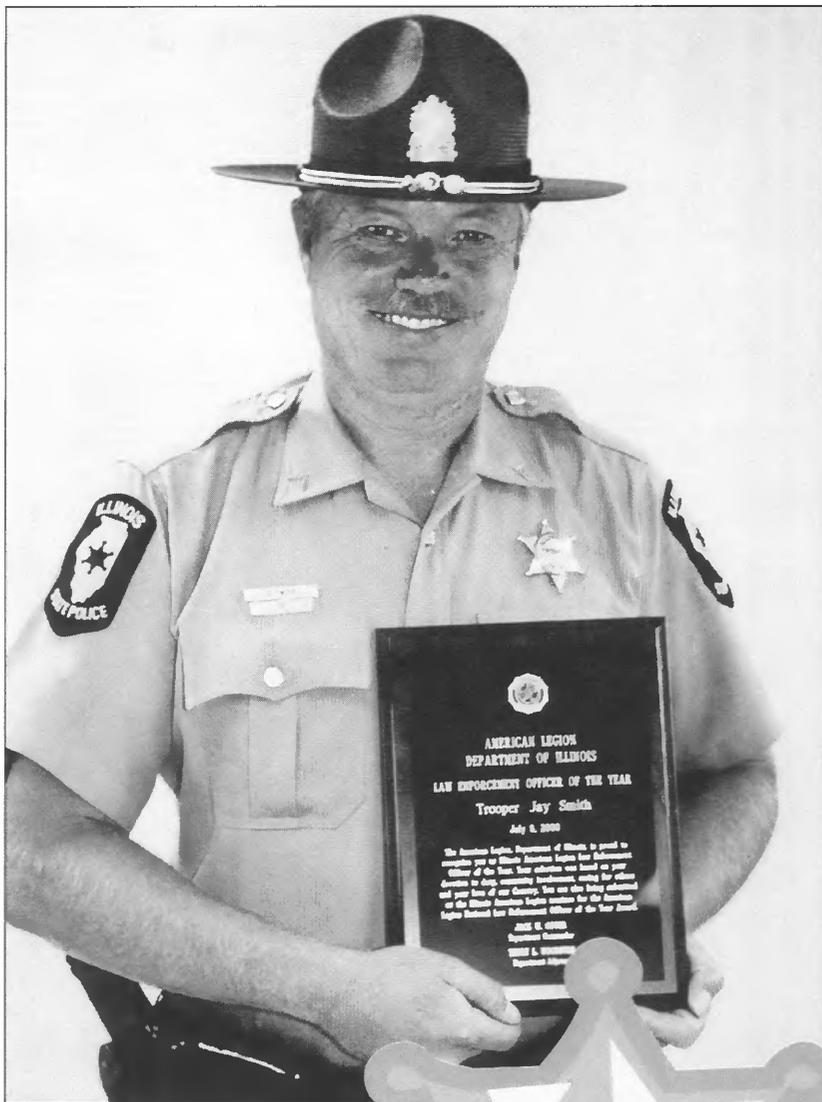
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Legion honors Smith with 'Officer of the Year' award

A Fairfield native has been named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the American Legion, Department of Illinois. Trooper Jay Smith, well known in local law enforcement circles for many years, received that honor on July 8, 2000, at the American Legion convention in Arlington Heights. Smith, who graduated from Cisne High School in 1975, began his police career in 1980 as a deputy with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. He joined the Illinois State Police in June of 1988. He and his wife, Tina, have two children. Daughter Casey is 10, and son Chad is 9. Tina, also a Fairfield native, is secretary/receptionist at Wayne-White Propane in Fairfield. Smith notes that the family has a cabin at Cave-in-Rock on the Illinois River, where they enjoy fishing and skiing.

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Jasper

is the little school that could
(become a weather station)

Jasper Grade School is now in the weather reporting business, and the kids and teachers there are tickled about that fact.

Kathy Hanneken, superintendent of the K-8 school, which is also a school district, notes that WFIE Channel 14 in Evansville, Indiana, had sent out a notification to all schools in the Tri-State area that it was looking for schools to partner with the station's weatherman to report area weather. The station encouraged all interested schools to apply in what was a national network of schools.

The program was set up so that the station would provide some weather equipment and software, and would provide some help to the school in putting together an educational program that would enable kids to learn weather, and the station to get weather data on-line from a wide area.



Kathy Hanneken, superintendent of Jasper School, is pictured with the banner proclaiming the school an official Weathernet school.

In return, the school was to provide a computer dedicated solely to the program, and the kids were to provide local weather information to the station on a regular basis, via the internet.



Cousins Keith Kinney, front, and Ryan Kinney, prepare a report.

Many schools were interested. In fact, some 800 sent in applications.

"It seemed like a good idea to me," Kathy says, "so I bounced it off the teachers. They thought so, too. We're a small school, and we thought that might be a problem, but we applied anyway.

"The kids got all excited," she says, "and they came up with the idea of each one sending a letter to the station, urging them to select us. Jeff Lyons, the weatherman at Channel 14, mentioned later that they helped tip the balance in our favor."

At any rate, the school, which is located just outside Fairfield,



A view over the Kinney cousins' shoulders at some of the instrumentation used in the reporting program.



These kids continue with their regular work, even as others work with the weather gear. Kathy Land teaches this class.

was chosen. It was the only one in Illinois, and the only grade school.

After choosing Jasper, the station had a festive kickoff for the program, and Lyons, the weatherman, arrived in the station's weather helicopter, to get the ball rolling.

"The kids were just tickled to death," Kathy says, "and we made the station's representatives official Polecats, which is our mascot. They gave us a big banner proclaiming that we were an official Channel 14 Weathernet school. Carrier, the air conditioning people, sponsor the program, and they made a presentation, too. The station's engineers wired everything up and made the connections."

Things have settled down a bit since the inaugural, but the kids are still enthusiastic about reporting the weather, Kathy says. "The whole school is involved in one way or another. Now,

the fifth grade is working with weather highs and lows, and they're using their new knowledge to work with math and science."

She notes that the school has been on-line for about four years, and that it had been common before for students to access the weather channel as a storm approached, but they have far better access now.

Those wanting to connect with the school can do so at www.jasper17.wayne.k12.il.us.com.



These fifth graders are working at their computers.

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Thanksgiving



Our office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Students encouraged to apply for 2001 IEC Memorial Scholarships

Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative President-CEO, Jack Young, has announced that for the sixth consecutive year, the Illinois electric cooperatives will award academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to high school seniors. The three scholarships are being awarded through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. Because of the scholarship program's success, an extra scholarship was added last year for children of cooperative members.

High school seniors pursuing a college education in the

state of Illinois are eligible to participate in the program. Two of the three scholarships will be awarded to the child of an electric cooperative member. The other \$1,000 award will go to the child of an electric cooperative director or employee. Deadline for applications is January 1, 2001.

"The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders through memorial gifts," Young says. "Wayne-White Electric Cooperative and other Illinois electric cooperatives want to make a difference in their communities. One of the best ways we can do

that is by lending a hand to our youth."

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay that demonstrates their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

The IEC Memorial Scholarship program was established in 1994 by the board of directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. For further information on the IEC Memorial Scholarship Program, contact Wayne-White Electric Cooperative, or see your high school guidance counselor.

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Old Man Winter's wrath is nearly upon us, but it's not too late to protect your home against his icy winds and driving snow. A few simple tips can help lower your energy consumption and heating bills.

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For more information about weatherizing your home, contact your local electric cooperative.



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Wayne-White recognized for international help

James Deen of McLeansboro, left, chairman of the board of directors of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative (WWCEC), Fairfield, received an award on behalf of the co-op at the Region V meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, (NRECA) in Springfield on September 19. WWCEC was recognized by NRECA's International Foundation for its support of the foundation's developing countries' programs. The NRECA International Foundation, established by the electric cooperatives of the U.S., helps bring electricity to non-electrified communities and villages in developing countries in Central and South America, Asia, Africa and other parts of the world. William Griswold of Rockbridge, who represents Illinois on the NRECA board of directors, made the presentation.



Wayne-White apprentices attend climbing school



Larry Smith, Chad Hinkle and Kerry Merritt, all first year apprentice linemen with Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, were instructed on their climbing skills during an electrical lineman climbing school held September 19-29 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Climbers from left to right are Smith, Hinkle and Merritt. They are pictured with instructors Roger Stegeman, left, manager of safety for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), Springfield, and Brad Tucker, lineman for Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Mattoon. The school, which was hosted by the AIEC, was part of a two-week-long training program, which demonstrated electric pole climbing, electrical theory and safety techniques.

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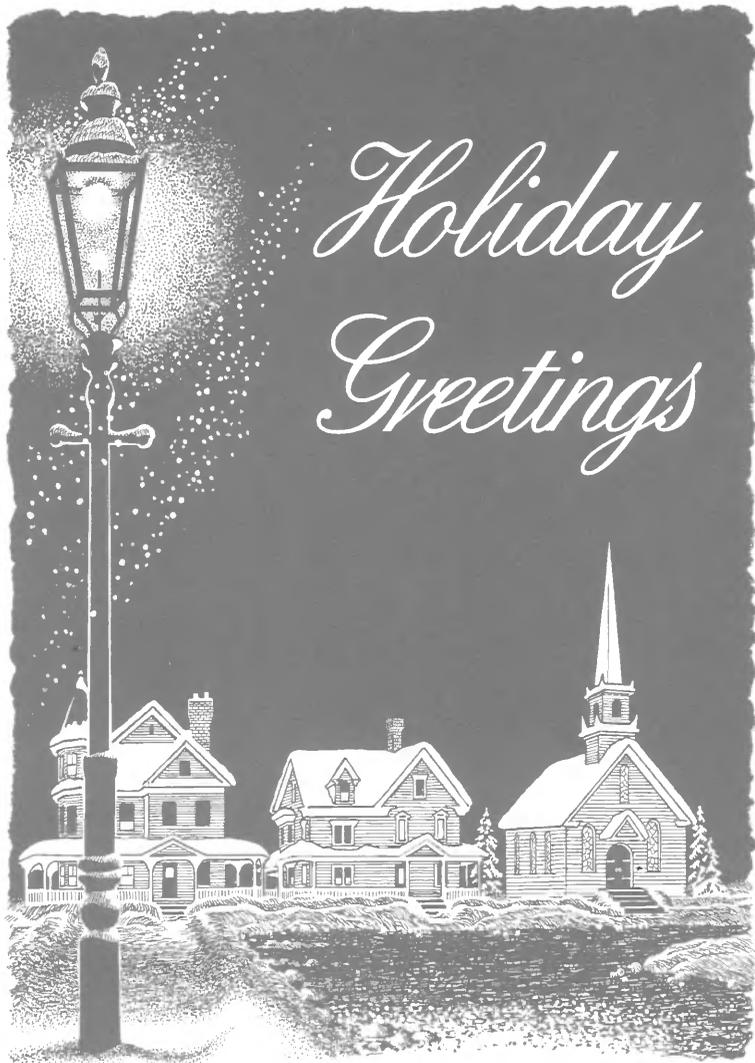
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*The employees, staff and board of
directors of Wayne-White Counties
Electric Cooperative would like
to wish all our members
a joyous holiday season.*



Jason Atteberry



Richard Atteberry



David Bailey



Your board of directors. Seated from left are James Deen, Curtis Endlsey, Edward Baumgart and John Dozier. Standing from left are Jack Young, President/CEO, Mike Beehn, Delman Bradshaw, Kent Henry, Donald Ile and Steve Becker.



Cathy Barnfield



Lavern Baxter



D. Royce Carter



Judy Colyer



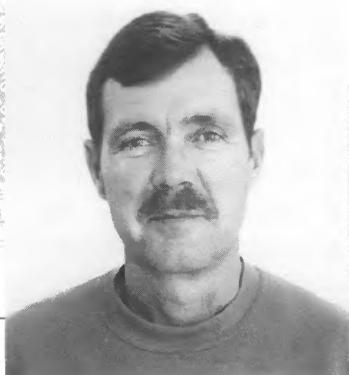
Nathan Coston



David Cunningham



*From all of us at Wayne-White
Counties Electric Cooperative
to all our members and friends:
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Jack Emery



Dennis Estes



Stan Garner



Jim Gifford



Ruby Green



Lisa Grimes



Erin Halley



Dale Harris



Chad Hinkle



Joe Holman



Richard Hubele



Dave Johnson



Donna Jordan



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Melvin Maricle



Carl McKibben



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Kerry Meritt



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Denice Opell



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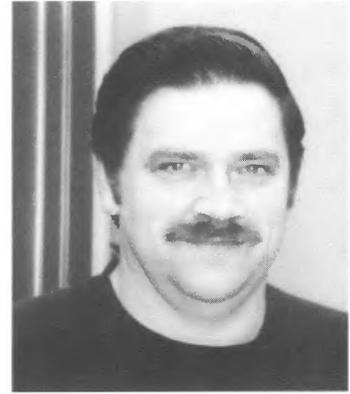
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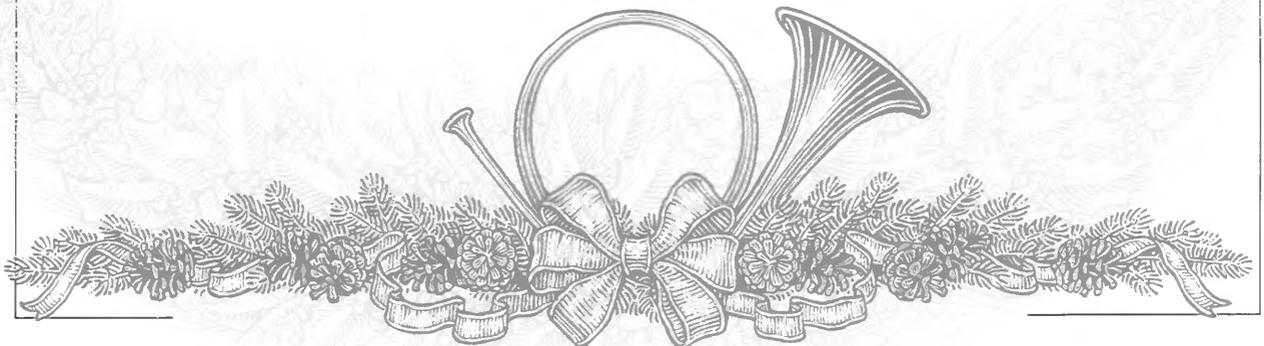
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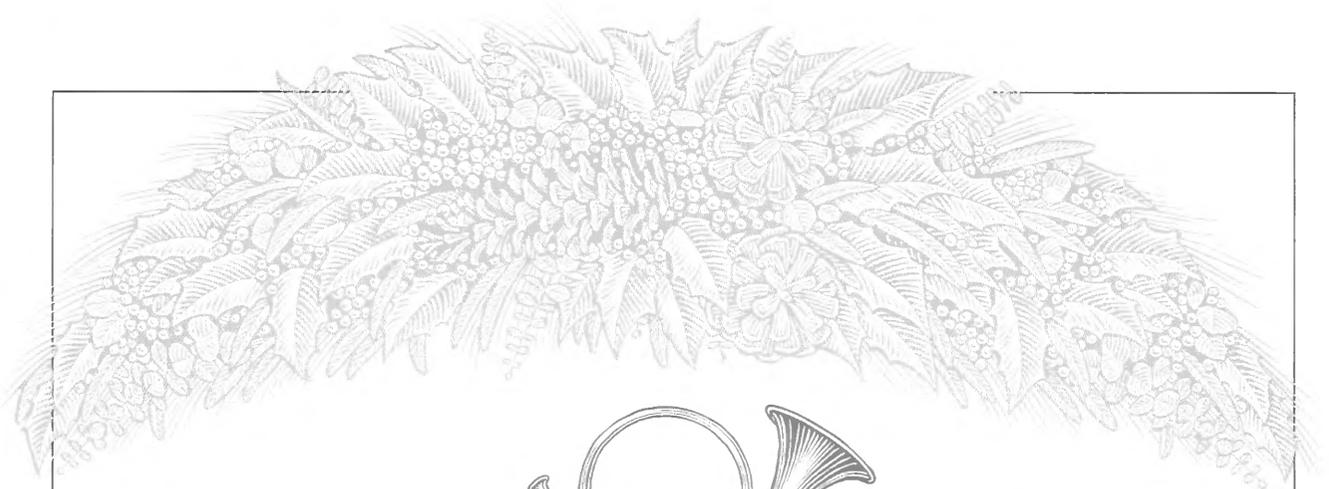


Jack Young



Jeff Zurleine





Wayne-White Services, Inc.



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Tina Smith



David Vaughan



Co-op offers Christmas service

One way Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative (WWCEC) wishes its members a Merry Christmas is by helping them dispose of their Christmas trees. We will again be offering this service the first week of January.

WWCEC will be chipping Christmas trees at four locations in the service territory: Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wayne City; Hamilton County Fairgrounds, McLeansboro; White County Fairgrounds, Carmi; Edwards Country Fairgrounds, Albion; Wayne County/City of

Fairfield, at Wayne-White Electric.

All those wishing to have their tree shredded instead of burning them or throwing them in a ditch, please have it at the designated location before scheduled chipping date.